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From the President by Carol Promessi

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and confidence you have placed in me, as your President for 2007. It is an honor and privilege to be at the helm of the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

I also want to thank those who made the Annual Meeting on the Queen Mary a success. My sincerest appreciation to Seal Beach YC, Huntington Harbour YC and a special thanks to Shoreline YC for hosting our workshops, lunches and dinner. Thanks also to those who jumped in and participated in making this function come together, a special thanks to: Anne & Terry Fox, Vern Bendsen, Larry & Deanna Draper, George Knies, Betty Elmer, Judy Miller, Anne-Marie Clinkenbeard, George Trefz, George Wilson, Phil Arms, Dave Phelps, George Demos, District #19 and Auxiliary, District #10, and to those who manned the registration and guided you in the right direction. I owe a special debt of gratitude to my husband Phil, for his unending help and unwavering support and to my charming Dad for the Invocation.

This coming year, I have committed myself to improve communications, education and to increase and maintain membership. To accomplish this we need your feedback; please contact me or one of your District officers with suggestions and what we need to do to get your interest level up! This coming year will find some new direction with your help.

I have listed our Winter Regional Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina in February and also the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon in June. Please check out the details and be sure to send in your early reservations.

I thank you for the many new friendships I have incurred and I look forward to making new ones. It is my hope that we continue to build the camaraderie we have felt on the water and in the many activities we have shared together as friends.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year!





From the President Elect

by Richard Janiszewski

Once again your organization will elect a slate of officers for the ensuing year. Like your District's "Change of Watch", it is a time of mixed feelings. We say "well done" and express our thanks to officers who served the organization well in the past year, and with enthusiasm, we welcome officers who have served and were elected by their fellow Past Commodores to take on new responsibilities.

At the International level, we thank President Harvey Sussel for his leadership, maturity and steady-handed guidance. During his tenure we experienced the formation of new Charters and Districts. As misunderstandings arose, Harvey's willingness to listen and offer sound suggestions contributed to a year of stability and productiveness.

We also welcome Carol Promessi to the office of President. Carol is the first woman to hold the highest position within the Blue Gavel, which is indicative of the many positive actions which have occurred over recent years. Carol has held every leadership position in our organization fulfilling the requirements of each of her offices in an outstanding manner. She is fully familiar with the workings of the Blue Gavel, its areas of strength, as well as, those in need of strengthening. The year ahead promises to be exciting and productive.

Within my areas of responsibility, I am pleased with the emergence of a new district, District 27, consisting of five yacht clubs in the Baltimore-Chesapeake area. This area has unlimited future growth potential. District 26 (Long Island, New York), in its first year of existence enjoyed a successful year with many activities consistent with our mission statement. A special "well done" is in order to District 26's Auxiliary. In a little more than a year, their membership grew many fold and their activities in number and results were outstanding.



District 8 (Florida), has also enjoyed a productive year. In addition to approximately 40 Past Commodores, the District includes 41 Chapters with a total membership of 542. A concept, which is unique, is the recent initiation of an Ambassador's concept. Within District 8, since the Chapters in many cases are geographically spread out, the appointed Ambassador is assigned a number of Chapters within his geographical vicinity and provides assistance and guidance as necessary. Finally, during the past year, I looked forward to receiving and readings District 8's newsletter. It is a wonderful and informative publication.

In closing, while the year had many highlights and accomplishments, more needs to be done and will be done with the continued support of District Directors, Presidents, and Area Vice Presidents. These positions are the keys to our organizational health and success. They require committed individuals who willingly devote their personal energy, knowledge, and experience to their District, and in turn, the International. Your efforts are recognized and fully appreciated.

To Past President, Harvey Sussel, thank you for your mature, steady guidance, and wisdom. To President Carol Promessi, we look forward to your presidency with excitement, confidence, and the promise of a full measure of success.

From the First Vice President by Jerry Rudd



Thank you Past President Harvey Sussel for all your hard work over the past year. My congratulations to our first lady President Carol Promessi and Phil. Congratulations to the members of Seal Bay, Huntington Harbor and Shoreline Yacht Club for an outstanding job in hosting the Annual Meeting. All the members from District 10 and District 19 deserve a big hand for their support and hard work over the last year in organizing the schedule of events for the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Thank you for electing me to the position of 1st Vice President, I promise to do my best in representing the high standards of IOBG.

It was great to see so many members from several states, England and Canada in attendance to show their support for our new President and Flag Officers. I want to thank my own District 1's Flag Officers, District Director, and members for their support in attending the meeting as well.



With President Carol's great enthusiasm, dedication and attention to details, we will be putting our shoulders to the wheel to accomplish this year's agenda.



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL WINTER REGIONAL MEETING



FEBRUARY 2-4, 2007



DISTRICT #18
Charleston Yacht Club

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Courtyard Charleston by Marriott
35 Lockwood Drive
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
(843) 722-7229

This scenic waterfront hotel is situated downtown on the banks of the beautiful Ashley River. Just a short drive to The Historic District. The Market place is 2 miles and the Plantations are 12 miles. Conde Nest Traveler named Charleston, a Top 10 Travel Destination for the 12th year in a row!

It is approximately 11.3 miles from the Charleston International Airport to The Courtyard Charleston by Marriott.

Rates are:

\$95.00 plus tax, for a City View
\$105.00 plus tax, for a Water View
Free Parking

From Hotel to Downtown by Taxi approximately \$5.00

Please call the Hotel directly to make your reservations at (843) 722-7229.
Be sure to ask for the IOBG special rate.

Respond before January 13, 2007

Thursday, February 1st

Early arrival

Friday, February 2nd

Check-In at Hotel
Will receive Itinerary & pricing for all meals

3:00

All meals served at the Yacht Club will be on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Saturday, February 3rd

Breakfast at the Hotel
IOBG/IOBGA Workshop & Meeting
Charleston Yacht Club
(Dress-Winter Uniform)

9:00

Further details will be posted on the IOBG website when available.

Lunch -Charleston Yacht Club
Resume Meeting

12:00 -1:00
1:00 - ?

Relax & enjoy Charleston
Dinner & Cocktails – Yacht Club TBA

5:00 –

Sunday, February 4th

Farewell

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Past President's Award for Outstanding Service

A.R. Theobald, Past President

We who have had the privilege of serving the International Order of the Blue Gavel over the years have all seen the outstanding service of a few particularly noteworthy individuals. It has been our deep pleasure to have served with them, and our concern that there was no vehicle for recognizing their significant contribution to the furthering of the goals of the organization and, indeed, to the Blue Gavel itself.

Therefore, on behalf of all the Past Presidents of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, the Past President sitting on the Executive Committee, presents to the International Order of the Blue Gavel this "Deed of Gift" for an award to be known as the "Past President's Award for Outstanding Service".

The requirements for selection for this award shall be outstanding and particularly noteworthy service to the International Order of the Blue Gavel and to the furthering of the goals of the organization. Individuals who are not members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel may also be considered for this award, if their contribution to yachting and to the aims and goals of the Blue Gavel are of such significance to merit this special recognition. The identification and nomination of the especially noteworthy candidate is encouraged.

Any Past President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel may nominate to the Past President on the Executive Committee an individual to receive the award and Past Presidents are encouraged to do so.

The award shall be presented each year at the Annual Meeting of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. The award may be presented to more than one person, but not more than three persons, each year.

To **CAROL GARSIDE**, for outstanding contribution to the Blue Gavel organization through her essential work with the Humanitarian Foundation. Tireless efforts behind the scenes to facilitate the reorganization of the Foundation to bring it to the point of operating properly, efficiently, and effectively for the good of those it serves. Carol has worked above and beyond the call of duty, with passion to help make the Foundation become something we can all be proud of. Carol also served on the Executive Board of the Auxiliary, including two terms as an International President of the Auxiliary.

To **SHIRLY WILLING**, for outstanding contribution to the Blue Gavel organization through her innovation and dedication to the I.O.B.G. Auxiliary. Above and beyond the call of duty, Shirley has been a major contributor to the growth and maturing of our Auxiliary organization and its service to Blue Gavel and the I.O.B.G. Humanitarian Foundation. From being a primary mover behind the formation of the District 25 Chapter, to upgrading international membership cards and records, to being the primary driver behind the Operating Guidelines, to serving as an International President, to creating and maintaining a first class website to communicate with our community, Shirley has been a pioneering resource within the ranks of the Auxiliary.





From the Office of the Treasurer

by Marshall Nemoy

October 23, 2006

To: All Officers, Directors and Members
 From: Marshall Nemoy, International Treasurer
 Subject: Report - 2006 Survey

For 2006 the executive committee decided to again poll the membership concerning two topics that have prompted much discussion at our meetings. Many statements have been made by representatives concerning the opinions of the membership on the subjects of travel expense reimbursement and the expectations of members concerning their membership in IOBG.

The 2005 Survey contained a question that asked if volunteers should be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. The question was very general in nature and no background discussion was presented. In spite of the shortcoming 49% responded yes and 41% said no with 10% not responding. The result was far different from the statements made to the executive committee. For 2006 it was decided to directly approach the question by presenting the current reimbursement policies and asking the membership for their opinions. The question was broken down into three parts:

- a. Approve of the international officers reimbursement policies?
- b. Should district directors and other district officers be reimbursed by districts for travel to regional and annual meetings?
- c. Should district develop programs or policies to provide funds to reimburse their officers for travel to regional and annual meetings?

Surveys were sent to all members with their 2006 membership cards. As of September 30, 2006, 2,695 surveys have been mailed to members and 370 have been returned. This represents a 14% response rate. The results for returned surveys are shown below.

	A		B		C		No	
	International Reimbursement		District Reimbursement		Should Districts Establish Plans		Comment	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
District:	All							
Total # of Pd Mbrs:	2695							
Total # of Responses:	370							
Total Rate of Response:	14%							
Yes:	290	78%	277	75%	297	80%		
No:	77	21%	88	24%	67	18%		
n/a:	3	1%	5	1%	6	2%		
No Comment:							21	6%
	370	100%	370	100%	370	100%	21	6%

It is readily apparent that when more information is provided about a subject the responses are showing a dramatically different result when compared to the 2005 survey. The results have been tabulated by district and the pattern of responses is very consistent between districts. Many people had expressed an opinion that the results would reflect regional differences of opinion. The opposite appears to be true. The survey results by district are attached.

The members were asked to make recommendations about the subject of reimbursement policies. They were specifically asked to not make comments about other strategies such as reducing the number of meetings as that had nothing to do with the question. The question was about reimbursement policies - not budgeting. Analysis of the written comments was more difficult to accomplish in that many members worded their ideas in different ways. There still remained a number of comments that could not be categorized. We, therefore, sorted them by district and typed them as written.

Treasurer's Report Continued...

The second part of the survey was about the expectations of the membership by posing the question, what do you expect to receive for your dues money? The written comments have been sorted by district and presented without editing for your review. You will note that many took the opportunity to complain rather than express their expectations.

The results to the first question clearly show that the majority approve of the policies that are presently in effect. When compared to the comments made by some district representatives in meetings, it becomes readily apparent that those representatives are not expressing the opinions of their membership. The survey also showed that the members would support reimbursing their representatives for travel to regional meetings if the district had such a program. The survey also indicated the majority of the respondents favored districts forming travel reimbursement policies for their districts

The second question dealt with the members expectations from IOBG. Some members stated they were satisfied with what they receive now. Others expressed their ideas about what IOBG should be providing them. There were many good suggestions however they all required additional money to fulfill their wishes. Items like a roster of all members cost more than most people realize. With the representatives consistently voting against dues increases, such undertakings are not economically feasible at this time.

In summary, the 2006 survey offered some interesting insights into the communication mechanism within IOBG. The membership that responded clearly approved of the present policies and recommended such programs be studied and possibly implemented at the district level. When queried about what they expected for their dues money, the respondents had a difficult time expressing what they wanted but they sure could identify what they did not like.

Executive Secretary Report

by Mary Eiffert

Since the 2005 Annual Meeting, we have added three new Chapters, an Auxiliary chapter, a new District and reissued a charter in District 7, Districts 50, and 51.

District 7 added Alum Creek Sailing Club. District 27 was established with Bush River Yacht Club, Belvedere Yacht Club, Crescent Yacht Club, and Otter Point Yacht Clubs as charter members.

Anyone that wishes a copy of the records I have on file, please send me an email or phone call. Presently, there are four file boxes and a two drawer file cabinet with IOBG records. Plus I have several CDs and floppies of information.

Upon completion of my thirteenth year as Executive Secretary, I am looking forward to serving you again next year.

LOG Minutes

The Executive Committee, in response to suggestions to reduce the publishing cost of the Blue Gavel LOG, has decided not to print the Minutes in future issues of the LOG.

The minutes will now be available on the IOBG web site, www.iobg.org - or to request a set by mail, please contact:

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2007 BUDGET

Submitted by Carol Promessi, President-Elect

Executive Summary

This budget was prepared by the President-Elect with consultation by the Executive Committee at a meeting on August 26, 2006. The committee utilized financial statements and data supplied by the Treasurer.

The International's level of activity is expected to remain the same as it was in 2006. Some items have been adjusted based on variations noted in the 2006 activity and expected price increases.

The projected total paid membership has been lowered to 2,800 members.

No dues increase is being proposed.

Certain fees will be instituted to offset the cost of providing certain services to members or Districts.

Assumptions Used in Preparation of the 2007 Budget

The attached proposed budget has been prepared from all data available on August 26, 2006, estimates for the remainder of the year and activity levels expected in 2007. The proposed budget is presented in a multi-currency format for the ease of use by our members outside the United States and based on published exchange rates on September 13, 2006.

The proposed budget contains all expenditures that could happen if all persons request the full amounts of their budgets. Expenditures may vary according to actual experience during the year.

The following are brief discussions of the underlying assumptions used in the preparation of the 2007 budget:

Revenues:

The estimate is based on the 2006 dues collected with no provision for growth. Aggressive recruitment tactics at the district level could improve the situation.

Annual Meeting:

The International's contribution to the host committee, travel allowances and supplies for the meeting is estimated to be the same as in 2006.

Executive Committee:

The projected travel costs are expected to increase \$150 over the 2005 amount. Office expenses are expected to decrease by \$100. The result is a net increase for this activity of \$50. Again, the actual expenses may vary based on airline fares available and the persons attending the meetings.

Area Vice Presidents:

The amount for this activity is the same as in 2006 and prior years.

Blue Gavel Log:

Estimated printing costs have been reduced based on the cost of issues printed in 2006. In addition, postage has been increased for the rate increase announced by the U.S. Postal Service. Other costs have been refined based on actual experience. The result is a net reduction in estimated costs of \$2,910.

International Operations Center:

The budget for this activity has increased by \$855 primarily due to expected postage rate increases. Other minor increases and decreases tend to offset each other.

This information is provided in compliance with Article VII, Section 5 of the IOBG Bylaws - Notice of Meetings. The items will be discussed in detail and all districts are urged to attend the discussion planned for Friday, October 27 and the Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, October 28.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

Proposed Budget for I.O.B.G. Operations

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	U.S. Dollars \$	Canadian Dollars \$	British Pounds £	New Zealand Dollars \$
REVENUES:				
Dues (\$30 per member)	84,000	94,004	44,759	130,071
Interest	850	951	453	1,316
Other	500	560	266	774
Total Revenue	85,350	95,515	45,479	132,162
EXPENSES				
Annual Meeting:				
Meeting Expenses	3,000	3,357	1,599	4,645
Gifts, Awards & Supplies	2,000	2,238	1,066	3,097
Delegate Travel Allowances	12,400	13,877	6,607	19,201
Total Annual Meeting	17,400	19,472	9,272	26,943
Executive Committee:				
Office Expenses	500	560	266	774
Travel	30,175	33,769	16,079	46,725
Total Executive Committee	30,675	34,328	16,345	47,499
Area Vice Presidents:				
Office Expenses	800	895	426	1,239
Travel	6,700	7,498	3,570	10,375
Total Area Vice Presidents	7,500	8,393	3,996	11,614
Blue Gavel Log:				
Printing	15,300	17,122	8,153	23,692
U.S. Postage	5,500	6,155	2,931	8,517
Handling	0	0	0	0
Supplies	600	671	320	929
Total Blue Gavel LOG	21,400	23,949	11,403	33,137
International Operations Center				
Accounting	600	671	320	929
Bank Charges	50	56	27	77
Clerical Services	7,500	8,393	3,996	11,614
Conferences & Meetings	0	0	0	0
Dues (USSA-\$250, NBF-\$200 & RNLI-\$150)	600	671	320	929
Equipment Rental	3,600	4,029	1,918	5,574
Legal Service	500			
Meeting Expenses	350	392	186	542
Miscellaneous	100	112	53	155
Office Expense	1,000	1,119	533	1,548
Postage	3,700	4,141	1,972	5,729
Printing	700	783	373	1,084
Supplies	300			
Telephone	900	1,007	480	1,394
Web Site Maintenance	180	201	96	279
Taxes	100	112	53	155
Total I.O.C.	20,180	21,688	10,327	30,009
TOTAL EXPENSES	97,155	107,831	51,343	149,203
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENSES) FROM DUES	(11,805)	(12,316)	(5,864)	(17,041)

Legal Officer Report

by George C. Knies



Copyright Infringement

I have been informed that an incident of a bootlegged IOBG name badge was presented to Commodore Insignia at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Long Beach. The name badge in question was of inferior quality and the name misspelled. The badge owner may or may not have known that Commodore Insignia had not produced said badge, however the owner presented the badge to Commodore Insignia for replacement, which was justly denied.

We have an obligation to protect our Trademarks (name and logo) from unlicensed users for our own integrity as well as our contractor's best interest. Unauthorized use of our Marks by our membership or other parties places us in jeopardy with our contractor and will not be tolerated.

Effective December 31, 2005 Commodore Insignia, Gardnerville, Nevada was granted license to utilize our trademarks on all associated IOBG merchandise including; collar insignia, name badges, epaulettes, shirts, ties, belts, sleeve insignia and clothing items

As members of IOBG you have the discretion to use our "marks" in the best interests of IOBG, your District and your Club for local events, i.e. Opening Day Regattas, Racing Events, Charity causes, etc., however; only the Executive Committee is empowered to authorize commercial use of our "marks". Any unauthorized use thereof may place IOBG in jeopardy with those commercial enterprises that are licensed providers of IOBG merchandise and supplies.

Public Boating/Waterways Issues

There are many national and state boating issues facing us today. We encourage our Districts and Chapters to support Boating Safety Courses that are now being offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons. Our membership has interests in many other areas involving recreational boating, waterways, environment and associated political issues. In this regard individual members do not have authority to imply IOBG endorsement of their position. I have received letters and position papers on "Hot" recreational boating issues here in California authored by IOBG members that included "Member of IOBG, ---Y.C. etc." printed behind their names; this does not imply endorsement of their position by virtue of their membership in or affiliation with these organizations.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions in this regard or any other issues of IOBG interest now or in the future.

SUPPLY OFFICER



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 www.commodoreinsignia.com

At the National Meeting I was asked to design a new set of epaulets for District officers. I was told a set of Royal Navy Cadet epaulets was shown which was nicknamed the wavy navy epaulets. As of this date I have not been able to locate these epaulets on the Internet. If any IOBG District officer has a photograph of the wavy navy epaulets I would appreciate having a copy of it sent by mail or E-mail (comsignia@aol.com) to me. I can then start design work.

Commodore Insignia is owned by Blue Gavel member, Earl Hohlmayer. He has a very established business, deals with many yacht clubs, the U.S. Power Squadron and has been the supplier of our crossed burgee pocket patch for many years. The company maintains a web site, www.commodoreinsignia.com, where orders may be placed.

Commodore Insignia will sell to district supply officers at discounted prices only to those districts that have supply officers. The IOBG Treasurer will provide a list of district supply officers to Commodore Insignia. Members of districts that do not have a supply officer such as Districts 50 and 51, will be able to order directly from Commodore Insignia but will pay a retail price for the merchandise. Membership lists for districts without supply officers will be supplied to Commodore Insignia by the IOBG Treasurer.

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IOBG Blazer emblems are authorized for sale by Commodore Insignia. These emblems have the Blue Gavel Burgee on the left staff and the Commodore's club on the right staff. They are available in a white or black background and the price is \$30.00 each, 2-4 \$24.00 each, and 5 and up \$21.00 each, plus shipping and tax.

BLAZER EMBLEMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE AUXILIARY

To order: Send this order form with a color sample of club burgee (business card or letterhead - we may have burgee on file) to Commodore Insignia. You can telephone your order using (800)-315-7485 or our Fax: (775) 782-4003.

Quantity		Navy Blue	Black	White	Unit Price	Total
	IOBG Blazer Emblem					
	Auxiliary Blazer Emblem					

Please Print

I am a paid up member of IOBG District # _____ Yacht Club _____ Year _____
 IOBGA District # _____

Signature _____ Ship to: _____

The above will be verified. _____

Member will be billed for emblems when shipped. _____

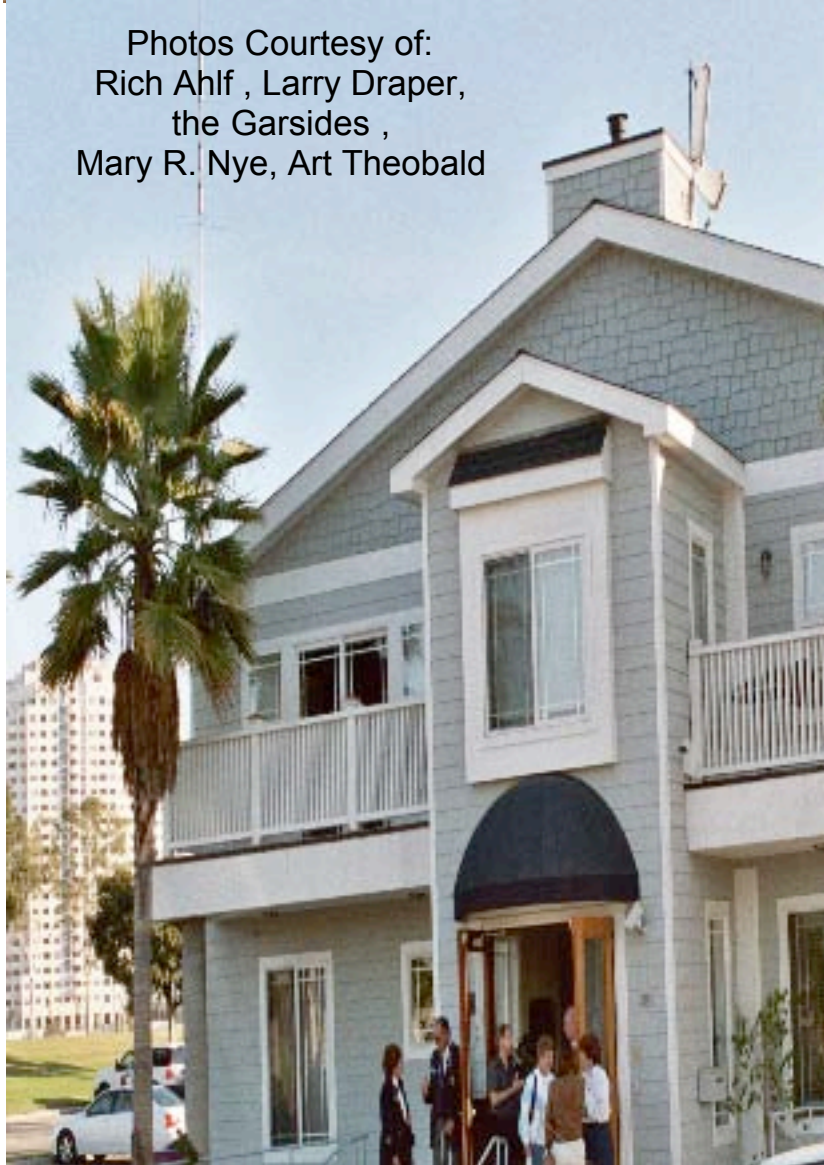
JOBC Annual Meeting

October 27, 28, 29, 2006

Long Beach, CA



Photos Courtesy of:
Rich Ahlf , Larry Draper,
the Garsides ,
Mary R. Nye, Art Theobald





2006 Mexican Riviera Cruise



Immediately following our Annual Meeting, 103 IOBG members, family and friends, departed Long Beach, California aboard the Carnival Cruiseship Pride.

Ports of call were Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. No names will be mentioned to protect the innocent. needless to say a good time was had by all.

A few of the more adventurous members took land based tours including canopy tours where they including gliding from tree top platform to platform and repelling down waterfalls. Others took advantage of the outstanding fishing at Cabo or swimming with the dolphins. Most soaked up the sun on the beautiful Mexican Riviera beaches and shopped and shopped. Bargains were to

be had in silver and tanzanite, one couple even bought a time share.

I would be remiss not to mention the food aboard ship where lobster, chateau briand, and baked Alaska were the order of the day. Some even claimed to have made money in the casino!

One thing for sure we all had fun at the Friday night cocktail party, thrown for the Blue Gavel and the camaraderie was great.

If you missed this cruise make sure you sign up early for next years cruise, immediately following next years annual meeting. Registration forms are in the LOG or give me a call or email.



P/P Art Garside











HOTEL RESERVATIONS

DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232
503-281-6111

Please call the hotel to make your own reservations and ask for the Royal Rosarian room block to receive special room rates. The room rates are \$109.00 - \$159.00 plus tax.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

The hotel will sell out.

Reservations received by the hotel **AFTER MAY 8** will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel room rates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR WRITE

The Royal Rosarians
Attn: Carla Stenberg, Chair
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2007



OUR HAT'S OFF
to 100 Years of
Rose Festival
Pageantry

Royal Rosarian Rose Festival Weekend

June 7-10, 2007

DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
Portland, Oregon



**Prime Minister Bob Strader
First Lady Ann**

DEAR FRIENDS OF ROSARIA,

First Lady Ann and I cordially invite you to join us as the Royal Rosarians celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Portland Rose Festival. The DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel is our new headquarters hotel, located just five blocks from the parade route. This year's centennial celebration will attract a significantly larger audience. Tickets to some events will sell out and hotel rooms will disappear rapidly. Act now to guarantee your place at the party.

ROYAL ROSARIAN KNIGHTING CEREMONY

The ceremonial pageantry of the Royal Rosarians joyfully recollects the romantic reign of Henry VII, King of England. Amidst the beauty of the Rose Garden in Washington Park, the Queen of Rosaria bestows honorary knighthood upon deserving individuals who cherish the traditions of the rose and pledge to promote harmony and goodwill throughout the realm of Rosaria.

THE QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY

This luncheon will host a most prominent group of VIP's from the Knighting Ceremony at Washington Park, the largest reunion of former Queens of Rosaria, and the Rose Festival Court of Ambassadors.

THE MAD HATTERS ROSE PARTY

FUN NIGHT is back! Lighthearted and casual, this party features a Hat Contest with Prizes, Silent Auction, Dinner and Dancing.

THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE

Recognized by USA Today as one of the top five parades in the nation, watch the grandest Floral Parade in recent memory from the comfort of Memorial Coliseum. Arrive early and enjoy the majestic pageantry of the Queen's Coronation with your parade ticket.

THE CENTENNIAL BALL

The Portland Rose Festival Association and the Royal Rosarians have partnered to produce the "Event of the Century" at the Oregon Convention Center. Wine and dine in style at this gala party; experience a century of festival history to the beat of internationally acclaimed "Pink Martini"; and witness the unmasking of "Rex Oregonus".

THE FAREWELL BREAKFAST

Meet the newly crowned Rose Festival Queen and learn about the other Northwest Festivals as we bid farewell to our friends and guests.

CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION

Meet "Vaudeville Rose", a one-act play that is staged throughout the day amongst historic memorabilia and Grand Floral Parade floats.

ROYAL ROSARIAN HOSPITALITY SUITE

Enjoy renewing your acquaintances and making new friends at the poolside hospitality suite of the Royal Rosarians.

**ALL PACKET REGISTRATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY MAY 25**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 7 THURSDAY

- 3:00-8:00 pm **REGISTRATION - LOBBY**
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, Oregon
- 3:00-8:00 pm **HOSPITALITY SUITE**
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
Lanai Suites First Floor

JUNE 8 FRIDAY

- 8:00 am-5:00 pm **REGISTRATION - LOBBY**
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, Oregon
- 8:30 & 9:00 am Buses leave from the
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
to the Knighting Ceremony
at Washington Park
- 10:00 am **ROYAL ROSARIAN
KNIGHTING CEREMONY**
Washington Park Amphitheater
- 11:30 am Buses return to DoubleTree Hotel
- 12:00 noon **QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY**
Optional
Multnomah & Holiday Ballroom
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
Tickets available ala carte
- 1:00-4:00 pm **HOSPITALITY SUITE**
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
Lanai Suites First Floor
- 6:00-10:00 pm **FUN NIGHT -
MAD HATTER'S ROSE PARTY**
Multnomah & Holiday Ballroom
No host cocktail hour
Dinner and dancing
Silent Auction tonight only
Casual dress with creative hats

JUNE 9 SATURDAY

- 8:00 am **MAX (Light Rail) is free to**
Optional
Memorial Coliseum for Float
Viewing, Queen's Coronation
and Grand Floral Parade
- 8:30 am **CORONATION OF THE**
Optional
2007 ROSE FESTIVAL QUEEN
Preferred seating at
Memorial Coliseum
Parade Ticket Required
- 10:00 am **GRAND FLORAL PARADE**
Optional
Preferred seating at
Memorial Coliseum
Tickets available ala carte
- 1:00-4:00 pm **HOSPITALITY SUITE**
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
Lanai Suites First Floor
- 5:30 pm Buses leave from the
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel
to the Centennial Ball at the
Oregon Convention Center
- 6:00 pm **CENTENNIAL BALL**
Oregon Convention Center
777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Portland, Oregon
Festival Formal or Black Tie
- 9:00 pm-
Midnight Shuttle from the Convention Center
to DoubleTree Hotel

JUNE 10 SUNDAY

- 8:30 am **FAREWELL BREAKFAST**
Multnomah & Holiday Ballroom
Plated Breakfast Served
- 11:00 am **PLACEMENT OF THE
QUEEN'S PLAQUE**
Washington Park Rose Garden
- 11:00am-8:00pm **CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION**
Optional
Oregon Convention Center
Tickets available ala carte

REGISTRATION AND TICKET ORDER FORM

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT EXPIRES MAY 3, 2007
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 25, 2007
Registration must include payment

PACKET PRICING

INCLUDES: Hospitality Suite, Fun Night, Centennial Ball, Farewell Breakfast, and transportation for Knighting Ceremony and Centennial Ball.

Couple	\$395 per couple	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Single	\$200 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Early registration discount (before May 3)	\$15.00 per couple and \$10 per single			\$ (_____)

ALA CARTE PRICING

Hospitality Suite	\$ 50 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Fun Night	\$ 45 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Centennial Ball	\$150 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Farewell Breakfast	\$ 25 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____

TICKETS FOR EVENTS NOT INCLUDED IN PACKET PRICE

Queen's Garden Party	(Friday)	\$ 31 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Grand Floral Parade	(Saturday)	\$ 25 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____
Centennial Exposition	(Sunday)	\$ 8 per person	x # _____	=	\$ _____

TOTAL US \$ _____

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED MADE PAYABLE TO THE ROYAL ROSARIANS.
PLEASE CHARGE MY: **VISA** **MASTERCARD**

Acct. No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Grand Floral Parade tickets are available as an ala carte item until May 25th. Parade tickets can be purchased after May 25 by calling 1-877-789-7673, subject to availability and handling charges. The parade can be viewed for free, 5 blocks from the hotel, along the parade route.

Tickets for the Grand Floral Parade, Centennial Ball, and Centennial Exposition are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Name _____ Spouse _____
(List Guests on Separate Page)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Organization _____ Title _____

NOTE: If you have special needs due to a physical disability, dietary restrictions, etc. please attach a note and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Send this completed Registration Form to: **THE ROYAL ROSARIANS**
Attn: Pam Baker, Registration Chair
16136 N.W. Canterwood Way, Portland, OR 97229



District News

Northwestern

Districts 1-2-4-5-24

Mike Parish

Northwestern Vice President

Many IOBG members in the Northwest spend their summers boating and traveling so there are few meetings and formal get-togethers.

I was able to meet with a few members of the District #24 board on July 31st at the home of Jack and Janice Cornett-Ching in Penticton, BC. This district is also having problems getting members and officers. We spent most of the time on this discussion and also on their upcoming Okanagan Invasion.

I was back in Penticton Sept 8-10 for the Invasion. Past International President Marion Hughes and his wife Gerva also attended along with Jim & Betty Hinckley of District #1. Dinner Friday night was held at the Penticton Yacht Club. An informal discussion was held on the structure of IOBG and where Blue Gavel Canada fits into the organization.

This discussion prompted another meeting, which was held on Saturday morning at the Cornett-Ching's home. Marion Hughes, Jim Hinckley, Roxanne and myself were in attendance as well as several members of District #24. The emphasis that morning was directed towards getting District #24 back into International.

Lunch on Saturday was held at the Summerland Yacht Club and the afternoon was free to shop, go wine tasting, watch football games or whatever. We all met again that evening for a dinner cruise on Lake Okanagan.

Sunday morning we had breakfast back at the Penticton Yacht Club. I will be meeting later this year with the group for follow up discussions.

The next weekend was the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch for District #1 at the Clover Island Yacht Club in the Tri-Cities area. Special guests that weekend were Carol and Phil Promessi and Jack and Janice Cornett-Ching.

District #1 announced their raffle of an Alaskan Cruise to benefit the Make-A-wish and Wishing Star charities.

Clover Island once again outdid themselves in hospitality with dinner, lunch, boat rides, wine tasting, a luau, and an outstanding steel drum group consisting of boys and girls from grade school through high school. The weekend completed with a trip to the "Recovery Room" on Sunday morning. The resident doctors and nurses were very attentive to all of the "patients" who needed special attention after Saturday night.



District 4's first meeting of the year was held at the Vancouver International Boat Show, February 12. Dennis Gatehouse of E.H.Y.C. gave a report on his efforts to find a charitable organization. They are trying to zero in on helping young people learn to sail who would not otherwise have that opportunity.

The highlight of the afternoon was the video of raising the sailing vessel "Panache" from the very deep waters of Haro Strait. This vessel was sunk by the owner in order to claim the insurance, but he underestimated the tenacity of the insurance carrier. This excellent production was narrated by Blue Gavel member and Past Commodore of West Vancouver Yacht Club, Paul Mendham, who was in charge of all the expenses and decisions related to the recovery.

Finally, 21 members with their partners were invited to R.V.Y.C. for a scrumptious smorgasbord of delectable delights. Our appreciation to Jennifer Kastelein, National Marine Manufacture Association for supplying us with 150 free tickets, the room for the meeting, and the VCR. for the video.

A Taste of Vancouver, Shipmates across the Border, that was so successful over the last two years, had to be scuttled when the Nanaimo fast ferry, Sealink, went into bankruptcy. District 4, along with District 2, had arranged for a fun-filled weekend in Nanaimo but there wasn't sufficient time to come up with another venue.

Plans are underway for next year, April 21-23, 2007. Please keep these dates open.

The highlight of District 4 was, of course, the chapters' involvement in the Gift of Sailing Program administered by the E.H.Y.C. District 4 is elated that the program developed by Ken Kufta, E.H.Y.C. Sailing Director, was so successful, and our heart felt thanks for the wonderful job that he has done. They are of course hopeful to expand this type of program to other Clubs in District 4.

District 5

District 5 held its annual membership meeting November 18, 2006 at the Multnomah Channel Yacht Club. Our plan is to hold several functions this coming year to get more members involved. Again, District 5 will gladly host the IOBG Spring Meeting at Rose Festival time.



In Passing...

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Curt William Leichner, who died this last spring. He was a native Portland, Oregonian and was not only a Past Commodore of The Columbia River Yacht Club in 1968, he also served as Legal Officer for the International Order of the Blue Gavel. He will be greatly missed by one and all.



District News

Southwestern

Districts 6-10-11-14-15-16-19-21

George Knies

Southwestern Vice President

The Annual Meeting held aboard The Queen Mary in October was superbly orchestrated and carried out. All bases were covered including weather, venues and hospitality, kudos to our ever-smiling President Carol Promessi, who spent untold hours honing every detail with exact precision. All were duly impressed with the outstanding food and hospitality provided by the Shoreline YC, Huntington Harbor YC and Seal Beach YC. It was encouraging to meet so many members from our eight districts who offered favorable comments on the conduct and the content of the many training sessions and meetings.

Ann and I returned from the post-meeting cruise on Sunday looking forward to dietetic withdrawal and quiet rest, however the pause was short lived as I attended the 41st Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association Annual Awards Banquet on Monday evening 6 November at the Encinal YC. This is an auspicious event that is attended by representatives of the more than 90 member clubs. There were many IOBG ties being worn by Past Commodores both male and female, as well as numerous references to IOBG involvement and support in regattas and other events that received recognition that evening. Two of our members, Vern Bendsen, Districts 14/19 and Larry Draper, Districts 14/19 received well-deserved awards for their dedicated service over the years towards advancing the greater good of the boating community. It was interesting to witness Vern's and Larry's reactions when their names were announced; as the award winners are kept secret until presentation. I did notice a tear of admiration in Linda Bendsen's eye as Vern accepted his award.

In October each year, members of Districts 14 and 19 participate in the Annual Wheelchair Regatta held at the Encinal YC. This year District 14 Director Rich Ahlf and I crewed aboard Joan Marsh-Clune's "Goneigo IV" along with First Mate Richard Hardy. The participation of IOBG was apparent by the impressive number of participating vessels flying our burgee. Recognition through participation in boating events is a driving force in promoting IOBG's reputation. In this regard Rich Ahlf received a letter of appreciation for IOBG District 14's support and contribution for the Annual Women's Training Seminar conducted at the Island YC last month. Public Relations through the printed and electronic media is an effective device in advancing our image, i.e. articles in Yachting and Boating Magazines, Newsletters and Websites, etc. I have noticed a decisive increase in public recognition of IOBG as I am rarely asked, "What is the Blue Gavel?"

We are approaching the COW (Change of Watch) time of the year. This affords all Districts and Chapters the opportunity to solicit new blood (newbies). Many YC Chapters offer their outgoing Commodore a membership in IOBG by paying their first year's membership dues, presenting them with a sleeve emblem, burgee and membership package, as well as swearing them in at their COW. I have found that at this time of the year mailings to all area YC's inviting PC's to join IOBG has proven effective in the past, especially those prior members who have let their membership lapse. It was brought to my attention that many YC members were not aware that their club had an IOBG Chapter. This is an area that should be developed and nurtured hopefully creating a positive atmosphere for grooming new officers and attracting new members.

I take this opportunity to extend a sincere At-A-Boy, (a navy term) to our past SWVP Bill Thayer, a former marine, for his outstanding term of office and those good times we shared when he and Marybeth took part in Bay Area events. I look forward to serving with all of you in 2007 and welcome your recommendations and support. Keep me in mind for your future events, I was an international rag sailor and racer for fifty-five years and am currently a Senior Race Officer for the US Sailing Association and a Certified Race Officer for the Yacht Racing Association, San Francisco Bay

Bill Thayer
Past SW Vice President

As this will be my last log article I will take this opportunity to thank the District Directors, Officers and Members of the Southwestern Area for a successful and gratifying two years. To the District Directors whose reports, albeit not always on time, were informative and along with my visits enabled me to make timely and correct decisions on problems that had arisen. Your narrative reports were always important to me as they made suggestions on what is working and what is not in regards to your social functions and gatherings. Your attendance at the Area Roundtable discussions and active participation always peaked my interest and caused me to plunge once again into the active workings of the Districts. Thanks you all once more for your patience and diligence with me on those occasions where I was a little demanding.

Marybeth and I have enjoyed the camaraderie when we have visited you all at your social events, meetings and regattas. To sit down in a relaxed atmosphere and chat with the membership about just about anything was probably the most helpful tool in my arsenal as the SWVP. I encourage you all to continue these actions with the incoming SWVP, P/C George Knies, District 14, San Francisco Bay Area. George is also the IOBG Legal Council.

We had almost 100% at the Annual Meeting in Long Beach aboard the Queen Mary and I appreciated your District Directors reports which made my report very short and easy. I also would like to thank you and commend you on your participation in the workshop, the pre-annual meeting and the Annual Meeting. Suggestions, comments, and discussions were constructive and added much to the goals of the International on the subjects of membership, regional meeting improvement, and charitable contributions.

Again, Marybeth and I thank your for a great two years and we will not be out of touch as Marybeth has assumed the duties as Recording Secretary from Sue Brauner.

District 6
Charles E. Stone, District Director

District 6, though small in number, continues to thrive and remains active with the various yacht clubs in the District. At the present time, we have 61 members. Unfortunately, this year we lost two outstanding members: Graham "Kiwi" Albrecht, Past Commodore of Kaneohe Yacht Club, and Joe C. McHaney, Past Commodore of Makani Yacht Club.

District activities:

February we had a "whale watch" cruise on the Star of Honolulu.

In May we had a tour of the Central Identification Lab. This is the largest forensic anthropology lab located at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu.

June was the annual Goodwill Fishing Tournament at Hawaii Yacht Club. District 6 supported this event with manpower help and a donation of \$200.

In July many District 6 members put in many hours in support of the West Marine Pacific Cup, a yacht race from San Francisco to Kaneohe bay, Hawaii. This was an usual year for PacCup in that all the yachts that started (43), actually finished the race. The trip back to San Francisco was a different story. One boat was rammed by a whale and sunk, one lost their rudder, and one ran aground leaving Kaneohe Bay...fortunately there were no injuries with any of these events!

In August we were fortunate to attend a celestial and Polynesian navigation program at Windward Community College.

September was the annual "chili cookoff" at Iroquois Lagoon Yacht Club. This is always an outstanding event and this year one of our members, Arlen Walsten, took second place.

District 6 has had a great year and we are looking forward to a better 2007.

District 11

Wilma Rosenberg, District Director

District 11 made up of yacht clubs in Southern California from Westlake Village to Marina del Rey and King Harbor had a very active year in 2006. We maintained our 100+ membership, had successful social activities and contributed to charity.

To summarize our year, we had a wonderful Charity Wine Tasting, a great Spring Brunch, a traditional Pancake Breakfast prior to the start of the Marina del Rey to San Diego Regatta, three super duper Windy Cues and of course the Installation of Officers.

Charitably we donated toiletries, etc., to a woman's shelter and sponsored a needy child to a Summer Sailing Seminar. The Westlake Yacht Club Chapter gave a scholarship to a deserving child ready to go to college. They also support Casa Pacifica, a home for abused children.

Our officers attended the Round Table Meeting hosted by Southwestern V.P. Bill Thayer at Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach.

Thank you to Port Royal Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and Del Rey Yacht Club for being the host club for our events.

Take the "2007 Challenge!" Come to our events, have fun, meet your officers who work hard and fellow P/Cs and help us support our charity events. Let's make 2007 an even better year.

District 14

Rich Ahlf, District Director

On September 23, 2006 our District helped with the Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal Yacht Club. Powerboats are provided for wheelchair bound people to go out on the bay for a day. This is a very popular event and they literally came by the busloads. We helped to get them on and off the boats. When they came back lunch and live music was provided.



Our last event of the year was Fleet Week on San Francisco Bay on October 7. District 14 had a cruise-in to Treasure Island Yacht Club to watch the Blue Angeles. The club had BBQ Ribs for dinner at 18:00. Treasure Island Yacht Club is probably the best place on San Francisco Bay to see this event without being on at boat and believe me it gets very crowded on the Bay for this event.

District 15

Gary Hall, District Director

District 15 had a very busy year with the addition of the winter regional to their already full schedule. David Wood and Linda Loftis had a good year while I took time off. I am back for another year and so is Linda Loftis. Linda Whipple is the Vice President and James Coburn is Secretary.

We wound up the year with a raft up on Mission Bay, September 9 and 10th. Those who came by boat and those who came by car joined for a BBQ at Mission Bay Yacht Club. All had a great time and many stayed to watch a full moon rise over the bay. Lastly we had our Change of Watch and dinner on October 21 at Silver Gate Yacht Club.

President Linda Loftis presided over a silent auction which raised over \$800 for the humanitarian Fund. Marshall Nemoy presided over the installation ceremony.

District 16

Marsha Landreth, District Director

District 16 kicked off the 2006 year with Change of Watch at PCYC. The wonderful brunch was well attended. William Thayer accompanied by his charming wife and photographer, installed and initiated three new members to IOBG.

Although our President Dave Gable made certain that the District 16 members were well fed throughout the entire year, Dave outdid himself with his BBQ chicken blue plate special at our '50's dinner / dance. Not only did he charge the going 50's Blue Plate special rate of \$1.25, but the half and half raffle allowed the District to break even on the party.

We are now in the process of selecting a slate of officers for the 2007 year, defining goals and projects. Should you all happen to be in our neighborhood, give us a holler and we'll make you welcome.

District 19

Phil Promessi, District Director

The year started out with rain and more rain. We had so much rain that combined with the tides, the Coast Guard closed the Delta to recreation boaters on January 1, for two weeks. No pleasure boat was allowed to go past the point where the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers meet at Pittsburg, CA.

The first meeting of the year was held at The Point Restaurant in Rio Vista. A preliminary agenda was presented for the year. A discussion was held concerning the shoulder boards. It was decided that all future meetings would be held at different Yacht Clubs.

The General meeting was held at the Pittsburg YC in February and 14 Commodores were inducted into IOBG. On February 25 tragedy hit when our Director Roy Adger passed away due to cancer. He is sorely missed. Due to his passing, all the officers agreed to stay in their positions and I agreed to be Director for another year.

The annual Cruise Out to Delta Marina had to be changed due to a conflict of dates, so it was rescheduled to Village West YC. Carol and I missed this meeting because we attended the Opening Day ceremonies at the Seattle YC that weekend.

July 22 was the Membership appreciation BBQ held at Discovery Bay YC. It was the hottest day of the year, or ever, since records started being kept. The temperature reached 115 degrees in the shade. Needless to say we spent the day in the air-conditioned yacht club.

The next meeting was held on August 20th at the Village West YC. Nominations for the 2007 officers were presented and the slate was voted on and accepted at the September meeting.

The Change of Watch was postponed from October to January 6, 2007 and will be held at the Pittsburg YC.

The participation this year fell off from previous years. Maybe it was because of the fuel issue or maybe it was lack of communication, or both. I plan to work to improve the participation next year. It looks like we have a good slate of new officers coming up. We need to improve our communication skills.



District News

North Central

Districts 7-9-23-25

Debbie Banks-Skellenger

North Central Vice President

Members from Districts 7, 9 and 25 represented The North Central area very well at the Annual meeting. Our stay aboard the Queen Mary was magnificent due to it's rich history dating back to pre-WWII . Thank you to Seal Beach Yacht Club, Huntington Harbour Yacht Club and Shoreline Yacht Club for hosting our meetings and dinners. Your hospitality was overwhelming.

As I begin my term as North Central Vice President contacting the Directors in each of my Districts, the following are goals I hope we can achieve together:

- Open lines of communication and generation of productive ideas
- Develop stronger relationships
- Foster positive support between Districts and International
- Engage potential members and members by fun and meaningful activities

The Districts in our region are very strong in membership and activity. I would like to participate in at least one event in each of my Districts throughout the year. I look forward to a fantastic year together.

District 7

Robert J. Graven, District Director

My report starts out in Long Beach, CA aboard the Grand Old Lady of the Sea – The Queen Mary where we held our annual IOBG Convention. And for the first time in the history of IOBG, a woman Commodore was elected President. Congratulations to the new President, Carol Promessi. May you always have fair winds, gentle seas and a safe harbor during your tenure as President.

I would also like to congratulate Debbie Banks-Skellenger on her newly elected position as North Central Vice President. If you know Debbie, you will know the great job she will do. She is bright and meticulous in her ways and will be an asset to the International.

My congratulations also go out to my wife, Patricia on becoming the President of the IOBGA. Knowing Pat, it will be a busy season for the both of us.

Next, we have the new President of District 7, Scott Croxford. This bright young Commodore from Beaver Creek Yacht Club has inexhaustible energy. We look forward to a great year.

President Croxford already has an itinerary of events for this year. Starting with District 7 next E-Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2006 at Edgewater Yacht Club. Then February 15, 2007 will be another E-Board meeting, location to be announced. This year's President's "Ball" will be held on the Star Princess in the middle of the Western Caribbean starting February 17, 2007. A week of cruising is planned to get out of the frozen North.

District 9

Damian Pflieger, Past President

District 9 membership is at 341 for 2006, this is nearly the same as membership for 2005. Meetings and events at the Chapter level have attracted a large number of members, however attendance at District meetings and events was down. The District holds two General Membership meetings each year and 5 Executive Board meetings. An annual Humanitarian Fund Raising event is held in May, a rendezvous in September and we host a cocktail party for the Inter-lake Yachting Association in July.

Our annual Humanitarian project raised nearly \$1000.00 for local charities. Recipients this year were "Fishing has no Boundaries". This an event organized by the Spinal Cord injury Association, which holds a day of fishing on Lake Erie for disabled members. Also funds were designated to Jr. Sailing and Jr. Power education programs.

The annual fall meeting was October 1 at Ottawa River Yacht Club in Toledo, Ohio. The year's business was concluded, followed by elections and installation of officers for 2007. Much support was given to an idea put forth by VP Pat Slee to participate in a boat parade, which is part of the festivities planned for a new bridge opening over the Maumee River in May 2007. The idea is to have several boats in the parade flying the IOBG banner and burgee.

The District Auxiliary asked the members to join them for a presentation by the Toledo Lighthouse Preservation Society. This group has recently purchased the Toledo Harbor Light from the Government and will be restoring it. An excellent perch dinner was served after the meeting. Ottawa River Yacht Club is the home club of our 2007 President Gary Ryan.

Thanks to Jack White for his many years of service as Log Editor. Jack is moving up to President Elect and Becky Vincent will take over as our Log Editor.

The Executive Board will be meeting soon to plan the 2007 calendar.

District 25

Jim Yount, District Director

District 25 started off the year with the Presidents Ball held in Mt. Clemens. It was a good turnout as there were some new faces as well as familiar faces in attendance. The food was good and the entertainment was excellent.

At this ball, PC Harvey Karpinski and PC Steve Willing were both presented with their Past President plaque from District 25. They had never received the special plaque that is being presented now to Past Presidents and has been for several years.

In June, there was the District 25 rendezvous. It was held at Mariners BC in Harrison Twp. There was a steel drum player for entertainment on Saturday afternoon. Hors d'oeuvre was done by the Auxiliary that afternoon which was an excellent job. Excellent meal served with a full house in attendance for this meal and the entertainment.

Speaking of Mariners, the Marniers Blue Gavel rented out the river boat on the Clinton River in August and chartered it for a river cruise for the physically challenged and handicapped which was greatly appreciated by all. They look forward to this event each year by the Mariners Blue Gavel.

The District e-board meetings were held in a different boat club for each meeting this year. By doing so, we started drawing more interest in the IOBG as these clubs had a chance to see what the IOBG is all about. A couple of boat clubs that hosted the meetings have never done so before. We are now starting to get some new participation because of these meetings.

District 25 will continue to get projects to benefit the Humanitarian Foundation in the upcoming year. The projects for this year will be acknowledged at years end.

In was a good year for District 25.



District News

Northeastern Districts 3-12-20-22-26-27

Marc Connelly Northeastern Vice President

District 3

Lewis Smith, District Director

Districts 3's Summer Party was held in July on a perfect summer day hosted by Tuscarora Yacht Club with the help of Wilson Yacht Club and Island Yacht Club. Our members were treated to sailboat or powerboat rides on beautiful Lake Ontario followed by cocktails and dinner at TYC. We thank them for a very enjoyable day. Unfortunately, an unusual weather pattern settled in, giving western New York the wettest September on record.

Our District has raised approximately \$750 for the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center that provides boating cruises and fishing trips for disabled and disadvantaged western New Yorkers. There have been lengthy delays in the building of the 30 foot wheelchair accessible vessel with a capacity of two dozen. At our annual meeting, hosted by LaSalle Yacht Club in Niagara Falls, members agreed to raise the donation to \$1000 and request a matching donation from the Humanitarian Fund. The funds will be given when the boat is launched. The IOBG Auxiliary will also donate \$1000 to Excalibur when they christen their new boat.

On our ride home from LYC, yet another bizzare weather event ocured. Heavy, wet snow made driving impossible. In total, some areas received 22 inches of snow and over 300,000 homes and businesses were without power for days. Trees were destroyed and many properties were damaged. At this time 7 deaths have been attributed to the storm, but no members, family or friend have been hurt. Needless to say, we are looking forward to our upcoming meeting in California.

District 12

VincentJ. Core, District Director

On Sunday September 17, 2006 the Past Commodores of Long Beach Island, International Order of the Blue Gavel District 12, held its annual meeting and luncheon. District 12 consists of the 5 yacht clubs located on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Namely Barnegat Light YC, Surf City YC,

Spray Beach YC and Little Egg Harbor YC. As our season is relatively short we are fortunate to be able to squeeze our annual meeting into our busy social calendars.

Many thanks go out to the members of the Surf City YC for hosting this years luncheon meeting. Special thanks to PC Vince Core and his wife Eileen and the many SCYC members for organizing the excellent luncheon. I also want to thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend, with all five clubs from the island represented. It was a beautiful late summers day in a gorgeous setting, and a great time was had by all. Next year's luncheon will be hosted by Branch Beach YC on September 16. We also hope to have a mid summer social in late July.

Aside from the excellent luncheon and an opportunity to renew acquaintances, the business portion of the meeting focused on renewing and maintaining our commitment to the success of the IOBG, and District 12. In addition, we reviewed our past commitment and our continuing support for activities associated with the Long Beach Island sailing and boating community. We renewed our commitment to continue our outreach to the Friends of Southern Regional Sailing and other like minded organizations.

We concluded our meeting by inducting 5 new members into the IOBG and once again recognized and congratulated Dick Janiszewski, Past Commodore of Spray Beach YC, who has been nominated to be 1st Vice President of IOBG. Congratulations and best wishes to Dick.



On October 22, District 26 held its second annual meeting at the Huntington Yacht Club. Members and spouses from all our member yacht clubs were in attendance. The club put out a delicious luncheon and even had one of its member's band on hand for some music and dancing. The weather was beautiful and the view was spectacular and as always the Huntington Yacht Club was a perfect host.

Our outgoing District Director, Hal Salyer, addressed the group with his explanation of the new mission statement and his thanks for letting him represent them for the past two years. It was a tremendous help to our newly formed District to have someone with Hal's expertise represent us for the first two years of existence. I only hope that I can represent the membership as the newly elected District Director as well.

Our incoming President, Ernie Odierna, spoke to the members about what he hopes to accomplish in the next two years. As always, he has many new and innovative ideas that he will bring to the table. Ernie also brings with him many years of experience that he had with District 20 prior to the formation of our district.

In the upcoming year we hope to expand our district to include other yacht clubs and to expand our benefits to the membership. We also hope to establish a better source of information for our member clubs about the ways in which we have all improved our operations. This will help the Blue Gavel become an even better resource to our respective clubs and the yachting community as a whole.

The Mount Sinai Yacht Club Auxiliary will be having a "High Tea" on November 19th to raise funds which will go to help needy families during the upcoming holiday season. They have also been sending packages and letters to the troops in Iraq for a year now. My hat goes off to them for their fine efforts to make our brave soldiers feel appreciated and to bring them a kind word from home.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as President of District 26 for the first years of existence. I want to thank all the members for their support and help.

District 27
Chuck Browning, District Director

District 27 held its first district meeting on October 11th 2006. Some of the items that were discussed included: Approval of the **shoulder epaulets** for all members of District 27, the Crescent Yacht Club volunteered to host our next District meeting in January. It was suggested that we send an invitation to the outgoing Commodores inviting them to become members of IOBG and present their **lapel pin** at their **Commodore's Ball**, (we have 4 new P/C joining at this time). **The Association of Yacht Clubs of Maryland** has published in their newsletter that **The International Order of the Blue Gavel** is now located on the **Chesapeake Bay** and that they welcome us. (I have their burgee).

District 27 is looking into sponsoring a Charity called: **Children of Fallen Soldiers**

Children of Soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered the grief and Trauma of losing a parent in war. They have made the Ultimate Sacrifice that a child can make for its country. Christmas for these Military families will not be the same but in the coming Holiday Season you can help bring a little extra Christmas to these 'precious lil heros'

The Bush River Yacht Club Chapter of IOBG held a **Business Person Bull and Oyster Roast** on November 4th, which was a big success and over \$3000 dollars was donated back to the Yacht Club.



District News

Southeastern

Districts 8 & 18

Tom Sullivan

Southeastern Vice President

District 8's Change of Watch was held at the beautifully rebuilt Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Port Charlotte, FL., Oct. 13 - 15, 2006. The Club's menu, and of course the meeting were superb; thanks to PC Rich Oakley and his wife Lynne.

PC Jack Kennedy (Bay Point YC) is D-8's new President. Jack and his wife Mary presented D-8's new website which will certainly improve communications in this 432 member district.

The Sundowner's Ceremony on Saturday evening was most impressive and had a lasting effect.

It should be mentioned, the North Palm Beach YC donated 6 Opti Dinghies to the Gulf Yachting Assn. for their Jr. Sailing Program. PC Ron Richards (Pensacola YC) along with his wife Innes picked up all 6 plus trailer and distributed 3 to Bay Waveland YC (MS) and the remaining 3 to Pass Christian YC (AL).

Old Port YC's Change of Watch was held Nov. 5 with District Directors Lou Daniello and Joe Tringali accompanying SE/VP Tom Sullivan to this impressive ceremony. The US Naval Sea Cadets and the abundance of food added much to this day.

Speaking of Jr. Sailing, the Fort Pierce YC has formed a Jr. Sailing Program with a new Boat House as well. The city of Fort Pierce (FL) is also furnishing the land, shoreline, and approximately \$40,000.00 (from friends as well) to start this program. Fort Pierce YC hopes to recruit 80 students and start with 8 foot long "pram" dinghies.

Just think North Palm Beach YC comes to the rescue of hurricane hit gulf yacht clubs and then Fort Pierce YC starts a new program after also being hit by severe hurricanes. "Keepers of the Flame!"

New District Director Lou Daniello is working on bringing Mobile Bay YC (AL.) and the Navy YC - Pensacola (FL) into District 8. Mobile Bay must complete its paperwork, and Navy YC - Pensacola needs to make an informal request.

Lou is also working with Stuart Yacht and Country Club as a potential D-8 member.

Vero Beach YC (FL) has reached the 80 year mark. This charming club's chapter is headed up by PC John Stringer who is also editor of The Gulfstream (quarterly) and District 8 roster.

All past commodores received an engraved pen & pencil set for services rendered.

SE/VP Tom Sullivan and his wife Susan were guests of Commodore Edmund Davis and the Vero Beach Board of Directors at their Past Commodore's party (a sellout) on November 18th. Vero Beach YC celebrated their birthday with several days of activities. Happy Birthday Vero Beach!

I am happy to report the North Palm Beach YC has formed an IOBG Auxiliary and has elected officers. A Charter was applied for at the International Meeting in Long Beach, CA.

District 18 is reorganizing and planning a full schedule for 2007. Charleston (SC) is a pick city for the International IOBG Regional Meeting in February. I'll keep everyone posted with the details. D-8 is also considering a meeting in Charleston with the International.

Also happy to report, 42 (new) past commodores were accepted into D8. All received a membership certificate and an IOBG Lapel Pin. Welcome new members.

District 50
Submitted by Debbie Banks-Skellenger

I believe at least two key elements to success are communication and hard work. I have tried to keep these ideals in my thoughts and actions throughout the year serving as District 50 Director.

To review my year as D50 Director, I tried to contact at least one member of every chapter in my District. My selection was random, but my point was make personal contact with someone in each chapter. I asked that the member contacted let their respective chapter know who I am and that I am available to them for any questions or help I may lend them. I believe this personal contact is important for membership retention and to let our general membership know what we do and stand for.

As a result, I have had a number of membership inquiries. Since my last report at our Regional meeting in August, I have sent 5 additional membership applications to International for approval and it looks like there will be another chapter forming in the very near future within D50.

2006 saw a reactivation of Navy Yacht Club Pensacola Chapter along with an offshoot District 27 forming. Not only did D27 spin off from D50, but they also hosted the summer regional meeting very successfully. I think the word successful is actually an understatement for the 2006 summer regional meeting.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Director of District 50. I have not only talked with a number of fabulous people, but also got to begin developing new friendships as a result of my efforts. What a win – win job!

District 70
Bill Young, President

This has not a good year for my District. Two members did not renew. However, I joined a new yacht club and did recruit one new member from there, together with his lady joining the IOBGA.

We have had no meetings, but hope to do better next year.

We have \$200 in the Humanitarian Fund which we will hand over when we have our next meeting.

I am afraid that all the work at present is being carried out by Sue, as Secretary, and me as Acting Treasurer and District President. Bob Carter has been unwell and sends his apologies for his non-attendance.



The US Coast Guard issued a press release reminding owners and operators of commercial and recreational vessels who have not already done so that they need to acquire the new generation of Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) that operate on the 406 MHz frequency. In yesterday's newsletter, I erroneously reported that, as of 1 January 2007, the COSPAS-SARSAT satellites will quit monitoring the old 121.5/243 MHz frequency utilized by the old EPIRBs. Actually, the issue is more insidious. As of 1 January 2007, it is a violation of USCG regulations for US-flag vessels to utilize the old Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. The restriction does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices that are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system. The COSPAS-SARSAT satellites will continue to monitor the 121.5/243 MHz frequency until 1 February 2009. (12/8/06).

Congress is now in recess. Fortunately those items of concern to NBF have been resolved before the recess on 29 September. According to a columnist in the op-ed section of the Washington Post this was a light year in terms of the total number days in session and amount of legislation passed. Of course the dominate issue on the Hill is the question of whether Democrats can gain control of the House in the Nov elections. Republican control of the Senate may also be at risk.

Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS) Implementation Task Force – I attended a meeting of the GMDSS Task Force in Arlington VA on 2 August. GMDSS is an upgrade of the ship to shore and ship to ship communications system worldwide. It is largely a system designed for ocean vessels but can effect recreational boating. It includes VHF radios with DSC and AIS, Automated Information Systems and Rescue 21. I have included the Summary Record of this meeting.

Loran C – We were successful in getting language in the DHS Appropriations bill guaranteeing continuation of Loran C operations nationwide. This was in the face of some opposition by Senator Coburn of Oklahoma who offered an amendment to prohibit use of any FY 07 funding to operate Loran and effectively kill Loran. Fortunately Senator Stevens of Alaska and Senator Murray of Washington offered competing amendments but this would still leave only Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the Atlantic Northeast in operation. Still at risk were the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes stations. The bill went to the joint House/Senate conferees. We sent letters to 21 Conferees along with phone calls and visits. The Conferees passed the House version of the bill and it was signed by the President on 4 October. We are gratified by the outcome of this considerable effort. With the risk of losing the GPS signal, either by normal signal loss or by intentional electronic jamming, we need a backup for GPS. That backup is Loran, the only fully redundant, viable, operational navigation system available.

ALAB – As previously reported in LOOKOUT the reauthorization of Wallop/Breaux was passed sometime ago with a disproportionate allocation of funds to Sports Fish Restoration, at the expense of Boating Safety. This result covers funding until FY 09. ALAB should meet again late next year to begin planning for the next reauthorization in FY 09.

NRBSC – The National Recreational Boating Safety Coalition will met in Washington DC on November 1. The coalition, made up of Government, industry and private organizations, including NBF, continues to do good work affecting boating safety legislation Nationwide. To date, 33 states have Mandatory Boating Education. In 46 states we have mandatory PFD use which varies from age six and under to 14 and under, the dominant age being 12 and under. Only one state, Alabama, has operator licensing, which we oppose.

NOAA - Nation system for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) _ This is a draft frame work for developing a National system for MPAs. It would consider and states: "as appropriate, the recommendations of government partners concerning a structure and function that builds partnerships with and supports the efforts and voluntary participation of state, tribal and local governments." "Increasing impacts on the world's oceans, caused by development, overfishing, and natural events, are straining the health of our coastal and marine ecosystems. Some of these impacts to the marine and Great Lakes environment have resulted in declining fish populations; degradation of coral reefs, seagrass beds, and other vital habitats; threats to rare or endangered species; and loss of artifacts and areas that are part of our nation's historic and cultural heritage." Phase 2 of the program would "identify National System gaps and future conservation priorities"

This is still a draft framework for developing MPAs and public comment is invited. As is the case in some government initiatives this could limit areas from use by the boating public or eliminate them entirely.

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2006	Harvey Sussel The Captains Yacht Club North Palm Beach Yacht Club	1988*	George Cooper Lighthouse Point Yacht Club	1967*	Ken Wise Edmonds Yacht Club
2005	Art Theobald Sandy Beach Yacht Club	1987	Dr. Burton Jay Southwestern Yacht Club	1966	Randy Rockhill Rainier Yacht Club
2004	Larry Foote San Joaquin Yacht Club	1986*	Ernie R. Villaire Wyandotte Yacht Club	1965*	Sam Crawford Olympic Yacht Club
2003	Art Garside Elba Mar Boat Club	1985*	Walter Bertram Hayden Island Yacht Club	1964*	Story Birdseye Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club
2002	Marion Hughes Clover Island Yacht Club	1984*	James Topping Naples Sailing Yacht Club	1963*	Dr. Ed Chase Everett Yacht Club Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club
2001*	Robert Miller San Joaquin Yacht Club	1983*	E. Carl Schiewe Columbia River Yacht Club	1962*	Leroy Strasser Totem Yacht Club
2000	Louis A. Key, Jr. Chagrin River Yacht Club	1982	Belding H. McCurdy Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1961*	Frank Metz Queen City Yacht Club
1999*	Frank Valdes Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1981*	Everett E. Weil Portland Yacht Club	1960*	H.E. Richmond Seattle Yacht Club
1998	Ted Kendrick San Joaquin Yacht Club	1980*	Fred Roth Cleveland Yacht Club	1959*	Harold Fowler Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club
1997	Phil Arms Navy Yacht Club San Diego	1979*	Willis Angel Bremerton Yacht Club	1958*	Richard McCann Queen City Yacht Club
1996	Ira Nies Columbia River Yacht Club	1978*	Leonard St. Lewi Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1957	Harry Gundlach Bremerton Yacht Club
1995	Rolf R. Tinge The Captains Yacht Club The Point Yacht Club	1975-77*	Wesley W. Ortner Portland Yacht Club	1956*	Art Russel Seattle Yacht Club
1994	Dr. Richard Disraeli Southwestern Yacht Club	1974*	G. Dudley Henderson Salem Yacht Club	1955*	Ev G. Henry - Founder of IOBG Rainier Yacht Club
1993*	Norman Gallagher Chagrin Yacht Club	1972-73*	Raymond Hash Shelton Yacht Club		
1992*	Wesley Holtzhauser Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1971*	Ed Haecker Hayden Island Yacht Club		
1991	Everett Roberts Columbia River Yacht Club	1970*	Bruce Calhoun Elks Yacht Club		*Deceased
1990*	Thomas R. Elmer Tonawanda Island Launch Club	1969*	Robert McDermaid West Vancouver Yacht Club		
1989*	Norval "Cav" Cavett Hawaii Yacht Club	1968*	Charles McCurdy Des Moines Yacht Club		

U.S. Sailing/IOBG Representative

by Richard Janiszewski

As the Blue representative over the past year, I have spoken to several U.S. Sailing representatives and found them to be very courteous and eager to be of assistance. I can't repeat often enough, they are a wonderful resource and our Chapters and Districts should as necessary, make full use of their services. This is one of the reasons we have a corporate membership.

Recently one of our Districts asked me about the duties and responsibilities of a Principle Race Officer, a major sailing and regatta position. While I provided the essentials, I also suggested that U.S. Sailing has an excellent Instructor's manual on this position and in full detail. Log on to their website, www.ussailing.com for all sorts of sailing information and material. Contact them, you won't be disappointed.

2007 Annual Meeting

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

October 17-21, 2007

IS IT TOO EARLY – NOT REALLY!!!

We counting the days to the 2007 Annual Meeting on Long Beach Island, New Jersey! (Please don't confuse it with Long Island, New York.) Perhaps you would like to know a little bit about our area....Long Beach Island is a barrier island located along the central coast of New Jersey in Southern Ocean County. It lies about 6 miles at sea and is accessible by a causeway bridge. Because of its length and white sandy beaches, the Island has been called Long Beach Island since the earliest days of European exploration. In 1614, Captain Cornelius Jacobsen May, a Dutch explorer and tradesman, traveled down the coast of New Jersey from New Amsterdam (New York). As he reached the northern end of the island known as Long Beach, he noted the rough waters and dangerous shoals uniquely marking the inlet to the bay. He named the inlet "Barendegat", which translates as Inlet of the Breakers. Today, the inlet, the bay and the township of Barnegat share the Anglo version of the name. The strong tides were responsible for many a shipwreck along the length of Long Beach Island, so a lighthouse was built on the northern end of the Island, Barnegat Lighthouse, which still stands today.

Long Beach Island was also an important whaling and fishing center. From the very beginning of the settlement of LBI, people have enjoyed its cool ocean breezes. Shopping is another favorite pastime, as LBI is dotted with hundreds of stores and unique shops. Close by, Tuckerton Seaport offers you an opportunity to step back in time to a place where men and women lived, worked and played—on and by the water. Their lives were heavily dependent on the sea. Many were lost to it, and many thrived because of it. The Seaport will show you how the whalers, shrimpers, oystermen, clambers, lighthouse keepers, life savers, and ship captains lived. Watch decoy carvers from the renowned New Jersey school of carvers who still follow the styles and ways of those who carved before them. Create your own personal painted decoy. The Seaport is dedicated to preserving, presenting, and interpreting the maritime history, heritage, and environment of the Jersey shore. At the annual meeting, you will have a day to visit the Seaport and enjoy a guided "back bay" tour, and a luncheon at Skeeters Crab House.

If you should decide to arrive early—Wednesdays, for example, are "matinee" show days on Broadway in New York City. If you purchase an advanced theatre ticket of your choosing, you will be able "hop a bus" into New York City and return in time for Blue Gavel activities. You can find ticket and show information through ticketmaster.com.

The Engleside Inn will be our hotel host for the Annual Conference. Room reservations can be made by calling 1-800-762-2214. A continental breakfast will be included. Please let them know you are with the IOGB.

Between now and October 2007, you will be provided with complete literature on airport accessibility (Atlantic City is the closest airport, although not all airlines go into AC. Philadelphia or Newark, NJ are almost of equal distance from Long Beach Island), travel directions, and the many special activities that have been planned. If at anytime you should have any questions, contact Dick or Pat Janiszewski at richardjaniszewski@msn.com. More information will be forthcoming in other editions of our LOG. We are looking forward to having you join us at the Jersey shore.



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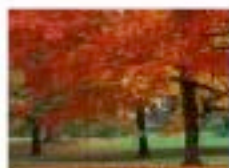
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Initial Deposit of \$50 due Dec. 4, 2006

Second deposit due June 15, 2007

Final Payment due August 1, 2007

Insurance is highly recommended.

A passport is required for this cruise.

A post cruise stay in New York on October 27 is in the works. Accommodations at the Crowne Plaza in Time Square, dinner, and a Broadway show is planned. Prices are not available until mid 2007.

Airfare is available upon request.

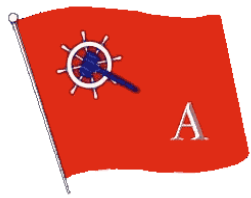


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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

From the President *by Pat Graven*



I would like to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in allowing me to be your 2007 IOGBA President. It's just not me, but it is ALL of you that should be congratulated in this organization.

It's YOU that are out there spreading the word about our organization and raising the funds for the IOBGHF and other projects.

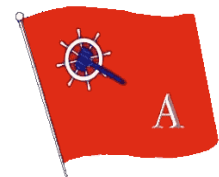
It's the 500+ members strong that have supported your spouse through the chairs of your Yacht Club.

Give yourselves a pat on the back, and continue to share the friendship and camaraderie we all share with one another at our Chapter, District, Regional, and International meetings.

My theme for this year is – YOU GET OUT OF IT WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT – HAVE FUN!!!

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Rita Rollins
Northwest Regional Director

District 1's fall meeting/change of watch was held in Kennewick, Washington at Clover Island Yacht Club. Congratulations to the new Board—Angelica Rooker, President; Betty Hinckley, President Elect; Erika Roberts, First Vice President; Dixie Abernathy, Treasurer; Leslie Waffle, Secretary.

The new Board has great ideas for the 2007 activities, especially their main fundraiser, the "Race for the Stars" sailboat regatta. District 1 also generates funds by having raffles, selling flashing pins, the A-Book, and sweatshirts. District 1 was very proud to present checks to the IOBGHF, Washington State Make A Wish and Wishing Star Foundations for the sum of \$1,708.60 each!!!!

Betsy Sanders
Northeast Regional Director

District 3 has elected officers for 2007, and they are as follows: Gen Dobmeier (Buffalo Launch Club), President; Kathy Connelly (Tonawanda Island Yacht Club), Vice President; Kathy Schafer (Inner Harbor Yacht Club), Treasurer; and Gale Sander (Buffalo Launch Club), Secretary; Best of luck and smooth sailing to all of you. It was decided that District 3

IOBGA would donate \$1000 to Excalibur (an organization promoting boating and sailing for disadvantaged and handicapped young people). IOBG is also donating \$1000. The Humanitarian Foundation has said they will match our donations, so that we, as a district, will be donating a total of \$4000 to Excalibur.

District 26 is very active and doing a great job. They have 15 active members who are raising money for troops in Iraq and local charities. They are planning a "High Tea" on November 19, and are holding a Biography Contest of famous women and hope to have 70 guests.

Christine B. Snedaker
Southeast Regional Director

I am pleased to announce the first official charter for District 8--the North Palm Beach Yacht Club. This is my home club and I am proud to say that all eight members joined in to form the new charter. Four of our members were in attendance at the annual meeting (Susan Sullivan, Bonnie Sussel,

Mary Lou Tringali, and myself). The weekend of October 14-16th was the District 8 fall meeting at the beautiful newly renovated Charlotte Harbor YC in Punta Gorda, Florida. I met with members from Charlotte Harbor YC, Pensacola YC, Bay Point YC, and Treasure Island YC, who all expressed a sincere desire to form charters for their clubs. Thank you to Richard and Lynne Oakley for all their hospitality. I have also spoken to Louise Redner, President of Halifax River YC Auxiliary, who will speak about forming a charter at their December meeting. My goal this year is to get all the eligible chapters in District 8 to organize their charters, and encourage friendships and hospitality throughout the district and internationally.

Hope McLeod
North Central Regional Director

As some of you may already have heard, the International Board of the Auxiliary has reinstated the position of Regional Director. This position will work with the Districts in the area assigned, to help supply information and retrieve any that needs to be communicated to the main

body. It is more or less the Districts representative to the International.

Reports will be sent quarterly to the District President asking for answers to a few questions. These reports will better help us to fill your needs and address any concerns you may have.

I guess by now those of you in the North Central area have figured out that I, as I did once before, have taken on the position. I will be working with Presidents and their members in Districts 7, 9, 23, & 25. I hope to keep in constant touch with you and help your areas grow, as well as provide ideas for making the IOBGA experience a fulfilling one.

You will very shortly be hearing from me with more details and information on where the organization is hoping to go in 2007. Once the weather in our area breaks for the boating season, I will do my best to get out to each District, be it for a meeting, or just to attend a function that you may be having.

I hope that we can develop a good communicative relationship over the next year. One that will further strengthen the Auxiliary we have in the North Central Area. I have been involved in the Auxiliary in this area for 12 years now, and I find our members among the hardest workers and most dedicated group out there. Here's to making the North Central even more visible, informed, and active.

Audrey Hall
District 15

This year has been very fulfilling for us. There were some great chances to get together and enjoy the camaraderie of our members. With their help was raised \$250 for "Special Olympic Sailing." Our summer event was very enjoyable, good food, good antique shopping and, most of all, a great day to spend with some of our friends. We have had some sad times but, with the bond that we have, we are able to get through them. We lost one of our dear friends and our 1995 President, Judy Patchel. We will miss them. October brought our Change of Watch with our new board sworn in. They are: President, Liz Piazzoni; Vice President, Gerry Lounsbury; Secretary, Dennis Loftis; and Treasurer, Dawn Nemoj. Please check our website so that you can plan to attend some of our activities.





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IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "action for life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

From the President

Joan Marsh-Clune

The Annual Meeting of the Foundation was held October 27, 2006 in conjunction with the Blue Gavel Convention aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The Trustees of the Foundation, assisted by IOBG Liaison and Past President Phil Arms, were present at the beginning of the meeting to elect the new directors of the Foundation who will serve 2-year terms. They are P/C Jackie Evans Rudd, P/C George Demos, P/C Marc Connelly and P/P Art Theobald. Additionally on the board for 2007 serving the second year of their 2-year terms are IOBGA P/P Carol Garside, IOBGA President Pat Graven, P/P Marion Hughes and P/C Joan Marsh-Clune. The Foundation board paid tribute to P/P Norm Gallagher who served the Foundation from its beginnings with devotion and energy. He is definitely missed by all. A past director of the Foundation, P/C Bob Shogren was elected by the board to fill the unexpired term.

The appointed officers of the Foundation are P/C Joe Zammit, Advisor, and P/C Joe Tringali, Chief Legal Advisor. Ambassadors for the Foundation provide close points of contact with the Districts in their area. Reappointed to the positions are: P/C Jim Hinckley, IOBGA P/P Jerry Key, P/C Dave Phelps, P/C Peggy Gregory, P/C Anne Fox, P/C Bill Young, and P/C Kathleen Smith.

Special thanks were given to P/C Kathleen Smith who served on the board as Treasurer for the last five years. She was commended for her work to enhance the fiscal accountability of the organization.

The complete list of officers, directors and ambassadors is included in this issue of The Log. Please feel free to contact anyone of those individuals for more information about the projects funded by Foundation dollars and our fundraising needs to continue these programs.

In 2006 the Humanitarian Foundation funded provided \$6,847.00 in community grant funds. Here is a snapshot of the projects that these grants funded:

- matching funds for recovery of junior sailing programs decimated by Hurricane Katrina,
- scholarships which allowed juniors from the community to participate in a summer sailing and water safety program,
- a "wheelchair regatta" that provides a day of boat rides, barbecue lunch and musical entertainment for hundreds of veterans.

At our annual meeting we received two new grant requests which are being studied at this time.

A new tri-fold has been developed to publicize the Foundation's work and promote our fundraising efforts. Thanks go to Jerry Key and Joe Tringali for their work on this project. They hope to have the finished product ready for distribution in early 2007.

In the course of the Blue Gavel meeting I heard many district reports talking about their community service projects. Many of these should appear in this issue of The Log and I encourage you to read them and take these ideas to your own chapters and districts.

Thanks to the IOBG Auxiliary and, especially to Pat Graven, for spearheading the "Care Bear" holiday fund raising for the Foundation. And very sincere thanks to those who participated by contributing so generously. This effort alone raised \$785.00 for the Foundation.

Contributions were also gratefully received from:

- District 7 Auxiliary, presented by Nancy Kay;
- Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club Blue Gavel Chapter, presented by Jerry Key;
- District 1 Auxiliary, presented by Jackie Rudd; and
- District 15 contribution for junior sailing programs, presented by Linda Loftus.

From the President Cont'

As we approach the end of the year, for those of you who see this time of year as a time to make contributions to charities of your choice, please consider a gift to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation to help us make a difference in people's lives by promoting boating activities and education in all our communities.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.



This CARE BEAR and all those whose names appear below wish their friends in Blue Gavel a joyous holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year. In lieu of a card or gift to many friends, they have made donations to this special holiday fund raising project of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary to benefit the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

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"The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others' lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education."

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