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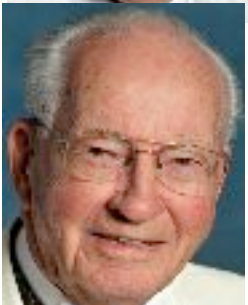
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## President Jerry Rudd

First - Thank you to the 33 out of 35 who returned their ballots. I am sorry that the other two chose not to reply. The mail in ballots showed a better response than waiting for the Annual meeting, something to think about for future voting. As you all know by now, the results are posted on the IOBG web site's Home Page.

The Spring Regional Meeting was held at the Portland Yacht Club on Thursday, June 4th. Thanks to P/C Ron & Gale Timmerman and Committee. They were well organized and ready. They also had an outstanding "homemade" lunch for all of us. A special thanks to the ladies of PYC for all their work on the luncheon. If it weren't for Jackie, I would have had a couple more helpings of dessert.

After the Knighting ceremonies on Friday, Tyee Yacht Club hosted dinner. Commodore Mike Billupt is their number one chief at the BBQ - he did all the meat. I think he had a little help from Gary Nelson, Kathy Muro, P/C Joe Crawford and wife A-Net. Greg Bloomer gave us the history of Tyee Yacht Club, right up to the new renovation, which is quite lovely and also increased the size of the club.

Our Summer Regional Meeting is August 20-22 in Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan. We will be busy. P/C Phil Promessi will have a workshop and 1st VP Vern Bendsen will continue with the By-Laws. **Please bring a copy of the current By-Laws with you.** You can download the newly updated By-Laws (June 2009) off the web site. You can find the link towards the bottom of the Home Page. The **Dress Code** for the meeting is white shirt, no tie, pants/skirt or shorts, white shoes. **However, Dinner requires a Blue Blazer, white shirt w/tie, white pants/skirt, white shoes. (no shorts please).**

I have appointed and had approved by the Board, P/C Michael Billington of District 19 as a "Goodwill Ambassador" for IOBG when he and his wife Diane take a three year trip to yacht clubs along the Great Loop. Those of you who live in the area of the Great Lakes and on the East Coast have an idea of what this consist of, for the rest of us, it means going from the Gulf of Mexico up the East Coast, into the Great Lakes and down the rivers back to the Gulf area.



The name of the yacht is "The Diane B" a 32' Bayliner. Their plan is to have the boat shipped to St. Louis around September 1st then start the journey by going down the Mississippi River as far as the Ohio River and then take the Ohio to the Tennessee River. Mike and Diane are going to be in Tennessee where the Great Loop holds their convention with over 5,000 members attending.

Mike has spent three years planning and organizing this trip. They will contract Area VP and Directors along the way when they visit their areas and also try to attend District meetings when possible. Mike has put a 98-page booklet together with a primary route,

alternate route, and side trips together for their adventures. It has direction of travel with longitude and latitude and Internet data. He has also gathered a list of over 800 yacht clubs in the booklet that they will also try to contract. He will have some literature aboard about IOBG and encourage Staff Commodore to become members.

Mike will also need to pick up more literature on the way, as he possibly couldn't carry 3 years worth to begin with. That's where the Area VP, Directors and members can help out. You can re-supply Mike and Diane with literature.

We wish them calm seas and fair weather. Good luck and safe travels to you both.





## President Elect Ray Thompson

Living in Florida and being an IOBG member of District 8 during the turmoil of the last several years has been unpleasant but enlightening. The assumption that regardless of the difficulties encountered, our Past Commodores would work together "For the Good of the Order", proved to be incorrect. In this instance, we saw camaraderie turn into irreconcilable differences and differing opinions into hard line politics.

Enlightenment of the membership regarding controversial policies, speedily bringing such issues up for a fair vote and then quickly implementing the results of the vote, would significantly reduce internal friction.

Such a program is now in place and the first tangible results of this program was reviewed and evaluated at the Portland meeting. Perhaps with this methodology, we will be able to clear up all controversial ByLaws. The accomplishment of correcting ByLaws to the satisfaction of the membership majority should then leave more time to pursue water-related activities.

Just a reminder that the 2009 IOBG Annual Meeting's location and date has been determined. The dates are October 21-24, 2009 at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821.



<http://renaissanceseaworldorlando.com>

It is hoped that both the hotel amenities and the Theme Parks in the area will encourage a strong member turn out. More details appear in the LOG and on the IOBG Home Page of the web site.



### *Meeting 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](http://www.iobg.org) - or to request a set by mail, please contact:

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# Beyond the Theme Parks

It's almost un-American to visit Orlando and not go to Walt Disney World. America's theme park mecca has a subtle side, with fine dining, spas, wildlife encounters, and a tropical oasis. At the "tropical" beach at Discovery Cove, you can take in Cirque du Soleil performance, visit Winter Park, a snowbird enclave with a jewel of a museum, and you see some wildlife on an airboat ride. Orlando, without the fanfare of the parks, turns out to be a pleasant, even rejuvenating getaway.



Orlando was settled around an American army post abandoned in 1849 after the Second Seminole War. Cattle became big business, leading to cattle rustling and with that lawlessness and gunfights in the streets. The city turned to growing cotton as a more dependable means of income. By 1870, "orange fever" had struck and the citrus industry was flourishing. When freezes devastated the orange groves in 1895, an industrious grower turned his packinghouse into an amusement complex of sorts, with a skating rink, a bathhouse, and a toboggan slide. The entertainment idea caught on, but it wasn't until 1971, when Disney opened the Magic Kingdom, that things kicked into high gear. Today theme parks are inarguably Orlando's main lure; an expanded Disney, has been joined by SeaWorld, Discovery Cove, Universal Orlando Resort, and Islands of Adventure.

Sneakers? Check. Sunscreen? Check. Hat, backpack, theme-park multiday ticket? Check. It's never too soon to begin strategizing. Because no one truly "escapes" to the magical worlds of Disney and other parks without fine-tuning a game plan. Armed with your map and provisions -- snacks, water bottles, sport drinks -- you're ready to outmaneuver the pixie-dusted millions who visit the area each year.



Once you're prepared with a realistic vision of your stay in Orlando, you'll be more than ready to let the fantasy sweep you away to the golden-spired Cinderella Castle in the Magic Kingdom. Then forward march to the lush jungles and sweeping savanna of Disney's Animal Kingdom. Discover Epcot and its hodgepodge of culture and technology. Finally, rewind to a Hollywood heyday that never was at the star-studded Disney-MGM studios. And you may not be finished yet, since the flashier colors and thrills of Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure await beyond Disney World's gates. Don't forget to give SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, and Cypress Gardens their due, either.





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## Makahiki Luau Dinner Show at SeaWorld

It's time to wind down and enjoy the **Friday evening** Makahiki Luau Dinner Show at SeaWorld. When the Kahuna calls you to dinner, you'll wonder whether you're still in Orlando! The Luau is complete with a bountiful island meal and rhythmic dances performed by authentic performers. As you sway to the haunting island music, the fiery performances will blaze against the brilliant sunset and you'll be transported to a magical Pacific paradise.

Wherever you decide to wander, stick to your plan and hang on to your hat, because it's going to be a wonderful joyride.

Makahiki  
LUAU





# First Vice President Vern Bendsen

Are we having fun yet? You bet we are!

For Thursday's meeting, the Portland Yacht Club was our host. Their accommodations were very comfortable and the lunch was a delight. The newly remodeled Tyee Yacht Club were the hosts for Friday's dinner. When visiting yacht clubs, it always amazes me how friendly their members are. I/we always meet new friends and renew friendships. A big THANK YOU to the Portland and Tyee Yacht Clubs for their gracious welcome.

Our meeting in Portland was very productive.

The mail ballot was a success. Thirty three (33) out of the thirty five (35) ballots were received. That is by far, the best voting record that any one can remember. The following election results will be incorporated into our Bylaws:

The results were:

Code of Conduct passed with 83% voting for

Alternate District Director passed with 93% voting for

Duties of the AVPs passed with 100% voting for

District Vote Allocation:

Option A - Maintain current formula - Failed - 13%

Option B - One vote for each 50 members - Failed - 0.4%

Option C - Paid members in increments of 50 - Failed - 0.7%

Option D - Paid members in increments of 25 - Passed - 76%



By passing Option D, each District's vote(s) will reflect to District's percentage of its members to the total membership of the IOBG.

Every member of the Blue Gavel should have had input as to how their Directors voted for the Bylaw changes. If any member did not have input or was not aware of the mail ballot, please let me know because each AVP should have given the their District Directors the propose bylaw changes. The Directors in turn, were to inform the Chapter Presidents, and they their members. The Blue Gavel is for ALL its Members. And COMMUNICATION is the only way we can remain a solid unit.

The Executive Committee wants to bring our Bylaws into the 21st century, and we need your help and input. At the Portland meeting, the assembled members went over the first three Articles of the Bylaws and made suggested changes. These changes will be reviewed at the August Regional Meeting.

I ask all of you Blue Gavel members, to review our bylaws and give us your suggested recommendations for any changes. If you do not have a copy of the bylaws, you can get them on our web site at [www.iobg.org](http://www.iobg.org).

Your Chapter Presidents, District Directors and AVPs, will be asking for your input. We would like the input to be sent to the Bylaws Committee by August 10th. This will give the Bylaw Committee time to have the suggested changes ready to be reviewed at the August meeting.

When Linda and I are traveling around boats, we always look to see if the boats are flying any burgee. Our cruise ship stopped at Astoria, OR. for a visit and docked next to a marina. So, naturally, Linda and I when to look over the marina. We saw one boat flying the Blue Gavel burgee.

On the boat's transom was the name 'Mister Roberts'. The city was Vancouver, WA. Who ever owns Mister Roberts, please let us know. We would be happy to met you some time.

Being in the Blue Gavel is somewhat like being a Marine. The Marines are a very select group. The Blue Gavel is like that. It is a very select group. Be proud of your membership. It is not for everyone.

In closing, let me leave you with this: What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches? - - - - -  
A nervous wreck.





## Second Vice President

Marc Connelly

As I have previously mentioned, part of my job is being the liaison between IOBG and the Auxiliary. Unfortunately the Portland meeting was in direct competition with our son's wedding. I look forward to the August meeting. I am sure the meeting will provide a venue for increased interest and our relationships.

The marketing program is showing some signs of success. But the signs of success are naturally coming only from the areas where the effort is being made to recruit and retain members. It is gratifying to see reports of new and revitalized Chapters, as well as, members coming back into the IOBG. For those officers and members who are trying to use the program, you are to be commended. "Many Thanks" from IOBG !!

Having seen the final tallies of the mail in ballots. I have to say that I was impressed with the interest and participation. Thirty-three ballots voting out of thirty-five sent out equals a 94% response. Please give yourself a pat on the back.

And this months broken record is: The Humanitarian Foundation. Why not investigate the benefits of your foundation and how your Chapters and Districts can benefit.

I look forward to seeing you at the August meeting in Michigan.

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*Treasurer*  
Marshall Nemoy

The financial statements reported at the June 4, 2009 meeting in Portland, Oregon are as of April 30, 2009 and the results of operations for the four months then ended. Except for the balance sheet, the financial statements are presented in the budget comparison format.

**Summary:** Because of the resignation of the officers of District 8 last December and the resulting controversy our total assets have decreased \$1,098 from the same date last year. Our liabilities have increased because the International has been collecting district dues for District 8 while new officers were being elected.

Our dues collections are currently \$12,524 lower than budget and \$12,150 lower than last year at this date. It is anticipated that the results of the mail ballot which is underway may convince some members to pay their 2009 dues. Expenses for combined operations are \$156 greater than budget but \$3,350 greater than last year. The net income of \$42,889 is \$14,370 lower than last year at this date. The largest negative variances occurred in clerical services and printing. A positive variance occurred in travel expenses. A complete copy of the Treasurer's Report may be obtained by sending a request to the International Operations Center.

The membership statistics attached to the report was prepared as of June 1, 2009. On that date we had 1,945 paid members compared to the 2,285 members we had a year earlier at this date. As is easily noted, District 8 has 227 less members than last year. The mail ballot that was opened and counted at the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon is a sincere attempt to demonstrate to the District 8 members that the International is sensitive to their complaints while maintaining fairness for all members of IOBG. It is hoped that when the ballots are counted and the results published, many of the District 8 unpaid members will pay their 2009 dues.

All members are reminded that the number of paid members as of August 1 determines the number of votes allotted to each district at the Annual Meeting in October. Dues will be considered timely paid if the transmittal is postmarked by July 31, 2009. The formula utilized to allocate votes will be in accordance with the results of the election.

The Internal Revenue Service has modified the Form 990 -the tax return for exempt organizations - for the first time since 1979. The new Form 990 emphasizes transparency and is considerably more complex than the previous version. The IRS has provided simpler versions of the form for smaller organizations and subordinate entities. A simpler form, Form 990-N, can only be filed if the IRS has the organization listed as an exempt organization. Over the years many IOBG districts obtained a taxpayer identification number (TIN) primarily to open a bank account. Under the new rules each district must now file the electronic Form 990-N by May 15, of each year.

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Here are some facts about the subject to provide you with a better understanding of the filing requirements:

- \* All districts are automatically covered by the tax exempt status of IOBG. A list of all districts and their tax ID numbers has been sent to the IRS. The list contains the names and addresses of the district treasurers as the contact person for the district.
- \* The IRS presently does not recognize most districts as exempt organizations. The international treasurer has sent a list directly to the IRS in Ogden, Utah requesting all the districts with valid taxpayer identification numbers be recognized as exempt organizations under our Group Exemption Number, GEN 8011. It will take four to six weeks for the IRS to process the request.
- \* Once it is determined the IRS has processed our request, we will notify all district treasurers and provide instructions to file the Form 990-N.
- \* The district treasurer's must electronically file (there is no paper form) the Form 990-N.
- \* The district must have less than \$25,000 gross receipts for the year. Gross receipts are defined as all dues, both international and district, collected plus interest income, supply officer gross income and any other gross income before expenses generated by the district's activities. If that totals less than \$25,000, file the form 990-N.
- \* If the total gross receipts exceeds \$25,000, you must file a Form 990EZ by May 15 of each year.
- \* There is no penalty for late filing of the form 990-N, however, if the Form 990-N is not filed for three consecutive years, the district may lose its tax exempt status.

If a district treasurer has any questions, please feel free to contact me.



*Thanks for the Pictures...  
Contributing LOG photographers  
for this issue...*

*Mike Billington  
Mary Nye Meyers  
Marybeth Thayer*





# Summer Regional Meeting

August 20-22, 2009 Saugatuck/Douglas, MI  
"The Art Coast of Michigan™"



The National Trust for Historic Preservation names Saugatuck-Douglas, Michigan to its 2009 list of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations.

Come and enjoy what the world is raving about!

Artist Galleries, Unique Shops and Boutiques, Charming 19th Century Architecture, and more!



1866 Old Schoolhouse

## Major Optional Events Include:

- SS Keewatin Museum
- Center for the Arts (Professional Theatre Performance TBA)
- Dune Buggy Rides, WWII DUK, Golf
- Oval Beach (1 of top 5 in USA per MSNBC)

## Room Reservation Deadline: June 15

Ship-N- Shore Motel/Boatel  
528 Water Street Saugatuck MI 49453  
(269) 857-2194 or [www.shipnshoremotel.com](http://www.shipnshoremotel.com)

All rooms have water view.

Mention *"Blue Gavel"*

Rates: \$145 - \$175

## Useful Links:

Saugatuck/Douglas Visitors Bureau: <http://www.saugatuck.com/index.asp>

Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society: <http://sdhistoricalsociety.org/>

Tower Harbour Yacht Club: <http://www.thyc.org/>

# INTERNATIONAL ORDER of the BLUE GAVEL 2009 Summer Regional Meeting

August 20-22, 2009

Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan

## EVENT REGISTRATION (Mail-In) FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

IOBG Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Member Of: \_\_\_\_\_ IOBG \_\_\_\_\_ IOBGA

### EVENT & MEAL SELECTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u># Pers</u>	<u>\$/per</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Thursday, August 20</b>					
Welcoming	Ship-N-Shore	5:00-7:00	Complimentary (District 23 & THYC)		
<b>Friday, August 21</b>					
IOBG Lunch	Old Schoolhouse	Noon	_____	\$10	\$ _____
IOBGA Luncheon	Everyday People Cafe	12:30	_____	\$18	\$ _____
Pig Roast	Mt. Baldhead Park	5:30	_____	\$20	\$ _____
Sunset Cruise	Star of Saugatuck	7:30	_____	\$14	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, August 22</b>					
Cocktails	Coral Gables Rest	5:30	Cash Bar		
Dinner	Coral Gables Rest	6:30	_____	\$27	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>					\$ _____

**REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 13, 2009**

Please send check payable to:  
 ROBERT F. SAPITA/ Dist. 23  
 P.O. Box 581  
 Douglas, MI 49406

Questions? 269-857-2123      Email: bksapita@verizon.net

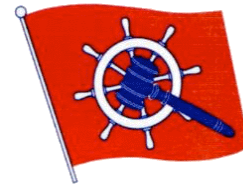
# INTERNATIONAL ORDER of the BLUE GAVEL 2009 Summer Regional Meeting

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## EVENT SCHEDULE



### Thursday, August 20

2:00	Ship-N-Shore Motel/Boatel Check-in
5:00 - 7:00	Registration (Ship-N-Shore)
5:00 - 7:00	Hospitality (Hosted by Tower Harbor YC & District 23)
7:00	Dinner (Restaurant of your choice)

### Friday, August 21

	Dress Code: Summer Whites
7:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast (Ship-N-Shore)
9:00 - 4:00	<b>IOBG Meeting</b> (Douglas Old Schoolhouse)
12:00 - 1:00	IOBG Box Lunch (Douglas Old Schoolhouse)
9:00 - 11:00	<b>IOBGA Meeting</b> (Douglas Library Annex)
12:30 - 2:00	IOBGA Luncheon (Everyday People Café)
2:00 - 3:00	<b>IOBG Humanitarian Foundation</b> (Douglas Library Annex)
5:30 - 6:45	Pig Roast at Mt. Baldhead Park (Saugatuck)
7:30	Sternwheeler Sunset Cruise on Lake Michigan



### Saturday, August 22

7:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast (Ship-N-Shore)
9:00 - 12:00	<b>IOBG Meeting</b> (if Needed) (Douglas Old Schoolhouse) Dress Code: Summer Whites
1:30 - 5:00	Free Time for Relaxing, Shopping, Touring
5:30 - 6:30	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar - Coral Gables Restaurant)
6:30	Dinner (Coral Gables) Dress Code: Blue Blazer and Whites



## Legal Officer

### George C. Knies

This is the age of irresponsibility. It seems as though most figure's who pass by the public stage is a liar, a cheat, a fraud or in the case of elected officials, a failure. Child abuse scandals have tarnished the image of Catholic bishops and priests. Steroid scandals have racked Major League Baseball, the tour de France, and the Olympic Games. As the men who brought the financial system to the brink of collapse were cashing in and remodeling their offices, the executives and union officials who bankrupted the American automobile industry were begging the public sector to give them aid. On any given day, any public figure might be arrested, assaulted, admit to infidelity, go bankrupt, or break down emotionally in front of television cameras. There are no consequences, no accountability.

Our organization is going through major changes regarding our Bylaws and the manner in the way we conduct business. In addition to this the national and world economy is in severe recession, or maybe even a depression!

The fact of the matter is that we cannot go back to the way things used to be. Our world and recreational boating environment have become more complex. And we know that there will be new challenges and obstacles to overcome in coming years. Change is becoming the "new norm" in our society.

For some it is the opportunity for camaraderie or leadership - the opportunity to work together towards common goals with others. For others, it may be the opportunity for training - learning better seamanship and navigation skills. It is likely and understandable that some of us may have to cut back on our time commitment as volunteers, as we deal with all the other many challenges in our lives... but I encourage you to stay with your Club and the Blue Gavel in some capacity, and volunteer as you can. It does not matter whether you volunteer a little, or a lot, your efforts are important .

I encourage you to read our amended bylaws, and think about them - and remember that as we are going through tough times, an important part of our IOBG Ethos is to support each other, your Yacht Club and the IOBG.

Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization. Privacy of all rosters shall be safeguarded and the page clearly labeled.

The publication of these rosters, addresses and telephone numbers on any computer on-line service including the Internet is prohibited by the 1974 Privacy Act.

## “HUMAN BALLAST”

A SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE LEFT UNCHALLENGED!

**George C. Knies**

Did overloading of a 21 foot center console “Everglades” low freeboard boat contribute to it's capsizing in four to five-foot seas in the Gulf of Mexico with two NFL players and two friends recently? I have ten years Gulf of Mexico fishing and CGAUX patrol experience aboard my “Grady White” West of Naples Florida. I learned rapidly to appreciate rapid weather and sea state changes. At the time of this capsizing the crew was attempting to retrieve the anchor that was fouled and they were not wearing PFDs. Unfortunately, the total weight of the four occupants, the sea state and design of the boat contributed to this tragedy.

In the late 90s I participated in the investigation of several incidents of pontoon and deck excursion/tour boats capsizing in the Naples/Fort Myers Florida area due to overloading. More recently there were several small ferry and tour boats that capsized on the East Coast that caused fatalities due to overloading. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that vessel capacity plates reflect the overweight/obesity problem now prevalent in the U.S.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, between 1999 and 2000 the average American male weighed a whopping 190 lbs. Our female counterparts should not smile as the average female tips the scales at 163 lbs. We are getting bigger rapidly and the capacity plates on our boats haven't kept up. Recreational boat manufacturers are currently using 150 lbs. per person.

In 2004, the NTSB recommended that the Coast Guard revise its average body-weight standard of 150 lbs. after a tour boat capsized in Maryland. One year later the standards faced even more scrutiny after another capsizing in New York, in both cases the NTSB found that each passenger weighed nearly 30 to 40 lbs. more than the average weight that the capacity limits were based upon.

Following the New York incident, then Governor George Pataki demanded that the Coast Guard revise its weight standards and directed New York to raise its weight standard to 174 lbs. per passenger for tour boats.

While the Coast Guard was initially slow to respond in 2006 it recommended a new standard of 185 lbs. per passenger for small commercial boats. This is still under review, and to date there has been no mention of amending the weights for recreational boats.

It is glaringly apparent that there is an obesity epidemic in the U.S. affecting children as well as adults. I have been involved in Aviation Safety issues for over fifty years. I have written many articles addressing the obese passengers that require a seatbelt extension to meet the *fasten seatbelt FAA rule*. In the past if you were seated next to a grotesquely/morbidly obese person who was encroaching on your territory you had two alternatives, move to another seat, if none available get off the aircraft. As of April 2009 most major airlines changed their policy; now if your seat belt extension doesn't work and you cannot lower your armrest you have to purchase a second seat. Aircraft weight is an economic as well as a safety factor. I have argued-why should a 150 lb. passenger pay the same fare as a 350 lb. passenger!

The safety conscious boater should take the prudent course and apply the aforementioned NTSB weight criteria, especially on boats of 26 feet or less. Use common sense and not the outdated capacity plate when loading your boat. Should other states follow that of the state of New York?-You bet!!!





## *US Sailing Representative Report*

*by Bill Thayer*

Due to record breaking support from US Sailing members, US Sailing will cover tuition for young adults (age 18 to 30) to attend the US Sailing Race Management Seminars and Judges workshops. More than \$152,000 was contributed to support "Youth Sailing", disabled sailing assistance, as well as, a new Race Officialship Initiative which encourages young sailors to get involved in race administration and participate in local clubs.

New York Yacht Club's Silver Panda (USA 1) bested Australia in the finals, successfully defending their title at the 2009 ISAF Team Racing World Championship held in Perth, Australia from January 31st to February 8th. Teams from Japan, New Zealand, Great Britain, Australia and Ireland, as well as, two teams from the United States competed.

US Sailing and Rolex Watch U.S.A. signed a four year sponsorship through the year 2012.

Terry Hutchinson (Annapolis, MD) and Anna Tunnicliffe (Plantation, FL) were Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the year for 2008.

US Sailing waived their banner at the Volvo Ocean Race's only North American stopover in Boston Harbor.

Dave Perry is traveling around holding seminars on "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing". The US Sailing Appeals book for 2009-2012 became available in May. It includes the ISAF case book for 2009-2012.



VACATION TIME FOR IOBG SUPPLY OFFICE

Finally a vacation for the able bodied workers of **Commodore Insignia**. IOBG Supply Officer Earl Hohlmayer is sending Dixie and her husband Sandy to Greece on the Oceania cruise line ship -The Nautica. Dixie (the Greek) and Sandy have been working hard keeping the IOBG supply office in excellent condition.

**Commodore Insignia** will be closed between October 15 - November 2, 2009. There will be no shipping of products. Order early for items you might need for the 2009 ANNUAL MEETING in Orlando, Florida this October 21-25, such as ties cummerbunds belts, etc.

**CUSTOM** made items, ie IOBG Blazer Emblems, IOBG Name Tags and Shoulder Epaulets take 4 to 5 weeks for delivery, again place custom orders early if you need them in October! Place custom orders in by August.

**We are working on an IOBG logo patch for shirts or hats**



1380 Centerville Lane #32 Gardnerville, NV 89410-9715 Email: Comsignia@aol.com www.commodoreinsignia.com		(775) 782-3380 (800) 315-7485 Fax: (775) 782-4003
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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 \$20.95 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	Black	White	Unit Price	Total
IOBG Blazer Emblem				
Auxiliary Blazer Emblem				

Please Print

I am a paid up member of IOBG District # \_\_\_\_\_ YachtClub \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 IOBGA District # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

The above will be verified. \_\_\_\_\_

Member will be billed for emblems when shipped. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2009 Annual Meeting Events Schedule



Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld

Sea Harbor Drive

Orlando, FL 32821

1-800-468-3571 or 407-351-5551



	<u>Time</u>	<u>No Persons</u>	<u>Event Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Wednesday, October 21</u></b>				
Registration	2 :00 - 5:00 PM			
Hospitality Room	4 :00 - 6:00 PM		No Charge	
Dinner - On Your Own	Open			
<b><u>Thursday, October 22</u></b>				
<u>All Meetings - Dress Whites</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
Area VP's Round Table Discussion	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA - Attractions	9:00 AM			
Lunch - IOBG	12:00 - 1:00 PM	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
Area VPs/Dist.Directors Round Table (cont)	1:00 - 3:00 PM			
Hospitality Room	4 :00 - 5:30 PM		No Charge	
Dinner - On Your Own	(Three Restaurants in Hotel)			
<b><u>Friday, October 23</u></b>				
<u>IOBG &amp; IOBGA Meetings - Dress Whites</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 4:00 PM			
IOBG Pre-Meeting Discussion	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA Pre-Meeting Discussion	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
Joint Lunch	12:00 - 2:00 PM	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
District #8 Meeting	1:00 - 4:00 PM			
IOBGHF Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM			
Makahiki Luau Dinner Show at SeaWorld	5:00 PM - ?	_____ @	\$53.00	\$ _____
<b><u>Saturday, October 24</u></b>				
<u>IOBG &amp; IOBGA Meetings - Dress Whites</u>				
Registration	8:00 - 9:00 AM			
IOBG Annual Meeting	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
IOBGA Annual Meeting	9:00 - 11:30 AM			
Joint Lunch - Speaker	12:00 - 2:00 PM	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
District #8 Meeting (continued if necessary)	2:00 - 4:00 PM			
GRAND BALL (Formal Dress)	7:00 - 12:00 AM	_____ @	\$68.00	\$ _____
Dinner and Dancing				
Installation of Officers				
<b><u>Sunday, October 25</u></b>				
IOBG Fall Regional Meeting	9:00 - 11:00 AM			





## 2009 Annual Meeting Mail-In Registration Form

Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld

6677 Sea Harbor Drive

Orlando, FL

32821

**Wednesday, October 21**

Hospitality Room

**Thursday, October 22**

Lunch - IOBG  
(The Renaissance Chicken Caesar)

	<u>No Persons</u>	<u>Event Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____

**Friday, October 23**

Joint Lunch (The Deli Plate)  
  
Makahiki Luau Dinner Show

	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
	_____ @	\$53.00	\$ _____

**Saturday, October 24**

Joint Lunch - Speaker  
(The Plated French Connection)  
  
Dinner and Dancing  
Installation of Officers

	_____ @	\$25.00	\$ _____
	_____ @	\$68.00	\$ _____

Dinner: Broiled Atlantic Salmon on Sauteed Spinach with Roasted Tomato Coulis. Boneless Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Spinach & Fontina Cheese and Mustard Cognac Sauce.  
If there is a special diet plate that you need please contact me.

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please call the Hotel** for room reservations at 1-800-468-3571 before **Sept. 25, 2009**.

When making your reservations mention **IOBG** for the special rate of \$109.00 for Single or Double

This rate is also available for 3 days prior & 3 days after the conference for your leisure

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG 2009" AND SEND THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:

P/C Clifford Lewis  
P.O. Box 350886 Palm Coast, FL 32135

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest is a member of IOBG \_\_\_\_\_ IOBGA \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your reservation must be received No Later Than **October 16, 2009**



**Shuttle To Orlando International Airport  
\$17.00 per person – Reservations Required**

Departures from Renaissance Orlando to The Airport  
Reservations are required and can be obtained at the Service Desk

Should this schedule not be convenient for you, taxi service is available at any time at the bell stand.

The rate to Orlando International Airport is approximately \$55.00.

For Flights Departing Between		Your Shuttle Pick up time is
5:50 AM	6:45AM	2:55AM
6:50	7:45	3:55
7:50	8:45	4:55
8:50	9:45	5:55
9:50	10:45	6:55
10:50	11:45	7:55
11:50	12:45	8:55
12:50	1:45PM	9:55
1:50PM	2:45PM	10:55
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3:50	4:45	12:55PM
4:50	5:45	1:55
5:50	6:45	2:55
6:50	7:45	3:55
7:50	8:45	4:55
8:50	9:45	5:55
9:50	10:45	6:55
10:50	11:45	7:5

Shuttle Schedule to Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom  
**\$16.00 per person Roundtrip – Reservations Required**

Departures from Renaissance Orlando  
7:05AM, 8:05AM, 9:05AM, 10:05AM, 3:05PM, 4:35PM

Returns begin at the following times:  
Hollywood Studios 3:00PM  
Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom 3:30PM  
EPCOT 3:45

Returns continue hourly through 1 hour past scheduled park closing and require reservations at least 90 minutes prior to desired departure time.

COMPLIMENTARY Shuttle To SeaWorld and Aquatica Universal Studios, Island of Adventure and City Walk

Departures from Renaissance Orlando  
8:25AM, 9:25AM, 10:25AM, 3:25PM, 4:55PM, 6:25PM

SeaWorld – 3:30PM  
Aquatica – 3:20PM  
Universal Studios – 3:15PM  
Island of Adventure – 3:15PM  
City Walk – 3:15PM through 2:15AM

Returns continue hourly through 2 hours past scheduled park closing times and require reservations

Shuttle Schedule to Downtown Disney, Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon  
**\$16.00 per person Roundtrip – Reservations Required**

Departures from Renaissance Orlando  
7:25AM, 8:25AM, 9:25AM, 10:25AM, 3:25PM, 4:55PM

# Northwestern V.P.



Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 & 24

## Art Kovarnik

District 1  
Mary Nye Meyers, Director

Like most of the Districts...with the arrival of Spring and Summer comes the flurry of activity associated with the boating season and the people who love it. District 1 is no exception.

We began our festivities with the combined District 1 and District 5 Spring Meeting held in Hood River, Oregon on April 24-26. Members from both Districts attended the meeting and braved the wind and occasional rain.

Pictured from left to right: Dist. 5 members- P/P Ev Roberts & President Bob Gedde. Dist. 1 members- President Jim Hinckley & Dist. Director Mary Nye Meyers



All 57 attendees motored to the Cascade Locks to board the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler for a 3-hour cruise. I was told that some of the group was seen leaving the pilot house after having a short stint at the helm.



District 1 was well represented at the Opening Day ceremony held at the Seattle Yacht Club on May 2nd. The annual parade with over 300 boats and 23 classes launched the first official day of boating season here in the Pacific Northwest. The dance hall 'ladies', sheriffs, gunfighters, cowboy hats and headdresses further authenticated this year's theme - "Wild, Wild West".



On July 10-12, we are traveling again...this time to our neighbors to the north for another shared District Summer Picnic with the IOBG Canadian Chapters at the West Bank Yacht Club on Lake Okanogan in Kelowna, British Columbia. We always have a wonderful time visiting with our Canadian friends.

Thanks to our hardworking Board, we have begun to see some success in District 1's utilization of the Marketing Plan introduced by 2nd Vice President Marc Connelly. We have all pulled together to develop new ways to communicate with our members. Using our new **E-lert system** we can instantly email our members with updates, announcements and reminders. On a more traditional note, we have also mailed letters of interest and invitation to our 22 active Chapters, 29 prospective Chapters and 35 inactive Chapters. District 1 has 149 members, based on the data from the same time last year...we have added 7 new members and lost NONE. Slowly but surely, we are seeing good things happening with the membership.

In this age of instant communication, I believe that the more we can do to keep in touch with our members, the more it will benefit us all. Consider establishing an E-lert system or maybe even your own District web site. Your web site can then be linked to the main IOBG web site. These are just some ideas that we are using in District 1.

Hope to see you in Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan in August.



# Southwestern V.P.

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

## Larry Draper

In January, I attended an Awards & Installation of Officers at Del Rey Yacht Club for the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs.

On March 14 & 15, Deanna and I traveled to Southern California for the Opening Days at Marina Del Rey. The two-day event hosted by seven yacht clubs is always an enjoyable weekend.

We attended Northern California Opening Days in April.. On April 4th I had the honor to be a judge in the South Bay Opening Day. On the 26th we participated in Opening Day on the Bay, "Legends of the Sea". My yacht club, Oyster Point, won 4 trophies; the "Boat US, Ward Cleaveland" trophy for "Best Over-all", 2nd place for best decorated power boat, 1st place for flags and streamers, and the coveted Claude Benham trophy for the greatest number of participants in ratio to number of boats in the club and distance traveled. Deanna and I were honored to accept the "Benham" at a recent PICYA meeting.

On June 19, 2009 we attended the dedication of a new chapter in District 14 and the installation of new IOBG members at Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael, CA. George Knies was installing officer. Vern Bendsen, Larry Draper and Dist. 14 President, Lenworth Gordon assisted. The new members were Paul Simmons, William Olsen, Ric Laurence, Chuck Essayan, Ron Witsel and Jim Aberer.



On June 27 District 19 VP Herman Meyer and IOBGA District 19 President, Sue Meyer, hosted a barbecue at their ranch near Stockton, CA. This followed a wine tasting at a nearby winery. On July 25 District 19 will have an appreciation day and nomination for officers for the next year.

See you in Michigan.



District 10  
LaVon Plumlee, President

Welcome Aboard to our newest member, Janet Satterfield from Single Sailors' Yacht Club. The induction ceremony was performed at our District 10 Welcome Aboard Prime Rib dinner for our new members at Bunker 33 aboard the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Attendance by our members was outstanding. Our guests for the dinner included Captain Jon Kurtz, Commanding Officer of the Naval Weapons Station, and his wife. New members present at our dinner included P/C Ken Griffing and his wife Judy, and P/C Bill Wheeler plus our newly inducted member, P/C Janet Satterfield from Single Sailors' Yacht Club. Welcome aboard! We enjoyed meeting our new members, and we know they enjoyed the evening.

Events for the Charity Regatta begin next month with a Swap Meet on July 11th. Join us for our Pancake Breakfast followed by Hot Dogs adjacent to the Seal Beach Yacht Club. All funds from the Charity Regatta go towards the Long Beach Children's Clinic.

Fair winds and have a nice summer.



New Member Janet Satterfield (left)  
with Dist. 10 President LaVon Plumlee

District 14  
George Knies, Secretary/Alt. Dist. Director

April saw District 14 participating in the South Bay Opening Day ceremonies by conducting a District meeting and serving on committees. Linda Bendsen was one of the judges for the decorated boat parade, also in attendance were 1st VP Vern Bendsen, SEVP Larry Draper, District 14 Director Shirley Ahlf and many more. The Central Bay (San Francisco Bay) Opening Day was planned by P/C Reg. Smith, Vice Commodore of the PICYA. District 14 provided the Media Boat, "El Nido" with P/Cs Jim Aberer, Sandy Aberer and myself on board. P/C Gordon Strom won first place for the best kids decorated boat.

In May our District provided the Race Committee and boat for the 2nd Interclub Race on San Francisco Bay. On May 9th there was a cruise-in to Treasure Island for the annual KABOOM fireworks display.

The Marin Yacht Club will receive their Chapter Charter during ceremonies on June 19th. District 14 will participate in the Summer Sailstice weekend activities taking place on Treasure Island June 19 – 21.

As of this date District 14 has 54 members 11 of which are new.

District 15  
Linda Loftis, Dist. Director

I enjoyed the IOBGA member luncheon and look forward to the clambake on June 20th with Navy Yacht Club and Chula Vista Yacht Club. The District will pay part of the cost in appreciation to all members and spouses. We plan to have a luncheon in July at CVYC and later a trip to the casino with the IOBGA.

The Change of Watch will be at SGYC on October 3 and a Silent Auction for the Humanitarian Fund.

I am currently working with the newsletter editor to have a District 15 Directory made for all members.

District 19  
Gary McGrath, District Director

Our last function was our annual District Cruise out to Stockton Yacht Club. We had six boats. After our meeting, we joined the Stockton YC members in a roasted pig dinner. After dinner there was a flag retirement ceremony where anybody can bring an American flag that is worn out or torn. I had a previous engagement so I could not stay, but I understand it is quite a ceremony.

Our membership in District 19 is 161 members (18 new and reinstated from 2008), we had a total of 31 members that did not renew from 2008. President Joan Marsh Clune has assigned those errant members to various Board members for follow up contact. We are currently engaged in that endeavor. The District has 28 Chapters and we only got 14 new Commodores to join this year. That has been an ongoing problem so the District has come up with some ideas to try and remedy that in the next year's recruitment. We are in somewhat of a dilemma in that IOBG is by invitation so our efforts must be to recreate the interest of those delinquent Commodores in order for them to nominate their current Commodores next year.

Last week we had a wine tasting and barbeque at our VPs (Herman Meyer) ranch. This was a well attended event and a good time was had by all even though the temperature hit triple digits. Again, it seems that the event meeting seem to bring out the most members.

Upcoming in July 26 is our Member Appreciation Day and this year it will be held at Windmill Cove Resort and Marina.

Members John and Lucille Anthony have graciously consented to put on a Lobster feed as a campaign fundraiser for Verne Bendson's inauguration.

District 51  
Linda Loftus, District Director

I sent postcards to all members reminding them of dues to be paid and some answered. As it stands, I have only 7 out of 26 members paid. I am disappointed by this response, but understand the reasons - what with the economy, distance of several of the members and lack of local representation.

I wanted to let the District members know how I am voting on these measures and assure them that I will represent their District until the Annual meeting in October 2009. If any members of the District wish to be appointed to District 51 Director, please advise: President Jerry Rudd at his email address: jrjackie1@comcast.net



# North Central V.P.

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Districts 7, 9, 23, 25

## Francis D. Ramsey

District 7

Tony Caruso, Dist. Director

In January, District 7 had an E-Board meeting at Lakeside Yacht Club in Cleveland to plan the events and functions for 2009. We provided staffing for a booth at the Mid-America Boat Show in Cleveland to further our mission in the boating community.

We also had an E-Board meeting in March where we finalized our District budget and provided for fund raising events and planned our donations for 2009.

On March 20 & 21, we held our Presidents Ball at the DoubleTree Inn. Attendance in this economy was somewhat lower than expected but almost 70 people attended and enjoyed the social functions. Even with the small attendance, we had a net profit of \$554.00.

On April 16 we held our "Blue Blazer Social" in the Penthouse at Bratenahl Place. This is our major membership event held every year. We invite the Past Commodores and the current year's Commodores from each of the 55 Chapters in District 7. This is an evening event of light refreshments, snacks, etc. The Bridge Officers and other interested members attend and make certain that the invited guests understand our organization and its goals. Since its inception in 2002, the Blue Blazer Social has been a good method to obtain members.

I am certain that other Districts share the same problems in generating new memberships and the same difficulties in explaining our mission. As an example, we invited 139 individuals to this function and received responses only from 6 individuals. Yet 25 potential members came and we signed up 4 new members that evening with each new member's wife joining the IOBGA that night.

We had an E-Board meeting May 14th at Edgewater Yacht Club where we decided that the success of the social function justified trying this method of membership development in our in-land yacht club Chapters. We held a "Blue Blazer South" function on June 4 and invited 39 potential members from the 5 in-land Chapters. About 7-8 attended but we were able to sign 6 new members for IOBG and all of the wives joined IOBGA.

Combined with the one-on-one efforts from the Bridge Officers, we've added 22 new members to date in 2009. Offsetting our gains, we still have 86 members who have not paid 2009 dues.

District 9  
Jack White, Dist. Director

District 9 had a successful fund raiser with its recent annual pig roast. The net proceeds are contributed to our local humanitarian fund and used to promote local charities. Funds have been sent to the Sight Center of Toledo - Juvenile Program, Vail Meadows for the Handicapped, Wertz Warriors - Special Olympics and some local food banks.

We are embarking upon a program to set up a fund to provide for the payment of Blue Gavel dues for our members who are in an extreme hardship position rather than, after many years of service to our organization, have them drop out due to their financial stress.

Monroe Boat Club has an antique car show and fund raiser in August, Cooley Canal YC has a dinner in November, Ottawa River YC has a fish fry coming up, Point Place BC has their famous roast beef dinner at the poker run in August.

Western Lake Erie Cruising Association is offering its expertise in predicted log training to any Blue Gavel Chapter.

District 9's membership is down overall and the E-board is working diligently to promote and recover our membership back to the 300's.

District 23  
Bob Sapita, President

Greetings from District 23!

The Tower Harbour YC chapter has been active in two areas. One has been the promotion of IOBG to other yacht clubs and the other has been the preparation for hosting the 2009 Summer Meeting. While we haven't been successful in getting any new clubs to join to date, we are still working the issue. In an effort to get our 'foot in the door' we have offered to present to several clubs in the area the newly developed presentation on flag etiquette. In addition, we have mailed letters to 12 clubs in the area inviting them to attend a 'Let's Get Acquainted' session during our upcoming Summer Meeting. We are hopeful some new members and Chapters will materialize from these efforts.

Arrangements are well in place for the upcoming Summer Meeting here in the Saugatuck/Douglas area. We have been successful in securing waterfront lodging, appetizing catering, sunset cruising, and other attractions that should ensure a productive, edifying, and relaxing meeting experience.

We are particularly excited about having the recently restored 1866 'Old Schoolhouse' as a meeting venue. The area is so rich in 19th Century history and architecture that meeting there will certainly reinforce the values of tradition and service, two principles of the IOBG.

Our Chapter here, the officers and members of the Tower Harbour Yacht Club, are excited about hosting the Summer Meeting and are looking forward to making new friends and sharing our 'Art Coast of Michigan' with our fellow IOBG members. We will see you all at 42.64° N, 86.20° W - August 20-22!



# Northeastern V.P.

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Districts 3, 12, 20, 26, 27

## Chuck Browning

District 3  
Lewis W. Smith, District Director

District 3 President Warren Schafer presided over an Executive Board meeting on June 16th. He recently underwent chemotherapy and has come through it very well. P/C Donald Peacock reported that District 3 has 138 members and has stayed almost the same for the last two years. The meeting's main objective was to make sure our summer social events are ready to roll.

P/C Paul Schneeberger has set up a summer party at the Buffalo Launch Club on July 23rd. Several members will provide their yachts for rides on the Niagara River, after which we will enjoy the club's hospitality at the "Lodge". Auxiliary members will conduct a raffle in continuing support of the "Excalibur" organization.

On August 12th, Tuscarora Yacht Club will host a Blue Gavel summer sail. P/C's Bill Guggemos and David McLeod have arranged an afternoon sail followed by dinner at their Lake Ontario club. Olcott Yacht Club is actively supporting junior sailing on Lake Ontario and Niagara Sailing Club is again sponsoring a learn to sail week on the Niagara River.

District 20  
David Meshulam, District Director

District 20 had 9 P/C's attend the meeting last night representing 6 of our Chapters. Dave passed along my offer to attend and had the following results:

The consensus was that they had to concentrate on building the Chapters by convincing the P/C's that they are benefiting from membership in IOBG. The feeling is still that the members get nothing from the national organization for their \$40 membership fee. Keep in mind that except for Dave, the President, and 2 other members, none have gone to a Regional meeting. They also feel that the voting procedures now in place do not give any say to the individual member. Dave will address that issue after reviewing the bylaws as suggested. They will continue as a District for this year and will decide before the end of the year whether to continue.

To increase participation in their IOBG Chapter, District 20 is offering to support individual projects. Dave's yacht club Chapter; as well as 2 other Chapters are donating copies of Watersmart from the Start for distribution to kids. They are now able to get the texts free (paying only for freight) from the United States Power Squadron. This will certainly give P/C's and IOBG recognition.

District 26

District 26 is holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Thanks to a Vet Day" on September 13, 2009. All IOBG Chapters of District 26 are encouraged to invite disadvantaged Veterans and their guests to come to their respective clubs and spend a few hours on club member boats, either sail or power – touring their respective harbors. Some Clubs have done this in the past with great success.

District 27

Again this year District 27 will be raising funds to support two different charities, "**Vet's on the Bay**" will take out wounded veterans and their families for a day of relaxation and boating, also they will be raising funds for "**Children of Fallen Soldiers**" this organization supports children who have lost their Father, Mother or both parents in Iraq or Afghanistan.



Eastern Yacht Club

I would like to extend my thanks to Eastern Yacht Club for submitting their Chapter Membership Application and requesting to be part of District 27. Welcome aboard.

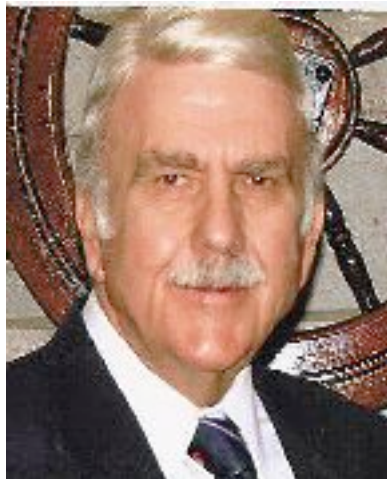
**White Rocks Yacht Club** is our newest IOBG Chapter in District 27 and I know we will be hearing a great deal from them in the future. Congratulations Commodore Brian & First Lady Joan

**Bush River Yacht Club**

Has scheduled their Opening Day Ceremonies on June 13, 2009. This is a big function with many sister yacht clubs and IOBG Chapters from all over the Chesapeake Bay in attendance. Congratulations to Commodore Tom Dice and First Lady Janis.

Bush River Yacht Club IOBG Chapter held their Dinner/Membership meeting on April 2, 2009. This meeting included their spouses for the first time and it was a big success.





# Southeastern V.P.

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## Districts 8 & 18 Tom Sullivan

District 8 held it's first official meeting on April 17 & 18 2009 at Royal Palm YC, Ft. Myers, Florida---and what a meeting it was !!

The following Officers were sworn in by SEVP Tom Sullivan:

DISTRICT PRESIDENT	A.Lee Clifford of Royal Palm YC
VICE PRESIDENT	Thomas "Joe" Dowdell of Marathon YC
SECRETARY/TREASURER	Robert Pease of Royal Palm YC
LEGAL OFFICER	John A. Schultz of Venice YC
SUPPLY OFFICER	Bob Shogren of Treasure Island Tennis & YC
GULF STREAM EDITOR	Harvey Sussel of North Palm Beach YC

It was interesting to note that almost all those sworn in were members of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.

District Director De Ramsey was sworn in via telephone and will be available for duty in mid June.

In attendance were at least 32 members who were enthusiastic and focused on making District 8 whole again after the previous Board resigned to form a new organization last December (08).

We had a quorum and a proxy authorization was taken in addition to a mail in ballot which overwhelmingly elected the Board. Questions from the floor were fielded and it was interesting to note that everyone (except one person) attended the meeting to see District 8 "off and running" once again.

A plaque was presented to PC Hal Slaughter, Commodore of the Royal Palm YC for hosting this very important meeting.

Most members and their guests stayed on for lunch and renewed old friendships.

In the early evening, a cocktail party was held and dinner (off the menu) was served to some 80 people. Continuous music for listening and dancing had many "punishing the Parquet" and an enjoyable time was had by all.

My thanks to PC Lee Clifford for serving once again as District 8 President and PC Bob Pease for arranging this meeting at their Club. Kudos also go to the Past Commodores Mates Auxl., the Chefs, and the entire staff for making this weekend one that will be remembered.

District 8 is looking forward to holding it's Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, with the International in October----and honoring one of it's own, PC Ray Thompson.

The District is also extending a welcoming greeting to PIP Art (and Betty) Theobald when they arrive in Cape Coral; which is also the home of District President Lee Clifford and District Director De Ramsey.



President-Elect Ray Thompson (District 8) being knighted in Portland, Oregon (2009 Spring Regional Meeting).



Dorothy Thompson & Family



Exec. Committee - Spring Regional Meeting  
Portland Yacht Club

District 18

PC John McAlister of Charleston Yacht Club reports that three Past Commodores will be applying for IOBG Membership.

Discussions are presently taking place with Dist. 18 Chapters for a much needed leadership team. PC Mike Barrow of Ft. Loudoun YC (Tenn.) is leading these discussions.



*In Remembrance...*

*Daniel Redner...2006 President District 8*

LTC Redner passed away Saturday, February 14th in Ormond Beach, Florida. After attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and served in command and teaching staff positions in the U.S. and Germany before being assigned to the war in Viet Nam.

Upon retirement from teaching staff at Fort Benning, Georgia, he moved to Ormond Beach in 1983 with his wife, Louise. He became Commodore of the Halifax River Yacht Club in 2002 and District President in 2006.

To those who knew him best, he will be remembered as a man who by his actions, maintained the highest traditions of the military and lived by the code of the Long Gray Line, "Duty, Honor, Country".





# IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

IOBG Humanitarian Foundations, Inc.

## PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

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.

"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."

This is the Mission Statement of the Humanitarian Foundation.

*P*resident Jim  
Hinckley

There have been two LAP applications received by the Humanitarian Foundation requesting grants since our last Winter Regional meeting held in San Diego in February.

One project called "Panthers at Sea" was a joint venture project with Long Beach Singles Yacht Club and Jordan High School students from Long Beach, California. This project entailed taking biology students on a one day sailing excursion at sea, providing the students an opportunity to experience an outing on the open ocean in a caring, instructional, and nutritional environment, broadening their appreciation of the sea environment and developing a respect for the ocean eco-system. This outing was followed up with enhanced classroom instruction.

The second application was submitted by District 19 IOBGA to help fund scholarships for the Girls Sea Scouts crewing on the "Tiki Too", a 95 Foot Viet Nam era gun boat PTF-26. The all-girl crew attends weekly meetings and scheduled events three weekends per month, eleven months per year. In 1983, the Tiki Too was the first all-female unit to earn CLIPPER CLASS - the Ancient Mariner Regatta's highest award and have repeated this feat on many occasions since. At our Board meeting in held on June 4th in Portland, Oregon, the IOBGHF agreed to issue District 19 Auxiliary a check in the sum of \$1000 to be presented to the Girls Sea Scouts to be used for scholarships and safety equipment on the "Tiki Too" Program.

Information about the IOBGHF and LAP applications can now be found on the IOBG website. Go to IOBG.org and click on LINKS. In short we still need to create some fundraisers to help out our coffers so that we can



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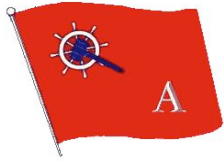
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# International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



## President Audrey Hall

By the time you read this, summer will have officially started. I know everyone has been ready to take their boat to the water. Whether you are cruising or racing we all have this wonderful camaraderie, the love of the water.

My special thanks to the Auxiliary members of the Portland Yacht Club for hosting our Regional Meeting this year. A meeting room was set up and ready for us to start. We accomplished a great deal and we have decided the rest of the year's goal will be to "have fun while fund raising."

Another special thanks to the Tyee Yacht Club for the great dinner they put together for the IOBG/A. All of us enjoyed the great camaraderie that this organization seems to generate. We made many new friends, as well as, renewed the old friendships.

We have three (3) good ways to connect with each other:

1. Contact me at [hulakai2@cox.net](mailto:hulakai2@cox.net) or 760-757-6796
2. The Blue Gavel LOG Newsletter
3. Our own web site at [www.iobga.org](http://www.iobga.org)

**We have our own site that you can put in your 'favorites' or 'bookmarks' when you need to find the latest information about what's happening with our Auxiliary."**

You can go directly to our site at [www.iobga.org](http://www.iobga.org) (instead of clicking on the Links section of the IOBG web site and then looking for the Auxiliary site).

Our website has our section of the LOG newsletter for your convenience along with all the information you will need to help you stay in touch with your fellow members.

Please let me know what you think of our site and please don't hesitate to add your events.

Our next meeting will be in Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan on August 20, 2009. District 23 is hard at work getting everything ready for us. We hope to be able to meet and greet many new friends of our Auxiliary. I do hope some of you will be able to join with us. Many of the details are on [our website](http://www.iobga.org) so please check to see what we are going to do and hopefully you can find something that will interest you enough to join in the fun.

Remember our goal this year "fun while fund raising"



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Northwest Regional Report  
Betty Hinckley, District 1 President/ Director

District 1 and District 5 assembled at the Hood River Inn in Hood River, Oregon, on April 24-26, 2009 for a joint meeting of the two Districts. There were 14 members and guests present at the Saturday morning meeting. Two new members were inducted into the IOBGA: Diane Burns, Emerald Rose Yacht Club and Susan Williams, Seabacs Yacht Club. Leona Pointer, a charter member of District 1 IOBGA and a member of Spokane Yacht Club, was reinstated. Everyone present won a raffle prize. \$93 was raised for the three charities: Make-a-Wish, Wishing Star, and the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

Peter DeBoer, retired Coast Guard after 23 years of service, President of the Chamber of Commerce in Kingston, Kingston Port Commissioner, and Past Commodore of Kingston Cove Yacht Club, presented an excellent report on the proper use of the Maritime VHF radio. The three- hour dinner cruise aboard the Columbia Sternwheeler out of Cascade Locks on Saturday evening was a fitting ending to an outstanding weekend. The rain subsided and a double rainbow spanned the Columbia River Gorge from one side of the river to the other.

All Officers and Trustees of District 1 were invited to attend the Opening Day ceremony at Seattle Yacht Club on May 2, 2009. The theme "Wild, Wild, West" was quite evident as we walked the grounds or the docks and ran into lawmen, gunfighters and dance hall girls in the SYC Corral. The annual parade with over 300 boats in 23 different classes cruised past the judges through the Montlake Cut into Lake Washington. Aboard "Why Dreme", a 70 foot Horizon, IOBG and IOBGA participants enjoyed the unofficial first day of boating season.

Betts Hinckley, Gerva Hughes and Jackie Rudd represented District 1 IOBGA at the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon, on June 4, 2009. Everyone should check out our web site: [www.iobga.org](http://www.iobga.org) for interesting information concerning the Auxiliary.

Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Summer Picnic, July 10-12, 2009 with the Canadian Chapters at West Bank Yacht Club in Kelowna, B.C. on Lake Okanogan. We are expecting a grand turnout. The District 1 Fall Meeting at the Des Moines Yacht Club will be held September 18 - 20, 2009. Looking way ahead into the New Year, why don't you plan to attend the Spring IOBG Meeting for District 1 at Clover Island Yacht Club's new facility? Put the IOBG International Convention on your calendar for October 22-25, 2009 in Orlando, Florida at the entrance to Sea World. SEE YOU THERE!

Southwest Regional Report  
Deanna Tomei, Director

From January through March Larry and I attended as many Opening Day events as possible in Southern California. In between these events was the San Diego meeting, which I missed due to hospitalization. I want to thank Lucy Anthony for doing the minutes of the meeting.

Larry and I attended Northern California Opening Days in April. On April 4th we attended the South Bay Opening Day, "Legends of the Bay". On the 26th we participated in Opening Day on the Bay, "Legends of the Sea". Our yacht club, Oyster Point, won 4 trophies. More details in SW Vice President Larry Draper's article.

On June 19, 2009 we attended the dedication of a new Chapter in District 14 and the installation of new IOBG members at Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael, CA. We were asked to sit at various tables around the room and talk about IOBG. What a great way to meet the new members and what delightful tablemates we had! Two newly inducted members were at our table and we had no lack of things to talk about.

On June 27, District 19 VP Herman Meyer and IOBGA District 19 President, Sue Meyer, hosted a barbecue at their ranch near Stockton, CA. This followed a wine tasting at a nearby winery. On July 25, District 19 will have an Appreciation Day and nomination for Officers for the next year.

See you in Michigan.

District 15  
Judy Longfellow, President

The District 15 IOBGA had a great New Member Lunch at the Bali Hai Restaurant in March where we welcomed our new members. We sold raffle tickets for a beautiful basket, put together by Grace Hansen, to raise money for the Humanitarian Fund. Another basket with an Italian theme was donated by Judy Longfellow, which included her own homemade Limon cello, and was won by one of our new members.

Our next project is going to be in August and will be a fundraiser for a special group in San Diego. It a PHANTOM CRUISE. Please watch for your invitations. You will not want to miss out on this exciting fundraiser!

November 7<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a bus to Viejas to have fun and do some early Christmas Shopping. We will have some refreshments on the bus so it should be a fun time on our way out there. We want to fill the bus, so please feel free to ask friends to join you. More details about the trip will be out by the first part of October.

So far the rest of our year has been going great with attending the many Opening Days in our area and also going to the San Diego Association of Yacht Club dinners each month, where we have sold several of the IOBGA Cookbooks.

District 26  
Christine Swett, Secretary

The Mt. Sinai Yacht Club IOBGA ladies held their 4th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon with over 65 in attendance. A delicious buffet luncheon catered by the MSYC kitchen and the IOBGA ladies and family members modeled great fashions from Laurie Anne's Fashion Boutique of Mt. Sinai. Over 60 raffle baskets contributed to the success of this event. The IOBGA was able to donate a total of \$1,800 to twelve worthy organizations, including local soup kitchens, churches, and other needy charities.

Once again, thanks to all of our members that helped with this event: Gail Schaeffer (coordinator), Lori Salyer (door), Chris Swett (50/50), Cathy Prwivo (MC and makeup), Ginny Larson (server), Laura Bertolotti (our basket lady), Dottie Mahon (ticket sales), Diane Dick (raffles), Lynne Laucella (raffles), Colleen Farrell (hair), Eileen Budney (door) and Deirdre Davis (support). Models this year were Lynne Laucella, Cathy Prwivo's granddaughter, Kara Haas, Gail Schaeffer's daughter, Tracey Egerter, and Gail's granddaughter, Gabrielle Tatilian.

At our May meeting we elected a new President, Dottie Mahon. Our other Officers will remain at their posts: Lori Salyer, VP; Chris Swett, Secretary, and Cathy Prwivo, Treasurer. Thanks to our out-going President Gail Schaeffer for a great two years. We all look forward to pursuing some new fund raising ideas that Dottie has suggested.

In April, members Chris Swett, Lori Salyer, and Eileen Budney assisted the Mt. Sinai Harbor Beach Committee by signing up workers and serving lunch to the many volunteers helping to clean up our beach for the William Waltz Memorial Beach Clean-Up Day. William (Billy) Waltz was a Past Commodore of our club.



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