

Cascade Connections

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The Newsletter of IOBG District 1

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2010

It was a very good year...



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Mark Your Calendars

April 15-16, 2011
Spring Meeting
Hosted by
Hells Canyon Boat Club
Clarkston, WA

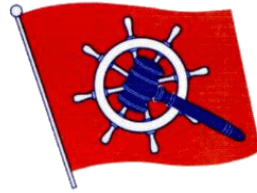
May 7, 2011
Opening Day
Hosted by
Seattle Yacht Club
Seattle, WA

July 15-16, 2011
Summer Picnic
Kingston, WA

September 23-24, 2011
Fall Meeting and Change of Watch
Hosted by
Poulsbo Yacht Club
Poulsbo, WA



IOBG International President



Vern Benson

It is a distinct pleasure to be asked to write something for District 1's Cascade Connection newsletter.

Changes are happening with the International. We are on our way to becoming more member-oriented. Here are some of the changes we are working on:

- Within the next few months we will be able to send a monthly newsletter to every Blue Gavel member.
- Our LOG newsletter will be coming to you electronically.
- The International Nominating Committee will have two rank and file members on the Committee. One from the east and one from the west.
- Our web site has a place for members to voice their concerns or suggestions.

Communication with all our members is the most important item that we are working on this year. We do not know all the answers, so help us out and give us your suggestions. The one thing that we must remember, is any decision to be made, must be what is best and appropriate for our organization, not what is best for a few. Feel free to contact any one of the Executive Committee or myself.

Dates to remember for 2011 are:

February 18-19: Regional Meeting in Punta Gordo, Florida. District 8 is the host for the meeting.

June 9-12: Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon. District 5 is the host for the meeting.

October 20-23: Annual Meeting in Buffalo, New York.

What makes our Blue Gavel special is that we are positive people who can talk to each other, listen to each other, work with each other, do business with each other, and have FUN with each other.

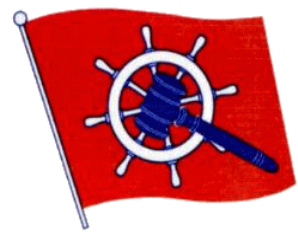
It doesn't get any better than that---- and remember...OPTIMISM IS CONTAGIOUS.





District 1 President

David Kutz



First off, my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mary Nye Meyers for rejuvenating our District 1 Newsletter this year, proudly re-named the **Cascade Connection**.

Our Change of Watch was held on Sept. 24 & 25th in the historic maritime town of Gig Harbor. A good time was had by all and with a Margaritaville flair. Our featured Parrothead trop rock entertainer was Dave Calhoun, who's late father was a Past International IOBG President - way back in 1970.

We are already planning ahead to our Spring Meeting 2011 to be held in Clarkston, WA, on the Snake River and hosted by our newest Chapter Club, Hells Canyon Boat Club. By consensus, the date has been scheduled for April 15, 16, 17, 2011 - the traditional IOBG 3rd Weekend of April.

District 1 is pleased to announce the following Past Commodores to our Board for 2011:

President	David Kutz	Kingston Cove Yacht Club
1st Vice President	Phil Osterli	Poulsbo Yacht Club
2nd Vice President	Andy Gano	Carling Yacht Club
Secretary	Louise Condon	Rainier Yacht Club
Treasurer	Ullie Marquardt	Spokane Yacht Club
District Director	Robert Weber	Des Moines Yacht Club
Executive Secretary	Louise Condon	Rainier Yacht Club
Immed. Past President	Robert Weber	Des Moines Yacht Club
Alt. District Director & Newsletter Editor	Mary Nye Meyers	Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma
N.W. Regional V.P.	Art Kovarnik	Brownsville Yacht Club
Supply Officer	Jackie Rudd	Totem Yacht Club

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Rod Mineke	Clover Island Yacht Club
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Norm West	Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Jim Davidson	Edmonds Yacht Club
Deni Lee	Kingston Cove Yacht Club

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the following 2011 IOBG Events:

April 15-16, 2011

Spring Meeting - Clarkston, WA

Hosted by the Hells Canyon Boat Club with some neat activities planned & local tours of interest. See flyer in this newsletter.

July 15-16, 2011

Summer Picnic - Kingston, WA This summer's picnic is planned for Kingston, WA. Come by boat or R.V. - Motel is close by. More Information to follow.

September 23-24, 2011

Fall Meeting and Change of Watch - Poulsbo, WA Hosted by Poulsbo Yacht Club, Poulsbo, WA. The club has moorage for your boat and economical Hotel and R.V. Parks are close by. More Information to follow.

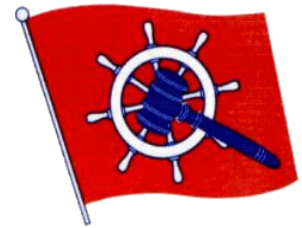
If you have not done so yet, please send in your 2011 Dues check to Louise Condon, Secretary. Please don't forget the optional \$10 for the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation - a very good cause for boating.

We look forward to a great Blue Gavel year in 2011!



1st Vice President

Phil Osterli



Greetings from your new 1st Vice President!

We had a nice meeting in Gig Harbor this fall, installing a new slate of Officers and Board, all dedicated towards a strong, viable District 1. In the fall issue of The IOBG LOG Newsletter, President Ray Thompson lamented how little IOBG was involved officially with either governmental or political activities regarding water or boating issues. He emphasized that our mission statement clearly states that we should alert members to issues affecting us as boaters. I would add that IOBG is a unique organization of folks who have demonstrated their commitment to boating, and through this leadership, have developed stature in their communities that can provide valuable avenues for communication, both educationally and politically.

I believe that we should build on this, particularly in this difficult economic climate and make a concerted effort to recruit our colleagues as new members, and encourage former members to renew their memberships, in order that we can protect and preserve boating for ourselves and those who will follow. While we have a strong representation by RBAW and NBF dealing with these issues, we certainly should augment their efforts through our broad membership and contacts!

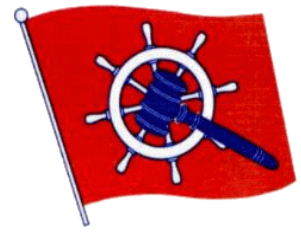
Mark the weekend of September 23-25, 2011 on your calendars for District 1's Fall Meeting and Change of Watch. Poulsbo Yacht Club will host this event and we truly hope that you will be able to join us! We are moving forward on plans for the weekend, with a TGIF on the 23rd, meetings during the day on Saturday and a dinner/dance that evening. Moorage will be available for those arriving by boat, lodging is available at the Poulsbo Inn and there are a couple of RV parks nearby. Stay tuned for more details, but plan to get your reservations in early!

In the meantime, we'll look forward to seeing you at our Spring Meeting at Hells Canyon Boat Club on April 15-16, 2011.



2nd Vice President

Andy Gano



Greetings from your new 2nd Vice President.

I would to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in placing me here. I look forward to serving the District in the new year.

I took interest in the IOBG in 2005 when I was Vice Commodore of the Carling Yacht club. I have been an active member since 2006 along with my wife, Theresa who is a member of the IOBGA. We are active members of the Northwest Boating Council and the Longbranch Improvement Club. We take an active role in supporting our community.

My goals for the Blue Gavel this coming year is to promote membership, regain lapsed memberships, promote camaraderie and to have a lot of fun.

DUES AND CALENDAR OF EVENT NOTICES

Our membership renewal drive has been deployed and by now, you should have received your 2011 renewal application sent in the U.S. Mail. I've found one main reason we have lost members is because people did not get a membership bill in the mail and no prompt of reminder to pay dues. This has changed now.

In the dues notice District President Kutz sent out our 2011 calendar of events so you can plan accordingly, or "Save The Dates" as the buzzwords now say.

If you didn't get a dues notice yet, or the calendar of events, please let me know. You can e-mail me at timebandit@centurytel.net or 253-884-3013.

Also if you have internet access, District 1 Info can be downloaded from the IOBG web site using the following links:

http://www.iobg.org/dist_data/dist1_data/2011MbrshipRenewalForm.pdf
(Dues Renewal Form)

http://www.iobg.org/dist_calendar/01_cal.htm
(Calendar of Events)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members from the Fall meeting in Gig Harbor.

Kingston Cove YC:
Viking YC:
Totem YC:
Des Moines YC:
Seabacs Boat Club:
West Seattle YC:

PC Tom Pickens,
PC Barb Talamine
PC Ray Sharpe
PC Thomas "Tom" Johnson
PC Hiram Betancourt
PC Dexter A. Silver

International Order of the Blue Gavel - District 1

2011 Spring Meeting

Hosted by:
Hells Canyon Boat Club

April 15 & 16, 2011

Clarkston, WA

Mail-in Registration Form

Quality Inn & Suites

700 Port Drive Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-9500 (Fax) 509-758-5580

Please call the hotel for room reservations
Ask for the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) Convention Rates
Special IOBG Room Rate: Standard Double Room - \$85.00 plus tax

Reservation Deadline for Discounts: March 15, 2011

RV Information:

The hotel can accommodate RV's dry camping in a gravel parking lot or two full service RV Parks are available:

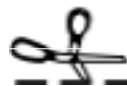
Granite Lake RV Park
(short walk from the hotel)
800-989-4578

Hells Canyon RV Park
(1 mile from the hotel)
509-758-6963

Friday Night Location for the Burger Dinner: Hells Canyon Boat Club

Address: Hells Canyon Boat Club, Highway 129 and Post Lane. 3.1 miles from the hotel. Follow the street the goes between Costco and WalMart to the 2nd stoplight (Bridge Street) turn right, go 1 block, turn left onto 6th street. Follow 6th street all the way through Clarkston and toward Asotin. The clubhouse will be on that highway on the right about 1.2 miles past the bridge.

**Please bring a Raffle Gift from your yacht club.
Proceeds of Raffle help pay for the weekend activities.**



REGISTRATION: COST: \$120.00/Couple \$60.00/Single
Please make checks payable to: IOBG District 1

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Yacht Club Affiliation: _____

Dinner Choices:	# of People	# of People	# of People
_____ Chicken	_____ Fish	_____ Beef	

Please mail check and completed registration form to:

David Kutz

**23911 Newell Lane NE
Kingston, WA 98346**

Telephone: 360-297-2935

Cell: 360-271-1105

International Order of the Blue Gavel - District 1

2011 Spring Meeting

Hosted by:
Hells Canyon Boat Club

April 15 & 16, 2011

Clarkston, WA

Events Schedule

All Events (Except Hells Canyon Boat Club Friday Night Burger Dinner) will be held at:

Quality Inn & Suites
700 Port Drive Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-9500

Friday, April 15th

Registration	2:30 - 4:30 PM	Hotel Lobby
	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Hells Canyon BC
Appetizers, Burgers & IOBG Hosted Bar	4:30 - ????	Hells Canyon BC

Dress of the Day: Grays

Saturday, April 16th

IOBG Board Meeting	8:00 AM	Sternwheel Room
Auxiliary Board Meeting	8:00 AM	Riverboat Room
IOBG General Meeting	9:30 AM	Sternwheel Room
Auxiliary General Meeting	9:30 AM	Riverboat Room
Lunch	12:00 PM	Sternwheel Room

Deli Delight - Roast Turkey, roast beef, honey ham, cheeses, bread assortment, salad and soup.

Renaissance Marine Tour 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Builders of Duckworth, Weldcraft & Columbia Boats by General Manager Bruce Larson, HCBC P/C

Or...sightseeing on your own. The motel is within easy walking distance to Basalt Cellars Winery, Riverport Brewing Company, an antique mall, golf driving range, helicopter scenic rides.

No Hosted Bar	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Sternwheel Room
Dinner	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Sternwheel Room

Dress: River Resort Casual

New Members, Presentations, Raffle	7:30 PM	Sternwheel Room
Dance	8:00 PM	Sternwheel Room

Plated Dinner Choices:

Slow Roasted Prime Rib: Choice Prime Rib hand rubbed with garlic & herbs. Served with Au Jus & creamy horseradish sauce. Includes tossed salad, potato, rice or pasta, sauteed vegetables, bread, coffee or tea, dessert.

Chicken Almondine: Almond encrusted chicken breast baked & topped with bechamel sauce. Includes tossed salad, potato, rice or pasta, sauteed vegetables, bread, coffee or tea, dessert.

Mahi-Mahi: A mild mahi-mahi fillet pan seared & topped with pineapple salsa. Includes tossed salad, potato, rice or pasta, sauteed vegetables, bread, coffee or tea, dessert.

No Host Bar supplied by Hotel

Total Cost: \$120 per couple / \$60 single (Includes Friday hosted bar, Friday burger dinner, Saturday lunch, dinner & entertainment)

FALL 2010 MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH

The Inn at Gig Harbor

3211 56th Street NW

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

September 24 - 26 2010

IOBG GENERAL MEETING

The Fall IOBG General Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Weber at 0935 hours at the Inn at Gig Harbor with the Flag Salute followed by the introduction of the Officers in attendance:

Bob Weber, President	Des Moines Yacht Club
David Kutz, 1st Vice President	Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Phil Osterli, 2nd Vice President	Poulsbo Yacht Club
Ullie Marquardt, Treasurer	Spokane Yacht Club
Louise Condon, Secretary Pro Tem	Rainier Yacht Club

President Weber recited "Sail Away" for any members that may have passed on recently. We were not notified of anyone.

Self-introductions of the Trustees, International Past Presidents, and District 1 Members present followed.

REPORTS

1st Vice President's Report - David Kutz

Paul Boeckman of Hell's Canyon Yacht Club has offered their club for the Spring 2011 Meeting. The date in April will be confirmed with Paul and the availability of the Club. There is a Quality Inn conveniently located in Clarkston. They will have a Social at their club on Friday evening, and are working on Jet boat tour on Saturday and/or a boat building facility. Paul will be our contact for the Meeting.

- A count will have to be taken prior to scheduling a Summer Picnic in 2011, due to the poor turnout at the 2010 picnic at Brownsville. If enough members sign up we may have it at Kingston.

The Fall 2011 Meeting and Change of Watch will be at Poulsbo Yacht Club, the third weekend in September (Sept. 17th, 2011)

Today's free time can include Wine Tasting a tour of the Brewery next door.

2nd Vice President's Report - Phil Osterli

We appear to have 128 paid members for 2010. We will be accepting 2011 Dues from now on.

Secretary's Report - Ken Quimby was not in attendance and Ullie Marquardt read the Minutes of the Spring 2010 Meeting at Clover Island Yacht Club. The Minutes were approved as read and presented.

Treasurer's Report - Ullie Marquardt

He prepared 2011 Dues Payment Notices and handed them out. Dave Kutz advised that on the next printing there will be an option to donate \$10 to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Humanitarian Foundation: Suggestions and discussion was held on possible Fund Raiser Projects for the Humanitarian Fund. Jerry Rudd told of a group that took handicapped people out on a boat that we could consider. Nothing was resolved.

- RBAW - David Kutz** Other than the Lobbyist working during the summer making contacts with the Legislators for what our interests are for 2011. Some new fees are being watched. The Annual RBAW Cruise-in and Board Meeting was held on September 11, 2010 at Bremerton Yacht Club. The Fall Annual Meeting will be held at Fox Island Yacht Club on October 24, 2010. RBAW endorsed Pete DeBour for State Legislature.

- NBF - David Kutz** handed out a written report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A boat excursion for Vets, primarily for disabled Vets was suggested. Des Moines YC had a Fishing Derby. Perhaps something like this could be in conjunction with the Summer Picnic.

- District 5's Meeting is on October 13th at Portland YC. Set up a committee (Jim Martinson) Foss Waterway.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1030 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Condon, Secretary Pro Tem

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