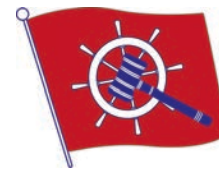


International Order of the Blue Gavel



Oath of Induction

New Member or Chapter



Charge:

You have served your club as Commodore long enough to understand the trials and tribulations as well as the successes and pleasures of that office.

You have demonstrated a deep and abiding love for your club by upholding her honor and reputation against all challenges; you have flown your burgee with pride on all proper occasions; you have demonstrated your ability to persevere against the gibes and disappointments you have encountered.

Such loyalty and service should not be rewarded by being "set aside." With this in mind the International Order of the Blue Gavel was formed to be of service to the yachting and boating community, and especially to your own club.

You have indicated your acceptance of the invitation to join us, we will now ask that you now take the oath of membership in the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Please raise your right hand.

Oath:

Question:

*** Do you agree to continue to work for the best interests of your club by advising and counseling with the active officers of the club without in anyway usurping their authority and responsibility?

*** Do you agree to continue to participate in the affairs of the club as an active member, and to encourage others to do the same?

*** Do you further agree to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and seamanship, and by all of this upholding the standing and reputation of your club?

Response:

If you so agree, say, "I Do". You may lower your hand.

Induction:

By the authority of my office, I now declare you a member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. This entitles you to fly our flag on your yacht wherever you may be cruising. May you take pleasure in flying this emblem, which represents your faithful service to your club. Welcome.

If you are inducting new members **and their new Chapter**, use this Induction paragraph instead of the one above.

Induction:

I now declare you and your Chapter as Members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, which entitles you to fly our flag on your yacht, wherever you may be cruising. May you take pleasure in flying this emblem, which represents your faithful service to your Club. Welcome !