



# Gavel Tidings

## Delta District 19

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### New Member Induction

Sunday, February 22, 2015 at  
1:00pm @ Pittsburg Yacht  
Club.

#### District President

**Sandee Clark**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. It's time to look forward to another wonderful year filled with fun events and lots of boating fellowship.

Our general meeting and induction of new members is Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 1:00pm @ Pittsburg Yacht Club. I hope everyone got their new past commodore's paperwork completed and turned in so we can celebrate their induction. If anyone needs any help please contact me or Vice President Roger Beebe for assistance. Immediate Past International President Sir Gary McGrath will be administering the oath.

At our executive board meeting on January 17, we talked about our Commodore's Appreciation Day. This event will be held on May 16 at Delta Marina Yacht Harbor. This event is free to all commodores in good standing in District 19 with your spouse or significant other at \$10.00. This includes the bar and this year there will be BBQ tri-tip and chicken with all the fixings. The board has also approved free dockage for the Commodore's that cruise over on Friday night. So both nights are free dockage. Let's fill the dock with IOBG District 19 vessels.

Your board is here for you. If you have any suggestions, ideas or just want to say hello we will be happy to hear from you. We do all this so our membership can have a fun year filled with activities that will bring us together. The nicest people in the world are boaters.

I wish all of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sandee Clark

President, Delta District 19

#### Auxiliary President

**Sue Meyer**

If you did not make it to the Auxiliary's trip to Richmond to visit the Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, you missed out on a wonderful day. The museum sits right on the water at the old Kaiser shipbuilding yard which is now Marina Bay Yacht Harbor and commercial development. The day was warm, clear, with no wind and we had a clear view of San Francisco Bay.

We were especially lucky to not have just one but three original Rosie's as our hosts. But even better was that one of the Rosie's, Kay Morrison, is the aunt of IOBG member Lou Erickson of Discovery Bay. Then Eddie Jo and James Mack commented that their parents both worked at the shipyard during the war. So it turned out we were family and received some extra considera-

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### Auxiliary

consideration that "Family" get.

About 20 of us attended and after spending a couple of hours in the museum we had lunch in the Powerhouse of the old Ford Assembly line. Nice menu and reasonably priced. After lunch, about half of us went back to the museum and spent another hour or so getting a closer look at all the artifacts.

I highly recommend you try to visit someday as it's a great place to spend a few hours with the "Rosie's." It's all indoors so if it's a little nasty outside it won't bother you.

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### Maritime Terminology. Old Time phrases used today.

Contributed by P/C Paul Brighton, Benicia

#### IRON CLAD CONTRACT

This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

#### RIFF RAFF

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

#### SHIP STATEROOMS

Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

#### SHOWBOAT

These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small town along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

#### OVER A BARREL

In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

#### BARGE IN

Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing

into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

#### HOG-WASH

Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash"

Check out these web-sites for more interesting Boating fun!!!

<http://www.iksurfmag.com/kitesurfing-news/2014/03/k2-kitefoiler-in-san-francisco-bay-2013/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtQdsg28mXg>

<http://shiponthebay.com/gallery.html>

<http://www.boredpanda.com/lighthouse-photography/>

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2015 Calendar

<b>2015</b>		
February 6-8	2015 Winter Regional Meeting	San Diego, CA
February 22	Induction 2015 Members	Pittsburg Yacht Club
May 16	Commodores Appreciation BBQ	Delta Marina Yacht Harbor
August 22	Meyer Haven Memorial BBQ and Nominations	Village West Yacht Club
September 19	2016 Elections	Bridge Marina Yacht Club
November 7	2016 Change of Watch	Stockton Yacht Club