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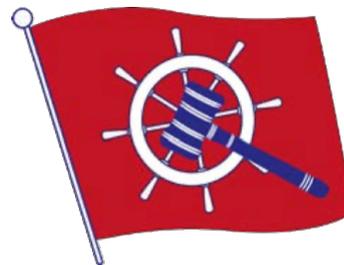
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## MARSHA LANDRETH

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**IOBG IS IN VOGUE** (alluding to Langston Hughes's essay about the rise of the Harlem Renaissance). Duwamish Yacht Club in District 1 is our newest chapter (see Dean Smith's article for pictures of the charter presentation). District 27 is finalizing the application of a new chapter and its seven new IOBG Past Commodores. Plus, I have just returned home from an exciting meeting with a past commodore who has shown interest in being a member of IOBG - now that he has learned of our existence. If everything goes smoothly, we will open three new chapters in a new District; hopefully, this will happen before the end of the year. He will establish a new chapter at his yacht club and expects to bring in two other new chapters in his area. These neighboring clubs have roughly 600 members, 700 members, and 1,100 members (though I have no idea how many past commodores these club have) and a strong boating community. He is a county supervisor and is very keen to bring IOBG to what will be the first three chapters in the Virginia Chesapeake area, in the newly designated District 28.

**A FLAGPOLE TO RALLY AROUND:** In November 2022, Jeff Kaiser, Lahaina Yacht Club Commodore in 2016, met me

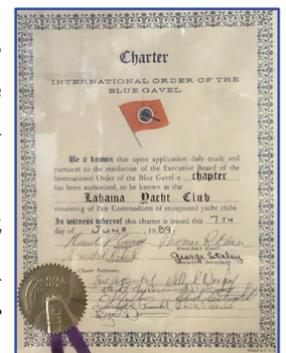


at the cruise ship on the other side of the island, drove me and two of my friends to the Lahaina Yacht Club, treated us to lunch, showed me around the club, drove us to Costco to buy boxes of Hawaiian chocolate covered macadamias, and then delivered us back to the ship. This hospitality was way beyond the call of duty.



around the club, especially of the club's trophy case because their framed IOBG charter was in the case. It was a small club but very functional with a pulley system to lower

While at the club, I was very moved that our IOBG burgee was flying from the flagpole. I took many pictures in and



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the boats out of storage on the second floor and down to the sand for the junior sailors to use. As you all know, the club was destroyed in the devastating fire of August 8, 2023. I asked the Executive Committee to put money in the budget to help LYC as they rebuild. Throughout the year I have asked Jeff what they need from us. He never could give me an answer as everything is still up in the air.

But because I was so touched by the IOBG burgee flying from the club's flagpole, I asked Jeff if IOBG could pay for the rebuilding of their flagpole and donate an IOBG burgee to replace the one lost in the fire. Also, at Jeff's request, I sent the pictures I took of his club to help create a catalog of trophies and historical documents that were lost in the fire.

The Annual Convention is just around the

corner. Please make hotel and airplane reservations for the convention in Put-In Bay, South Bay Island, Ohio October 10-13. Fly to Cleveland, travel to the dock by Uber (unless Steve has found rides for us) and then take the Ferry to Put-In Bay. Steve promises lots of exciting things to see and do.

**PHISHING IS IOBG'S ALBATROSS.** If you receive emails from me asking you to buy something for some charity (I received one myself) please just send whatever I have asked you to buy to my home address instead of whatever address is given in the email. It seems phishing continues to be part of our boating experience.

Until next time, may you have calm winds and following seas. Good fishing but no phishing.

Marsha





## STEVEN HYDER

## PRESIDENT - ELECT REPORT

**WELCOME TO PUT IN BAY, OH.** This will be the location for the 2024 Annual Convention.

The hotel we will be staying in is the Grand Islander. You must call 419-285-5555 and use the CODE IOBG to get the room rate. The room rates are \$129.00 for Wednesday, \$139.00 for Thursday and \$159.00 per night for Friday and Saturday. Please call today and make your reservation!



Our meetings will be at Put In Bay Yacht Club. Their website is [www.PIBYC.org](http://www.PIBYC.org). Please go check them out.

We will be taking a tour of the Benson Ford [www.shiponthebay.com](http://www.shiponthebay.com). The other great website to check out is [www.visitputinbay.org](http://www.visitputinbay.org).

Our weekend will begin on October 10, 2024 with a welcome cocktail reception at

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**PUT-IN-BAY 2024 Events**

- Monumental Eclipse - April 8
- Ohio's Island Wine Festival - June 22
- Pyrate Fest - June 28-30
- Bash on the Bay Concerts - Aug. 21-22
- Historic Weekend - Sept. 6-8
- Vintage Car Races - Sept. 17-19
- Miller Boat Line PIB 5K - Sept. 21
- Sale Away Weekend - Sept. 28
- Hops & Vine Festival - Sept. 28
- Oktoberfest - Oct. 12-13
- Halloween at the Bay - Oct. 26

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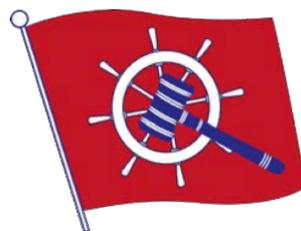
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PIBYC and will end with Change of Watch on October 12th. So please plan your flights. You can fly into Cleveland, rent a car or take an uber/lyft to the Miller Boat Line.

[www.millerferry.com](http://www.millerferry.com) Please check the schedule, as the fall schedule is limited on the Miller and they do not run very late. The last boat off the mainland to the Island on Thursday is 5:30pm. So please plan accordingly. Time from the airport to the Miller is about 1.5 hours.

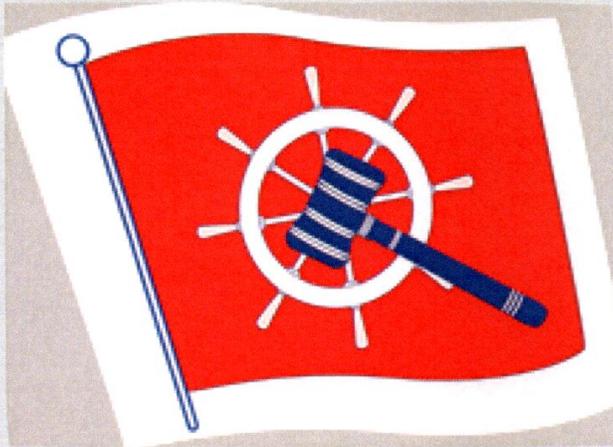
More information will be released in the next few days by email and by facebook with booking information. Please book your flights, you also buy your Miller tickets online.

Hope to see everyone on the island!!!  
Steve Hyder - President Elect



# 2024 IOBG ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 10th - October 13th  
Put-In-Bay, OH

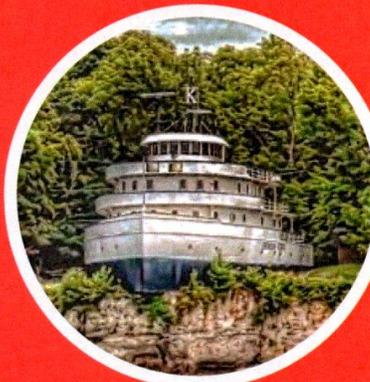
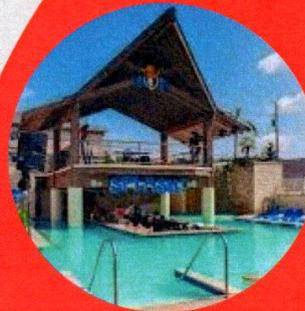


## Annual Convention Events

- Cocktail Party
- Benson Ford Tour
- Dinner & Entertainment
- Annual Change of Watch
- Taco Bar
- Perch/Chicken Lunch
- Hospitality Room

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GERVADINE "GERVA" HUGHES**  
**11/26/1929 - 04/16/2024**



**GERVADINE HUGHES, PRESIDENT OF THE IOBG AUXILIARY IN 2000 AND WIFE OF MARION HUGHES, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IN 2002, PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 16, 2024 IN PASCO, WA.**

**DAUGHTER OF AGRIE AND ELVA (MAULDIN) JONES, GERVA WAS BORN IN FAIRFIELD, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 26, 1929. WHILE ATTENDING EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY SHE MET MARION, WHO SHE MARRIED ON JUNE 4, 1950 IN PORTALES, NM. THE FAMILY MOVED FROM ALAMOGORDO, NM TO THE TRI-CITIES AREA OF WASHINGTON IN 1969. ACCORDING TO HER OBITUARY "UPON MOVING TO RICHLAND, GERVA TAUGHT PE AT RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL, RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS OF POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS AND COWORKERS.**

**GERVA ENJOYED TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WAS ALWAYS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY. HER LOVING AND AMUSING PERSONALITY MADE EVERYONE IMMEDIATELY FEEL LIKE A FRIEND. AS MEMBERS OF THE CLOVER ISLAND YACHT CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF BLUE GAVEL SHE AND MARION WERE OFTEN ATTENDING FUNCTIONS THAT GAVE GERVA THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT SHE ENJOYED, DRESS UP AND SOCIALIZE."**

**MARION PREDECEASED HER IN 2019. GERVA IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WAS HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH IN PASCO, WA.**



## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**JOSEPH A. TRINGALI**

*JUNIOR SAILORS AT ST. AUGUSTINE YACHT CLUB TAKE A WELL-DESERVED BREAK ON A PICNIC AT CONCH ISLAND.*



Well, despite the minor (i.e., “non-fatal”) heart problem of our layout artist, the July/August issue of *The Gulfstream* finally went out. The issue is chock-full, with 9 pages of Convention news, including things to do and see in Put-In-Bay, along with weather prognostications for mid-October and instructions for viewing dozens of Put-In-Bay videos on YouTube. If you haven't heard about it yet, *The Gulfstream* is “unofficial “news magazine” of the Eastern IOBG regions. It's published every other month (6 times a year) and its “unofficial” status means it does not receive funds from the

*BOATS FROM THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION (OCWBA) COMPETE AT MARYLAND YACHT CLUB. THE BOATS ARE MADE OF PLYWOOD AND HAVE OUTBOARD ENGINES RANGING FROM 6 TO 8 HORSEPOWER.*



national IOBG, or any chapter or district. If you haven't seen this free, independent publication, send me an email, and I'll send you this special “Convention Issue” right away.

Maybe it's because of the additional communication here in the East or maybe it's just dumb luck, but we're hearing from people we haven't heard from in a while. District 27 Director Carl Treff sent information and color photos about

his home Maryland Yacht Club while juggling his responsibilities for the establishment of the brand-new National Potomac Yacht Club Chapter being promoted by P/C Harold Seigel (known to his friends as “H”). And the regular “Academy of Yachting” slot was filled by 2nd VP P/C Dave Kowert's article on leadership and the importance of mentoring young people.

District 3 Director Steve Tiscack is a regular contributor to the “Eastern” cause, and can always be counted on for information and support. And, speaking of the Eastern Region—the regular feature “Cap'n Kelly's Lucky Bag” (“a compendium of this 'n' that”) took readers back to the founding of United States Power Squadrons at the Boston Yacht Club and its link to the yacht club world.



*MEMBERS ENJOY A COOKOUT AT NATIONAL CAPITAL YACHT CLUB. A SOON-TO-BE IOBG CHAPTER.*

Finally, the Southeast is alive and well with St. Augustine Yacht Club once again leading the way with a story and color photos of its youth sailing program.

On the whole, IOBG east of the Mississippi is doing just fine, thank you!



## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

**DAVE KOWERT**

### A LONG TIME RACERS VIEW OF YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMS

Hello fellow IOBG Members from beautiful (and HOT and HUMID) Charleston.

Here in Charleston, July and August is Youth Regatta Season, and all of us who support the 4 different yacht clubs around the harbor all join forces to make the regattas fun for everyone, especially the youth . Volunteering to be part of the events as shoreside support or giving time to be on the various Race Committees is both invigorating and inspiring. For many of us, teaching our own kids to sail or powerboat is a distant memory, but participating in these events brings those happy memories back, while giving us a meaningful chance to interact with the wonderful young people who participate in these events today.

From my perspective as a competitive racer, it also provides me the opportunity to watch and get to know some of the young people who will be looking to move up to big boat racing in the future. When I look at the crew of the boat I currently

sail on, I recognize almost half of the crew as individuals I first met years ago as participants in a youth regatta. Its incredibly rewarding to see these fine young people still passionate about sailing and still maintaining the Corinthian standards we worked so hard to instill in them years ago.

Quite surprisingly, many of these young people are now beginning to have families of their own, and they remember fondly the time they spent in youth sailing programs and they often even remember those of us who ran the programs and regattas 15 + years ago. Equally surprisingly, THEY are now looking to get their own children involved in sailing as soon as they can get on an Opti. THEY are looking to get involved in the sailing programs because they know and understand the value they have received. It's a very positive cycle and in my humble opinion is absolutely worth all the time and effort we spent (and we should be continuing to spend) in these programs.

In todays busy world, the opportunities for us (as older adults) to teach by example do

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not come along often any more. Sailing and Power boating training is one of the situations that allow us to do just that. Young people involved in Youth Sailing and Power boating see us treating our fellow competitors with respect, they see us following the rules by choice, they see us win and lose graciously, they see us put importance on safety, they see us taking care of the waterways and the environment, and those things become

important to them as well. For many of us ... that is a unique legacy and one we should be proud of.

I sincerely hope many of you can find the time to support these youth programs this summer at your own Yacht Clubs and those nearby. These young people are definitely worth the effort ... and I guarantee you will see the rewards come back to you for years to come.



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**TREASURER JACK SKIDMORE**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 31, 2024

IN JUNE FUNDS WERE TRANSFERRED TO CD'S AT CHASE BANKS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGHER INTEREST RATES AVAILABLE. THIS BROUGHT OUR ACCOUNT BALANCES TO THE FOLLOWING:

OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 16,861.61
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 50,368.82
60 DAY CD	\$ 50,000.00
270 DAY CD	\$ 150,000.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$ 267,230.43

INTEREST ON THE CD'S IS ACCRUING AND WILL BE POSTED ON THE DATE OF MATURITY.

TOTAL DEPOSITS TO THE OPERATING ACCOUNT HAVE BEEN \$35,441.25. DEPOSITS AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE ARE IN LINE WITH THE BUDGET.

THE MAJORITY OF IOBG EXPENSES OCCUR THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR AND OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES ARE NOMINAL.



## DEAN SMITH

## NORTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT

Districts 1 and 5  
Dean Smith

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we're enjoying summer, which can mean several different climates, depending on which side of the Cascade or Olympic mountains you're on. Blue Gavel members here are busy with the cruising season of their yacht clubs or traveling on summer vacation trips.

District 1  
Dean Smith, District 1 President

District 1 recently welcomed another chapter to IOBG, traveling a few miles south of Seattle to present a new charter to Commodore Dave Bibby at Duwamish Yacht Club. DYC is a vibrant yacht club with dozens of covered slips that are really appreciated during our rainy winters. Welcome aboard!



Commodore Dave Bibby accepts IOBG Charter for Duwamish YC

Summer also brings our annual District 1 picnic in July. This year we're hosted by Spokane Yacht Club, whose clubhouse is just across the state line in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The agenda includes a casual "burger burn" on

Friday night, followed on Saturday with an afternoon cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, then a BBQ dinner at SYC.

Interestingly, Spokane Yacht Club first appeared with Blue Gavel in newspapers 54 years ago, in a 1970 clipping from the Spokane Daily Chronicle. The induction of 11 past



commodores was quite impressive for an IOBG that was only 17 years old back then!

Looking ahead, we're already planning for our Fall Change of Watch at Des Moines Yacht Club in September, and researching possible locations for our 2025 meetings. To increase interest and remind us of our maritime roots, we're also trying to include nautical entertainment or educational events at each meeting, including reaching out to the Coast Guard Auxiliary for September's meeting.

Finally, work continues on a new website for District 1, where we'll post local history, pictures, and meeting information, and accommodate online renewals and processing of new applications. With fewer people using checks (and fewer places still accepting them!), it seems online transactions are the way forward, particularly with our "younger" past commodore applicants!

# SOUTHWEST AREA



## A LEGACY ON THE WATER THE MARINA YACHT CLUB IN MARINA DEL REY CELEBRATES THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Marina Yacht Club

Founded by “The Aviator,” Mr. Howard Hughes in 1974, the Bridge, staff and membership of the Marina Yacht in Marina del Rey are proud to celebrate their milestone 50th Anniversary this year.



In 1971 Howard Hughes realized he was losing valuable executives and skilled Aviation engineers in and around Marina del Rey to his competitors in the industry including Boeing, Lockheed, McDonald Douglas and the other airline companies.

Being the inventive and ingenious he was, the legend goes Hughes instructed his staff to create The Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club in Marina del Rey California to entice his executive suite to remain at Hughes and offer the Club Membership to his most prized

engineers, draftsmen and employees. At the time, this was quite a perk as the Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club was home to several swimming pools, Tennis Courts, Saunas , a court club, gym with all the amenities, etc., etc... Very fancy, indeed for the early 1970's.

Well, the plan reportedly worked to perfection as Hughes' Executive Suite was replenished and the Marina City Club Charter actually has a paragraph stating that “there must always be a Yacht Club at the Marina City Club!” Thanks to Hughes foresight and vision, The Marina Yacht Club Celebrates Their 50th Anniversary this year in Marina del Rey.

For 2024, Marina Yacht Club has created two unique, limited edition items, one burgee and one flag to commemorate the 50th occasion including the traditional MYC Burgee with an additional GOLD Star surrounding the numeral “50” reflecting the club's history. Additionally, a new full-sized flag featuring Hughes himself in the right hand corner

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proudly over-looking the MYC at 50 Burgee has also been created. They're both quite striking and represent the creativity demonstrated by Club members at all times.

The Club's history enjoys many highlights from their celebrated and charter mandated Topside and Dockside locations including 1976 Offshore Boat Races from the Marina Yacht Club at the Marina City Club to Catalina featuring Boating enthusiast Benihana's Rocky Aoki. The Marina Yacht Club is perhaps best-known these days for their repeated "Best Yacht Club" Holiday Boat Parade Victories, also taking home honors over the years for other categories including "Best Overall," "Best Animation," "Best Power," "Best Sail," "Best Music," etc, etc. The Club includes outreach for youth organizations such as The Boys and Girls Club, the Boy Scouts, The Girl Scouts and the Rotary Club to take part in decorating and even riding on the club's various entries on any given year. During this most recent 2023 Holiday Boat parade, students from around the globe joined the excitement, actually riding on what became judges as the Best Yacht Club entry #55.

On the water, the annual Dr. Robert Baker Regatta (won by Captain John Gaddis) is a hit as are the Club's activities including the popular Paparazzi Comedy Shows, Pool Tournaments, Ping Pong marathons and upcoming remote controlled boat races for kids on the MCC's numerous swimming pools and new in the not too distant future, Pickle Ball teams.

The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) is serious business for the Club, with a past MYC Commodore helming the duties as a current IOBG District Director. It is

crucial for the growth of the club that Past Commodores are appropriately recognized and saluted for their service by being nominated for and becoming IOBG members.

Not surprisingly, with the recent loss and shuttering of a Yacht Club at King Harbor and a devastating fire that destroyed California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, membership requests and applications at the Marina Yacht club are at an all-time high in 2024.

With popular Comedy shows, annual Regattas, Catalina Shake Down Cruises, Back-to-Back-Back Boat Parade Victories and fun activities on and off the water for youth and members, alike it is no surprise, Marina Yacht Club representatives are frequent guests on the very popular radio show, The Boating Hour with Captain Rick ([www.theboatinghour.com](http://www.theboatinghour.com)). The Boating Hour with Captain Rick airs on the popular, blow torch radio station AM 870 Saturdays at 4:00pm. A Coast Guard Auxiliary Member himself and Staff Commodore for the MYC, Captain Rick is the Boating community's weekly voice promoting sailing and power boating activities on the water from Coronado to San Francisco and beyond. There is a podcast and corresponding social media

#theboatinghourwithcaptainrick,

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[www.instagram.com/theboatinghourwithcaptainrick](https://www.instagram.com/theboatinghourwithcaptainrick)

[www.facebook.com/theboatinghour](https://www.facebook.com/theboatinghour).

In 2024, The Marina Yacht Club carries on their unique tradition with enthusiasm, energy and a charming charisma not often seen in all volunteer organizations. The Club looks forward to celebrating its successes in another 50 years, driven by the dedication of its talented sailing tradition, creative power boaters and ever hard-charging, dynamic Bridge!



# International Order of the Blue Gavel

## AREAS & DISTRICTS

### **NORTHWESTERN AREA**

- District #1 - Alaska & Washington
- District #2 - Vancouver Island, Canada
- District #4 - Province of Vancouver, Canada
- District #5 - Oregon & Southwest Washington
- District #24 - Okanagan, British Columbia, Canada

### **SOUTHWESTERN AREA**

- District #6 - Hawaii & Guam
- District #10 - Los Angeles & Long Beach, California
- District #11 - Santa Monica, California
- District #14 - San Francisco Bay, California
- District #15 - San Diego, California
- District #16 - Channel Islands, California
- District #19 - Delta Area, California
- District #21 - Orange Coast, California

### **NORTH CENTRAL AREA**

- District #7 - Ohio, East of Sandusky & Western Pennsylvania
- District #9 - Southeast Michigan & Western Ohio
- District #23 - Upper & Western Michigan
- District #25 - Northeast Michigan

### **NORTHEASTERN AREA**

- District #3 - Southeast Ontario, Canada & Western New York
- District #12 - New Jersey
- District #20 - Eastern New York & Delaware
- District #22 - Southern New Jersey
- District #26 - Long Island Sound, New York
- District #27 - Maryland, Chesapeake Bay

### **SOUTHEASTERN AREA**

- District #8 - Florida & Mobile Bay
- District #18 - North & South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee & Alabama

### **EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI**

- District #50 - (Unless assigned to an established District above)

### **WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI**

- District #51 - (Unless assigned to an established District above)

### **ENGLAND**

- District #70

### **NEW ZEALAND**

- District #75

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