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## President's Report

First of all, I would like to say that I consider it an honor to be President of District 25 of the IOBG. I will strive to be a good President and hope all the members will have fun during the year and be proud of District 25. Let's all help to make the District **bigger and better.**

The elections at the General Membership Meeting held on October 12, 2003 at the Detroit Yacht Club resulted in several changes. P/C Jack Gracia of Sunseekers Boating Club became the President Elect. P/C Joe Kerszykowski of Belvidere Boat Club moved up to District Director. P/C Warren Boerner of Mariner's Boat Club became the treasurer. P/C Leonard Warren of Belvidere Boat Club became the Humanitarian Foundation Ambassador. P/C Jeff James of Sunseekers Boating Club became the V.P. of Detroit River South. P/C Frank Starkolit of Shores Boat Club became V.P. of Lake St. Clair. P/C Bill Calihan of Conger Bay Boat Club became V.P. of the Clinton River.

My sincere thanks to all the new officers and the officers remaining on the board. Also, special thanks go to the former officers who gave District 25 many years of dedicated service. With a slate like this, you can't go wrong!

Enclosed in this issue of the Log (newsletter) you will find a flyer for the upcoming President's Ball at the Downriver Italian American Hall, in Wyandotte, on January 16, 2004. Good food, good entertainment and great people. You can't beat that! Please contact Warren Boerner or myself for reservations. We must submit a count by 01/06/04.

There is also a Rendezvous planned for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Great Lakes Steel Boat Club. There will be more information on the rendezvous in the future.

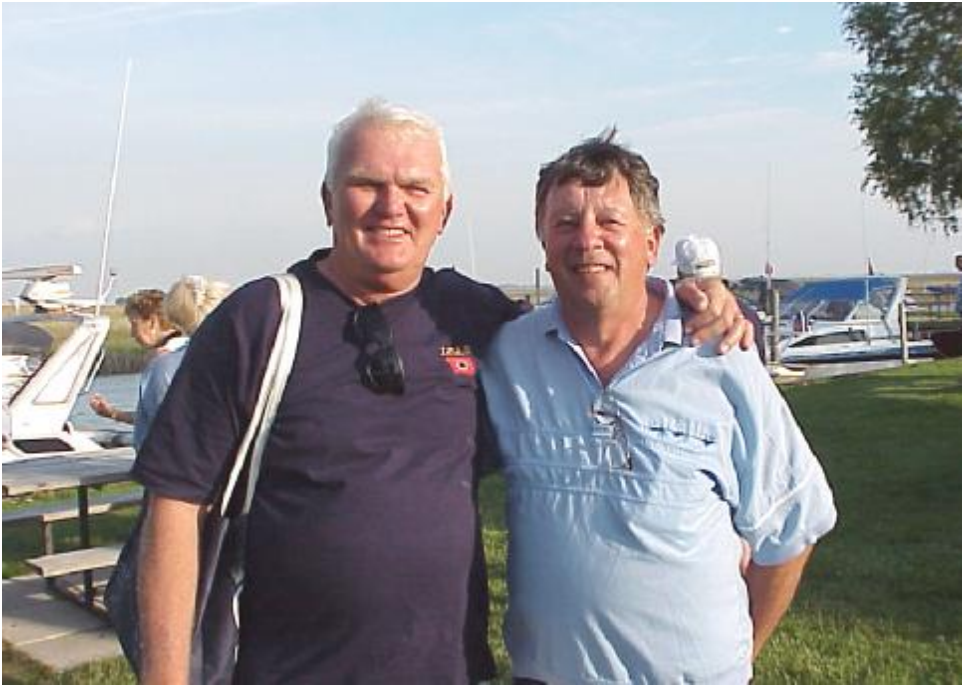
Geraldine and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

P/C Jerry Phillip  
President IOBG  
District 25

## **President Elect's Report**

The SunSeekers Boating Club was founded in 1990. Starting out with 25 members. Since that time the membership has grown to over a hundred members in a thirteen short years. In October of 2002 The SunSeekers Boating Club leased a building in the city of Gibraltar from Damark Marina. It has been a very busy year with all of the remodeling, adding a second bathroom and a bar. We acquired occupancy in early October, and hope to have our liquor license by the end of the year. At that point we hope you can come down and join us. Also in the month of October the SunSeekers Boating Club was voted into the AYC affiliation. We now carry the AYC burgee along with our YCA affiliation we received in the year 2000.

P/C Jack Gracia  
President Elect  
District 25



## **IOBG International Past President's Report**

As I turned the Gavel over to our new International President Larry Foote at the annual meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento California, I couldn't help but remember the support I received at last year's convention. I have attended the last eight annual meetings/conventions and maybe you think I am a little prejudiced but Detroit offered more interesting places to visit than any of the others--the Henry Ford Museum, Motor City Casino, Detroit Yacht Club, and Greenfield Village. Our hospitality rooms sponsored by Districts 7, 9 and 25 plus the continental breakfast on Sunday morning were all outstanding. The whole event ran without a hitch thanks to the outstanding efforts by members of the committee, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and members of District 25 IOBG and IOBGA.

Being an International Officer you lose some contact with your home district due to time and travel requirements, but you certainly see how other yacht clubs operate around the country. You meet a lot of interesting people and make many new friends. While on the subject of travel and interesting people, the International is having its winter meeting this year in Clearwater Florida at the Gulf Harbor Y.C. Feb. 26th

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through the 29<sup>th</sup>. That's about the time of the year when you should have had about enough of that good old ice and snow in Michigan. I know many of you take winter vacations in Florida. So why not tie the two together and attend the meeting in Clearwater. Details will be in the International Log or contact me; my phone and e-mail address are also in the International log. It would be fun to have a group from 25 at the meeting; I am planning on going by boat so if time permits maybe we could work in a little boat ride.

It was a busy and interesting year as President of the International. I'm sad in one respect that it's over. You sure are treated well visiting yacht clubs and it's a wonderful excuse to travel. However as you know all good things come to an end. It's also a relief as some tough decisions had to be made, which were not popular with all of our members. I want you to know that I always represented District 25 at the International level to the best of my ability and that District 25 is held in high regard as one of the most active and respected districts in the International. We have another member starting up the International ranks, Steve Willing. Give him your support as it's an honor to have one of our own on the International Executive Board.

P/C Art Garside  
Past President of IOBG

## **District Director's Report**

I would like to wish a happy and prosperous new year to the members of IOBG District 25. It is nice to see members stepping forward to take positions on the board. I would personally like to thank Leonard Warren for stepping forward to be Humanitarian Ambassador for District 25.

I agree with Doug's (the first President of District 25) comments at our fall general membership meeting that we need to see more vice president and member participation. I look forward to seeing you at Jerry's ball. I hope to see membership and participation up even higher than last year.

P/C Joe Kerszykowski  
District Director and  
Past President of District 25

# Humanitarian Foundation Ambassador

Hello. I am Len Warren the new Humanitarian Foundation Ambassador.

I will be working with Jerry Phillip. I look forward to meeting everyone in the near future. Let's make 2004 the best year ever.

Happy Holidays

P/C Leonard Warren  
Humanitarian Foundation Ambassador

## Vice-President's Reports

**Anchor Bay** No report.

P/C Jim Wogan  
Vice-President IOBG25

**Clinton River** No report.

Bill Callihan  
Vice-President IOBG25

**Lake St. Clair** The executive board voted to rezone the clubs based on geographical location. Lake St. Clair now includes Detroit BC, Grosse Pointe SC, Jefferson YC, Moslem Shrine BC and Shores BC.

My plan is to keep the clubs informed of what is happening with IOBG 25.

The boats are put to rest for the winter and we can be looking forward to some of the coming events. Number one is the President's Ball honoring P/C Jerry Phillip, on January 16, 2004, at the Downriver Italian American Hall. The Spring General Membership meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>. The location to be determined. Launch date is also around that time. The 2004 Rendezvous at Great Lakes Steel BC is June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

More details to follow.

I look forward to meeting you at upcoming events.

P/C Frank Starkolit  
Vice-President IOBG25

## **Detroit River Canada**

No report.

P/C Dave Wright  
Vice-President IOBG25

## **Detroit River North**

I would like to wish all the clubs and members of IOBG25 a safe and happy holiday season.

I would like to welcome Wyandotte BC, Motor City BC and Detroit YC to my area. I will be contacting you soon for information on events at your clubs

Don Miller  
Vice-President IOBG25

## **Detroit River South**

No report.

P/C Jeffrey James  
Vice-President IOBG25

## **Up North Clubs**

No report.

P/C Jim Barnum  
Vice-President IOBG25













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## **The following supplies are available for purchase:**

Burgee-4x6 ON Stern&Block  
Burgee 12x18  
Burgee 6x54  
Belts 48"  
Belt Buckle  
Caps  
Decal-window  
Sleeve Patch-Black  
Sleeve Patch-Dark Blue  
Silk Tie  
Tie Tac  
Silver Stars 3 on Bar  
IOBG Name Badge-W/Logo  
Spouse's Name Badge- No Logo  
IOBG Name Badge Auxilliary  
Clip on Tie Tac (Sterling Silver)  
Shirts – Polo W/Logo (White or Navy)  
Sweater, V-neck (White or Blue)  
Ascot-White, W/Logo

The supply officer will be getting new materials and of course new prices. That information will be published in the future. If you have any questions or desires please contact Dave Gutowski.

## **New Items**

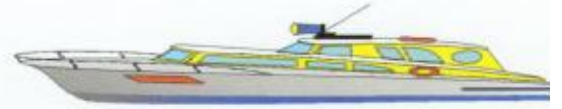
Cotton Club Grey Shirt (Navy Trim No Pocket)  
Timberline Fleece Pullover W/Neckline  
Zipper (grey, Red, Gold, Charcoal)  
Garment Bag W/Logo

There are more items available. For a complete list, please call.

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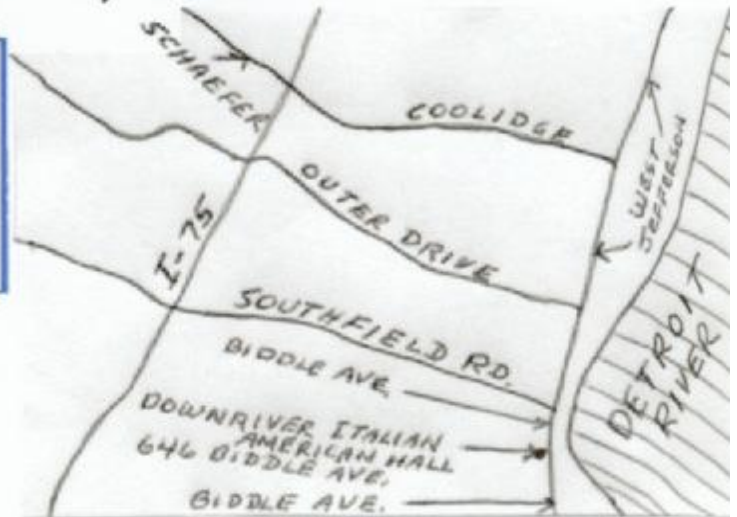
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## 2004 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT'S BALL

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2004**

Downriver Italian American Hall  
 646 Biddle Avenue  
 Wyandotte, Mich. 48192  
 PH. NO. - (734) 285-4044



**6:30 P.M. - Cocktails**

**7:00 P.M. - Dinner**

**8:00 P.M. Awards Presentation**

**Music & Entertainment presented  
by Brian Bosman and C.D.**

**8:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.**

**Dress: Formal (Black Tie Optional)**

**\$45.00/person by Jan. 6, 2004**



**Reservations: Jerry Phillip at (734) 676-5919**

**Warren Boerner at (586) 254-3135**

**Menu :Top Sirloin with Au Jus-Italian Sausage & Meatballs-  
Fried Chicken-Fetuccine Alfredo-Tossed Salad & Homemade  
Ranch Dressing-French Style Green Beans-Mashed Potatoes  
with Gravy-Napoleon for Desert.**

**\* Premium Bar Included**