



International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation



Our Mission

“The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation (HF) provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others’ lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education”.

What is the IOBG and the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation?

The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) was founded in 1953 by Ev G. Henry as a fraternal organization of yacht club commodores who had successfully completed their years of service. The IOBG is committed to serve as a resource tool of past commodores who can benefit their yacht club and regional yachting associations with their experience.

IOBG members represent over 450 yacht clubs worldwide. These past commodores are successful business and community leaders and their participation in the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation represents rich resources committed to making a difference for others. The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation is a volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) California public benefit corporation which:

- Supports worldwide humanitarian causes
- Provides grants to Local Assistance Programs, and Youth Assistance Programs
- Sponsors Special Olympic Sailing Programs

The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation’s objective is to implement our founding father’s vision of serving mankind through the use of the extraordinary talents, international relationships, and the business experience of our members. In support of this goal, the Foundation focuses on:

- Fundraising
- Strategic Partnerships
- Education
- Communication
- Volunteer Service Opportunities
- Grants to Approved Causes

The Administration of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation is comprised of nine Directors who are members of the IOBG and the IOBG Auxiliary; the Board is a completely independent body, which meets via monthly teleconferences and in person at IOBG Regional and Annual meetings. The Directors review and consider grant applications, Local Area Projects (LAP’s). Grants are awarded based on available funds and on the merits of the LAP.

Each IOBG yacht club chapter may support the Foundation by:

- Annual Fundraising Events
- Individual Member Contributions
- Donation of Time and Talent
- Solicitation of Personal and Corporate Contributions through Personal Contacts

How You Can Help?

The IOBGHF is a volunteer organization, which depends on generous contributions of time and talent. Not all people can participate in the administration and operation of the IOBGHF; but if you do want to make a world of difference, catch our spirit and make hope a reality, you can make a tax deductible contribution to the IOBGHF in the following ways:

- Cash or Property Donations
- Security or Real Estate Gifts
- Naming the Foundation as a Beneficiary in your Will or Trust
- Assignment of Insurance Proceeds to the Benefit of the Foundation
- Irrevocable Charitable Remainder Trusts – may provide your estate with significant tax planning benefits.

Donate to the Humanitarian Foundation

Online Contribution

You can visit the IOBG-HF web site to make an online contribution at www.iobg-hf.org and click on the Make a Tax Deductible Donation link or go online to www.iobg-hf.org/Donations.html to make an online contribution.

Postal Mail Contribution

Send a check to the following address:

International Order of the Blue Gavel
Humanitarian Foundation
3517 Camino del Rio S Suite 208
San Diego, CA 92108

What is the Patron Program?

Make a \$100 minimum donation to the Humanitarian Foundation and receive an “Action For Life” pin that you can wear proudly.

Remember, the IOBGHF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation so all your contributions are tax deductible. In addition, if you work for a Company that has a matching gifts program, contact your Human Resources Department to get a form to take advantage of their program, which may provide additional contributions to the HF.

Action for Life Pin



Recent Projects:

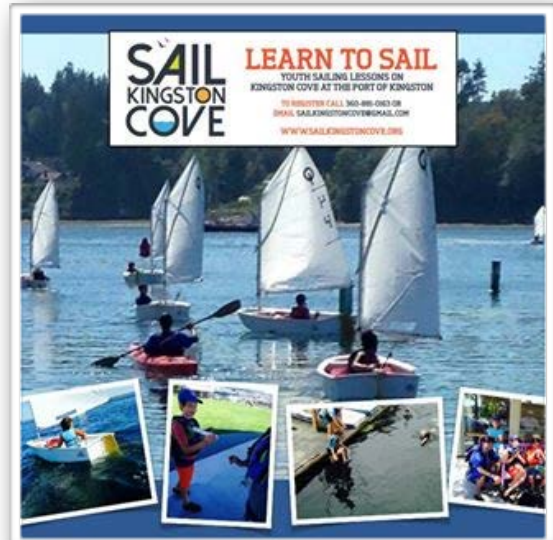
District 1 (Northwest Area) - HF Scholarship Funds for Sail Kingston Cove - March 2017

Sail Kingston Cove (SKC) is a community non-profit corporation dedicated to providing boating awareness, through sailing programs, which promote safety, self-confidence, fun, and an appreciation of the marine environment. A sailing program was established for youths 8 to 12 years old. After three years, SKC is expanding to include youth up to age 17.

SKC has identified several youth that would like to learn to sail, but their families do not have the resources to pay for sailing camp.

The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation has awarded Sail Kingston Cove a grant of \$600.00 that will provide three scholarships to youth unable to pay for classes.

On March 6, 2017, Lani Lightle visited SKC to present the grant. IOBG members from Kingston Cove Yacht Club participated in the presentation.



Grants awarded for underprivileged youth sailing programs:

District 8 (Southeast Area) - Gulf Harbors Yacht Club – 2016 Sailing Club

The Gulf Harbors Yacht Club, IOBG Chapter, District 8: A \$600 check from the IOBG Humanitarian Fund by Southeastern Vice President Robert "Buzz" Bisanz to assist with underprivileged children for three sailing camps.



District 8 - HF Scholarship Funds for GHYC:

Thanks to the generosity of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and GHYC members Bruce & Donna Long, three students from the Boys & Girls Club were awarded scholarships, which enabled them able to participate in the Annual GHYC sailing Camp this year. This once in a lifetime opportunity taught them basic Nautical Sailing Terminology, Fundamentals, Safe Boating Skills, and more.



District 7 (North Central Area) - Lake County Yacht Club - Len Anderson / Dean Palmer Day – 2016:

Lake County Yacht Club, Commodore' Ball: \$500.00 check from the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation to their Chapter in support of the Len Anderson / Dean Palmer Day.

This is an annual event that provides a fun filled day for the mentally and physically challenged citizens of Lake County, Ohio. This day includes transportation by Lake Tran to the yacht club for a breakfast to start the day, social activities on the club grounds with the LCYC members, a cruise on Lake Erie provided by the members and their boats, a special cookout with burgers, hotdogs, salads, fruit, beverages and dessert while a live band provides the entertainment encouraging all attendees to participate. At the end of the day, each guest is presented with a gift to take home. Thank you to all those who contributed to the H.F. and to the support and cooperation of the H.F. Executive Board. Thank you to this IOBG Chapter and the members of Lake County Yacht Club for your efforts, kindness, and generosity to such to such a worthy cause.

