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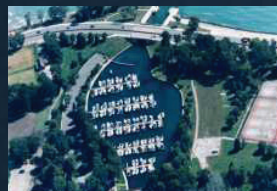
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**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

September 20, 2011

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I offer my warmest greetings to the Chicago Yachting Association and the Chicagoland boating community. I invite you to explore the many opportunities that Lake Michigan has to offer in this year's publication.

The Chicago Yachting Association is dedicated to providing resources and promoting boating activities in coordination with other clubs and communities throughout the Chicagoland area. The Association, its affiliates and members continue to embrace Lake Michigan and the many resources available for boaters. I commend the Chicago Yachting Association for its ongoing commitment to the Chicagoland boating community.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Lake Michigan and the City of Chicago. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor



Publisher's Note

At Yachting in Chicago, we often say that in order to make this magazine happen - we combine camaraderie and teamwork.

Our wonderful photographers capture the adventure and excitement during our boating season - while pulling all the pieces together on the pages with words of boaters, military, yacht clubs, organizations, friends, business, City leadership and management.

This year we chose a compass theme for our cover reminding us of our position and direction to reach our destination - a finished chronicle of the 2011 Chicagoland Boating Season. So, we work just "like a compass" as we gather and organize to recap the season in its entirety.

To all who supported us with advertisement - a vital component for our achievement - the CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION Bridge and Directors send along a heartfelt THANK YOU!

My deepest gratitude to the entire Yachting in Chicago team - you are simply the best! Thank you for your devoted, caring professionalism and time.

I send my warmest wishes for a safe, healthy and Happy Holiday Season that wherever you go - "May the sun shine be warm upon your face."

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CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION 2011

By Commodore Richard F. Lauric



The year is 2011, and this is my final year as Commodore of the Chicago Yachting Association.

This has been a growing experience even at my age. I will leave with great memories and of course some disappointments. The disappointment portion relates to Venetian Night being canceled by the City and also the CYA Ball problems in 2010.

On a happier note this year we will again continue our long running affair now called “CYA Yachting Celebration.”

As in the past the Chicago Yachting Association is involved with the boating community and its organizations. These consist of but are not limited to the Chicago Park District and its harbor management

firm Westrec. By working with **Scott Stevenson** of Westrec we have made a long lasting relationship.

Again this year, the Chicago Yachting Association has been asked to be on various committees such as: Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC); National Transportation Council; Friends of the Parks Harbor Coalition (Clean Harbors); Chicago Harbor Advisory Council; Port Development Safety Council; Boaters PAC; and Chicago Area Waterway Study (CAWS) affiliated with the Great Lakes Commission & Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

This year our Past Commodore **Fred Poppe** is the President of the National Boating Federation, just showing that there is no limit of involvement one person can do. He continues to keep the membership advised of all important boating information. **Thank you for your dedication.**

Also, thank you to another past commodore who continues publishing *Yachting in Chicago Magazine*, **Betty Lerner**, who does a great job developing this outstanding publication.

Our sailing family again has had a very exciting season of racing. And as usual thank you **Jerry Metzger** for again guiding the Area III racing season.

And finally a big thank you to the **Bridge and Directors** without whom I could have never succeeded in my endeavors. **Vice Commodore: Scott Baumgartner, Rear Commodore: Stanley Hill** (*The Judge*), **Secretary: Frank Gagliano, and Treasurer: Gary Hooper, Immediate Past Commodore: James Wright, Past Commodore: Anthony Cimino, and Judge Advocate: Richard Cosby.** This year as in the past, thank you to a very special person: **Kaye Durham**, without whom the CYA would have a difficult time existing.

And last but not least thanks to the **Committee Chairpersons:**

Awards: **Jerry Metzger, By-Laws: Fred Poppe, Civic/Economic: Steve Pittman, CYA Yachting Celebration: Scott Baumgartner, Finance: Fred Poppe, Membership: Casey Chlebek Power Fleet: Chuck Goes, Sail Fleet: Jerry Metzger, Yacht Person of the year: Tony Cimino Steering Committee: Walter (Gibby) Vartan, and Commodores Cruise: Kerry V. Isom, with help from Judge Stanley Hill our Rear Commodore.**

The above are the back bone of our great organization. Thank you all for your dedication and especially for putting up with and helping the commodore.

Finally a special thank you to all boaters and non boaters who help to make the Chicago Yachting Association what it has become, a growing voice in our community.



THE CONCERNS OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATER ARE OUR CONCERNS....

by Fred W. Poppe, President, National Boating Federation (NBF)

National Boating Federation will hold its 46th Annual Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook, IL on April 28, 2012.

The highlights of this event promise to be the two planned panel discussions moderated by **Ms. Margot J. Brown**, Executive Director and Past President of NBF.

Panel One will address the issue of **Mandatory Life Jacket Wear**. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is responsible not only for our locks, but also regulates approximately 80% of inland lakes and waterways. Its Operations Center for Water Safety will have completed its three-year test of mandatory life jacket wear in the fall of 2011 at several of its selected lakes. It is anticipated that by the Spring 2012 the Corps will publicize its decision based on the test results. My opinion is that the Corps will mandate life jacket wear on all of the waters under its control. The life jacket issue will be discussed by either **Ms. Linda G. Nutt**, Manager of the National Water Safety Program, USACE, or **Ms. Rachel J. Garren**, Assistant Manager, National Water Safety Program, USACE; **Ms. Cindy Squires**, Esq., Chief Counsel, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA); **Ms. Margaret Podlich**, Vice-President of Government Affairs, Boat US; and **Mr. Jeffrey H. Hoedt**, Chief, Boating Safety Division, U. S. Coast Guard (USCG).

Panel Two will examine what impact the **E-15 Ethanol Blended Fuels** will have on the recreational boating community. The panelists will examine the impact of E-15 Mid-Level Blended Fuels in the marine environment and the adequacy of the proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) safeguards. Participants in this discussion are **Mr. John McKnight**, Director of Environment and Safety Compliance, NMMA, or **Mr. James T. Currie**, Legislative Director, NMMA; **Mr. Jerry Nessenson**, President, ValvTect Petroleum Products; **Mr. Jeffrey H. Hoedt**, USCG; and **Mr. David A. Sykuta**, Executive Director, Illinois Petroleum Council.

The Annual Meeting of the NBF will be preceded by an Executive Committee Meeting on Friday, April 27, 2012, in the same location. The recreational boating community is invited to attend the Friday and/or the Saturday events. Prior reservations will be required. **For further details please e-mail me at poppe.dfx@sbcglobal.net.**

During the past year NBF has expressed the concerns of recreational boaters on several issues. Among them were the **potential impact on recreational boaters from the proposed Ocean Policy**, the mandatory carriage of EPIRBs on all vessels operating more than three miles off-shore (including operations on Lake Michigan), the requirement for the installation of engine cut-



From left to right, seated:

Vice President Jim Muldoon [U.S. Sailing Ass'n.],
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John Onacila, Executive Committee [Inter-Lake Yachting Ass'n.],
Carolyn Belmore, Executive Committee [New England Safe Boating Council],

Not pictured:

Executive Committee members Robert David [US Power Squadrons],
Robert Williams, [Pennsylvania Boating Ass'n]

off switches on all vessels under 27ft. in length, and the need for recreational boaters' participation in their respective local security committees. Details about these issues go beyond the scope of this article, but they are available from me for the asking.

One last item: If you plan to enjoy boating activities beyond a day's excursion on the water, you should subscribe to the **U.S. Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners (LNM)**, if you have not done so already. LNMs provide useful information to mariners about many immediate safety-related issues about which you should be aware. They are distributed free of charge via e-mail. The NBF web site www.n-b-f.org provides a convenient way for you to request being added to the distribution list.



CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS SHIP: BRINGING CHRISTMAS TREES TO DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES

By Chairman Lloyd Karzen, 2010 - 2011

Now in its twelfth year, Chicago's Christmas Ship continues to bring Christmas joy to thousands through Christmas trees.

The organization was founded in 2000 by a group of mariners coming from commercial, recreational and military fields who wanted to do something special – give Christmas trees to disadvantaged families who would not otherwise be able to have a Christmas tree.

A committee was formed to do just that, functioning as an activity of the Navy League. Money was raised to buy trees that were brought to Navy Pier on board MACKINAW and distributed to disadvantage families selected by a third party. The event was a huge success and since has quickly become an annual tradition. During the first 10 years of the project, over 12,000 deserving families have received Christmas trees.

It all started on board the US Coast Guard's icebreaker USCGC MACKINAW during the start of the 2000 Chicago to Mackinac race when the topic of conversation came to the story of **Captain Herman Schueneman's** famed Christmas tree ship, the **ROUSE SIMMONS**. The ship sank in 1912 (2012 will be the 100th anniversary of the sinking) with the loss of all hands on a voyage bringing Christmas trees to Chicago where they were to be sold on the Chicago River at Clark Street. This evolved into an idea for a way to do something meaningful for the community based on the story and tie it in with regular missions and training exercises for MACKINAW.

Last year saw the celebration of our eleventh year with over 1,250 families receiving trees, the largest number in a single year to date. The trees were again carried onboard USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB-30) departing the home port of Cheboygan, Michigan on Lake Huron traveling through the Straights and down Lake Michigan. During the journey the crew replaced navigational buoys with winter marks, serviced associated equipment and conducted drills and training. At about 1:00 A.M. one night, at the closest point of approach to the wreck site of the



Happy Christmas tree recipients

ROUSE SIMMONS, a wreath was dropped from the ship in memory of those who died in the wreck bringing trees to Chicago in 1912. A special reception at Pritzker Military Library recognized many of those key to the accomplishments of the first ten years. Invited donors heard first hand descriptions of how much the program has impacted so many people. By The Hand Club For Kids, a recipient organization, delighted guests with a special choral presentation.

This year's schedule begins 8:00 a.m. Friday, December 2 the official welcoming of the "Christmas Ship," aka USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB-30), will take place at Navy Pier including a brass band and TV cameras. Later, volunteers from the yachting community assisted by the crew will be decorating the ship. Throughout the day several school groups will visit the ship and have special educational presentations. The following morning, Saturday December 3, will start with the annual Shipmasters' Memorial ceremony at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Christmas tree presentation ceremony where representative families will be formally presented with trees. At the same time trees will be unloaded from the ship by youth group volunteers and loaded onto trucks to be delivered by various service organizations, bringing the spirit of the season in the form of Christmas trees to over 1,200 disadvantaged families. The ship will be open for public tours that afternoon.

The CYA and its members have made significant contributions of cash, in-kind donations, volunteer efforts and leadership.

Dave Truitt, Past Commodore of Jackson Park YC, was founding Chairman 2000-2001; **Fred Poppe**, Past Commodore of Burnham Harbor YC and Past Commodore of the CYA, was Chairman 2002; **Sonny Lisowski**, Past Commodore of Burnham Park YC and previous Secretary of the CYA, was Chairman 2003-2004; **George Lisner**, Past Commodore of Chicago Corinthian YC and Past Commodore of the CYA, was Chairman 2005-2009; **Lloyd Karzen**, Past Commodore of Heritage Boat Club, is the 2010 - 2011 Chairman. Their influence has been ever-present in the direction of the organization.

100% of the donated funds are used to provide Christmas trees to deserving, less fortunate and disadvantaged families through Ada S. McKinley Community Services and other third party, independently selected charities. No other use of these funds is allowed and no participating organization or volunteer receives any compensation or reimbursement from these donations. The Committee receives separate underwriting and in-kind donations to provide festivities for the surrounding events it sponsors.

Your continued support helps to bring smiles to the faces of children of disadvantaged families at Christmas...Thank You!

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Dear Chicago Boaters:

2012 is shaping up to be a great year for boating in Chicago. A new harbor and a new boat show are just a few of the things we can look forward to next year.

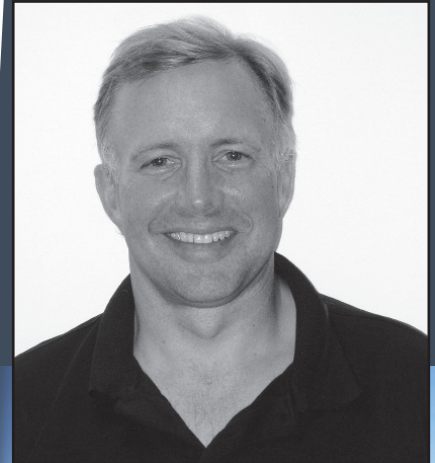
31st Street Harbor. Construction of the new 31st street harbor has reached some important milestones during the past month. After 15 months of construction, the main breakwater has reached the structure's southernmost point and the armour stone is being layed on the outside of the structure. Stones weighing as much as 36,000 lbs are being lowered onto the cap of the breakwater. In addition, the first 100 slips have hit the water and are anchored in place. Finally the garage structure is complete and the new harbor washrooms and office are taking shape. The project is on schedule to open in May 2012.

Chicago in-water boat show. We are working on an exciting new event for Chicago Boaters. Plans are being finalized to hold the first annual Chicago in-water-boat show in June 2012. While details are being worked out, we expect to have hundreds of boats, sail and power, new and brokerage for the show. The new 31st Street Harbor is an ideal venue for this, with plenty of space for displays, parking and concessions. When we make a formal announcement about the boat show, we will share details of special benefits for Chicago Boaters visiting the show.

Slips are available. Lots of people have put in transfers to the new harbor. It presents a unique opportunity for Chicago boaters. You can transfer with your friends and create a lasting environment for your future good times. With winter fast approaching, we have a lot to look forward to. On those snowy days in January, think of the lake shore lifestyle and dream of summer.

Warm Regards,

Scott Stevenson
 Executive Vice President



THE CHICAGO YACHT CLUB RACE TO MACKINAC

The 103rd Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac will be remembered for proving the true meaning of the Corinthian spirit that governs all of us on the water.

When tragedy struck this important and highly competitive event, many of the sailors turned immediately to rescue efforts. While two sailors, **Mark Morley** and **Suzanne Makowski-Bickel**, died from head injuries sustained when their vessel capsized during a bad storm, six others were rescued. All of the thousands of sailors involved in the race were affected by the reality of the dangers of our chosen sport.

The vessel **Sociable** was credited with rescuing the six survivors of **WingNuts** and will be awarded the **US Sailing Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal** which recognizes significant accomplishments in seamanship which has saved lives. US Sailing has published a report on the incident in which Sociable crew described the rescue, a synopsis of which follows.

“Late in the evening following the big storm, several crewmembers heard what sounded like a whistle. A minute or two after hearing the whistle, a crewmember spotted a faint light perhaps 1/4 to 1/2 mile to port. We brought our spot light on deck. As we drew closer, we were able to see other lights, and we signaled in the direction with our spot light. Our signal was returned with flashes from the lights in the distance. At that time we became certain we were headed toward a vessel in distress

Wind conditions at this point were around 15-20 knots, with a very confused sea state of 3-5 foot waves. As we approached, we were able to discern the outline of a turtled hull with five people standing on it, with a sixth crew member in the water clinging to the stern of the boat. Our first priority was to rescue the man in the water.

We deployed our Lifesling off the starboard stern of Sociable, throwing it towards the man in the water; however, Sociable was just far enough away so that the sling was still about 5 feet from the

man. He attempted to swim to reach the sling but Sociable’s drift was not allowing him to reach it. He was clearly very weak at this point. We retrieved the sling and made another pass closer in and were then able to put the sling’s rope easily within reach of this crewmember, and we pulled him to the transom of Sociable.

We made subsequent circles around WingNuts while towing our Lifesling. The WingNuts crew jumped from their hull into the water and swam a few yards to reach the Lifesling and/or the line it was attached to. On the first subsequent pass, we pulled one of the WingNuts crew into Sociable. On the next two passes, we pulled two crew members aboard at once.

At that time, we were able to see nearby racing boats headed to assist. We noted which boats were available to help and also co-coordinated a grid system for boats to look for the missing crew members. We launched several parachute flares upon the suggestion of the Coast Guard. Other sailboats from the Mac Race began arriving soon after we had the 6 crew members aboard. We estimate that 15-20 boats arrived on location within the hour of our first VHF transmission.”

Safety at sea is a concern for anyone traveling on open water. The right equipment is primary in getting and giving assistance. The crew of Sociable and other boats involved in the rescue remarked several times on the effectiveness of the whistles and lights used by the crew of WingNuts and the flares available on all of the boats. Without these devices, it’s likely that the rescue of the WingNuts crew could have been greatly delayed. Preparation and organization are equally important. The Sociable crew credited their pre-race safety practices with helping them to know what to do and how to do it quickly.



Sociable crew works together.

While the vessel Sociable was credited with rescuing the 6 survivors of WingNuts, many other boats assisted. We will probably never know all of the boats that assisted with searches, helped with communications or stood by to provide assistance, but some of them were:

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SHEDD AQUARIUM: KEEP THE LAKES GREAT

By Meg Matthews, Sustainability Coordinator, Shedd Aquarium

Is there a better summer day than one spent on the water? Gliding beneath clear blue skies, on the way to a regatta or with no particular destination, Chicago's skyline etched against the horizon...if it's not perfect, it's certainly close. But is the scene as idyllic under the keel?

By now, yachting enthusiasts who love the Great Lakes have heard about the threats posed by Asian carp and hundreds of other invasive plants, animals and viruses. **Without natural predators, non-native species can disrupt local ecosystems by altering habitats, outcompeting local wildlife for shelter and food, and reproducing unchecked.** At best, thriving invasive species populations can be controlled, albeit in a limited fashion: We will always spend time and money to keep populations of animals such as sea lampreys from rebounding again. At worst, invasive species can be the final straw for an already fragile ecosystem.

With Lake Michigan in our backyard, Shedd Aquarium highlights native Great Lakes fishes in its global collection of aquatic animals. In our Local Waters gallery, guests can see bluegill sunfish swimming in lush aquatic vegetation alongside smallmouth bass and freshwater drum, while lake sturgeons glide along beneath them. In the next exhibit, this rich diversity of animals gives way to a barren habitat populated by invasive carp species.

This striking visual contrast gives Shedd's guests a glimpse of what's happening beneath the waterline in our Great Lakes. In healthy habitats, different kinds of fishes hang out in specific areas. Lake sturgeon stay near the bottom foraging for food, while bass



and other fishes swim up higher hunting for prey. Each species forms a delicate filament in an aquatic food web—and at the web's center are its anchors: tiny plankton and other animals.

Invasive carp also eat plankton.

These super-efficient filter feeders eat huge quantities of plankton—up to 40 percent of their body weight every day. When carp are introduced to a body of water, they gobble up the food, creating problems for native species that eat the plankton. What's more, the non-native bighead and silver carp mature quickly and can lay one million eggs each year. Compare that to lake sturgeon females, which take two decades to mature and spawn only once every four to six years.

Carp might be the highest-profile example, but nearly 200 invasive species threaten the Great Lakes!

Shedd's Keep the Lakes Great campaign encourages people to help protect these amazing natural resources for people and wildlife.

On the water and off, yachting enthusiasts have many opportunities to help keep the lakes great:

Drain your boat bilge, motor, and gear in the same water immediately after use.

Remove any mud, plants and animals from your boat and gear.

Thoroughly dry everything that comes into contact with the water.

Use caution when filling your fuel tank to avoid spillage into the water.

Keep an extra supply of absorbent rags on hand just in case of a fuel spill or oil leak.

Stow loose items so they don't blow overboard.

Bring back whatever you take out on the water and encourage your marina to provide recycling and trash receptacles.

When visiting natural areas, leave natural objects as you found them.

Observe and appreciate wildlife from a safe distance.

If you're moving a boat between different bodies of water, clean it with hot water or a high-pressure rinse, or dry it out for five days.

Together, we can keep the lakes great for everyone who loves to spend a day on the water—now and in the future.





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SAFETY

The Chicago Police Marine Unit is the only agency in the City of Chicago tasked with multiple responsibilities of search, rescue and recovery; and of law enforcement and homeland security within our jurisdiction which includes approximately 81 miles of Lake Michigan, 27 miles of river system, Wolf Lake and numerous lagoons.

The Chicago Police Department has two (2) new patrol/rescue boats from **Safe Boats International** out of Port Orchard, Washington. Safe Boats International specializes in boats specifically for the United States Coast Guard, United States Military, foreign militaries and public safety personnel.

The two (2) **44' Archangels** are one of a kind, built specifically to the specifications of the Chicago Police Department Marine Unit. They are high speed performance patrol/rescue boats that are powered with twin diesel engines and jet propulsion. These vessels can travel up to a speed of 50 miles per hour. Both boats also have hydraulic sterns that increase officer safety and diver recovery from dive operations. The Archangel combines the agility of a response boat with the benefits of a larger patrol boat. The combination of speed and performance, that smaller boats are known for, gives the Archangel mobility and precision control that remains unmatched. The Archangel stands alone as the ideal multi-mission platform for any fleet.

They are outfitted with the **Hamilton Blue Arrow Navigation System** which is the latest navigational and surveillance equipment that includes a color, night vision and FLIR thermal imaging camera, along with radiation detection capabilities. SAFE Boat's patented 100% foam collar system coupled with the hull design are imperative parts of the SAFE design for safety of the crew.

The Archangels accommodate a crew of four (4) Police Officers and have an overall passenger capacity of 24 persons on board.

Marine Unit Operations Duties

- Law Enforcement
- Homeland Security
- Search, Rescue & Recovery (Marine Officer Daily Activities)
- Identify potential crime problems along the lakefront & river ways
- Harbor Patrols – *monitor activity in inner locations*

Boating Suggestions (Not Inclusive)

- **Floation Devices:** Life Jackets for passengers and a ring buoy
- **Radios:** Preferable (VHS – Ship to shore) Channel 16: able to contact monitoring agencies; CPD, CFD, CSCG, and other boaters.
- **GPS Device:** Gives longitude and latitude coordinates as location finder instead of them saying "I can see the John Hancock Building."
- **Flare Signaling Device**

The consumption of **alcohol** diminishes one's capacity to function safely. Boating operation requires a clear head, steady hand and observant eye. Illinois law prohibits the operation of a boat under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds.



FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER

by Margaret Frisbie, Executive Director, Friends of the Chicago River

Founded in 1979, Friends of the Chicago River is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, protect and foster the vitality of the Chicago River for the animals, plants, and people that share our watershed.

Core to our vision is that the Chicago River can be catalyst for economic development and serve as a commercial, recreational, and natural waterway. The last 32 years has proved our vision to be true.

As a regional environmental group dedicated to conservation of our natural resources, Friends has led the way for change and worked in partnership with local, regional and national NGOs, agencies and elected officials to make this happen. In 2011, we were rewarded for our years of effort when the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) voted to change the water quality rules that govern the Chicago River system, choosing to support recreational uses including swimming.

For the first time in decades water quality standards governing the Chicago River match the way that people are using it. Kids in kayaks, crew teams in racing eights and even jet skis are a regular site downtown.

In the neighborhoods, all kinds of people are getting their feet wet. The water quality standards were approved after a water quality whirlwind this spring that included:

- **MAY 11:** US EPA releases a letter to the Illinois EPA stating that many sections of the Chicago and Calumet rivers must be protected for swimming
- **MAY 12:** Chicago Tribune runs a cover story "EPA Orders River Clean Up" which sets off an avalanche of media coverage including, in just the first few days, WBEZ, Channel 2, Channel 7, Channel 9, WTTW and Chicago Tonight, and editorial support by the Chicago Sun-Times
- **MAY 17:** the national announcement that the Chicago River was named one of "America's Most Endangered Rivers" by American Rivers, which added more attention and pressure
- Attended a private water quality river tour with Illinois Senators **Dick Durbin** and **Mark Kirk**, Congressman **Mike Quigley**, Illinois Attorney General **Lisa Madigan**, US EPA Region 5 Administrator **Susan Hedman**, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Commissioners **Michael Alvarez** and **Debra Shore** which was covered broadly by the press
- **MAY 31:** A City Council Hearing initiated by Alderman **George Cardenas**, 12th Ward, to pass a resolution to protect the Chicago River, passed
- **JUNE 1:** A Chicago River Summit chaired by **Senator Durbin**
- **JUNE 7:** An 8-1 vote by MWRD commissioners to support sewage effluent disinfection which is one of the essential elements of meeting the news standards, and finally
- **AUGUST 18:** The rule set by IPCB that the Chicago River must be clean enough for people to swim it.



Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel flanked by Chicago River aldermen and Lisa Jackson, the head of US EPA, announce the construction of new boat houses along the Chicago River. Emanuel has made the Chicago River a priority.



In May, Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk toured the Chicago River and were impressed by the river's beauty and charm. Their support will help us continue to invest in the infrastructure we need to improve the river's health.

But the water quality whirlwind didn't happen overnight. And when Illinois Senator **Dick Durbin** said, "We must protect the President's hometown river," his words were anchored in decades of advocacy, outreach, and action.

Friends has been there since the beginning.

When Friends of the Chicago River was founded in 1979, it was difficult for people to imagine what the river's potential could be. Blocked off by fences, filled with sewage and junk, the Chicago River was the butt of jokes, despite Mayor Richard J. Daley's quip about businessmen fishing at lunch time. Early Friends' efforts centered on dragging cars from the North Branch and stopping a heliport from being developed at Wolf Point, something no one could imagine today.

Creating a culture of river doesn't happen overnight. Demanding change doesn't make it happen. It is a step by step process, like the





Friends of the Chicago River's Chicago River Flatwater Classic provides a terrific opportunity to see Chicago from the water and experience the river up close. This year the course ran down the North Branch in the woods.



Thousands of students from Chicago Public Schools and others have been part of the Chicago River's Renaissance. Friends' Chicago River School Network engaged over 12,000 students last year alone.

Clean Water Act that protects us, that requires behavioral change, real understanding, ownership, empowerment and then action. It requires people, programs, enthusiasm, and the ability to see past the fences to the magic.

In creating a culture of river for our river we have been lucky because we are not alone. Chicago's past **Mayor Richard M. Daley** was a regional champion for clean water, public access, green technology and sustainable development. His ideals and the work of visionary leaders throughout Lake County, Glenview, Northbrook, Blue Island and a host of other municipalities have resulted in real improvements. Leading the way now is **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, who has already committed to clean water and more and better access. And that is just a start.

Tens of thousands of volunteers, teachers, and students have contributed by attending public meetings, writing letters, collecting garbage, serving as river-edge stewards, working in our Bridgehouse Museum, taking water samples, bringing people canoeing, serving on Friends' Planning Committee and our board of directors and even stuffing envelopes.

Each and every one of these individuals is an ambassador for a river that was once indiscriminately polluted. "When my brother grew up...he was asked what was a river?" said **Mrs. Joseph Frederick Ward** in 1919 on her brother's perception of the Chicago River. "He promptly answered: A body of water that has a very bad smell."

Because of visible success of our work and countless voices that chime in, the perception shared by Mrs. Ward is obsolete and our cultural notion of water is changed. We are not victims of polluted water. We are the cause of it... and the catalysts for its recovery. And we know we have a moral and ethical obligation to undo what we have done, and the technical expertise to undo it.



In 1992, when Friends started Chicago River Rescue Day, 25 volunteers pulled garbage out of the river at one location. Today 4,000 people pitch in very year.

Now, more than ever, the chasm between those who view the river through antiquated lenses and the rest of us is narrowing. MWRD commissioners, City Hall, **Governor Quinn**, and all the way right up to Pennsylvania Avenue agree and we know our message's been heard.

Yet we are not done. We still have combined sewer overflows to eliminate, flooding to prevent, habitat to improve, Asian carp to stop, and public access points to create.

Therefore work with us. Join our army for action. Become a Chicago River eco-warrior and help us make change. We need to work together to bring the culture of river alive to everyone. Please call us to help.



2011 YACHTSPERSON OF THE YEAR POWER

Randall Schmidt

We have all heard them: Urgent Marine Information Broadcasts from the U.S. Coast Guard. These broadcasts describe overdue or missing vessels, persons in the water, and other such marine emergencies. And we all know what the Coast Guard requests: "All vessels transiting the area requested to keep a sharp lookout, assist if possible, and report all sightings to the nearest Coast Guard office."

On July 23, 2010, **Randall Schmidt**, the Chicago Yachting Association's Yachtsperson of the Year - Power, and his wife, **Kristin Berg** were cruising on their boat, Kristin Says, from Frankfort to Saugatuck, Michigan. They were headed to their last stop on their 9 day Lake Michigan cruise. The weather was overcast, with periodic rain and fog, and the Lake was rough - 3-4 waves from the south/southwest. At about 10:15 am when they were about 1 mile off shore near Manistee they heard the Coast Guard issue an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast. A fishing boat 15 miles southwest of Randy and Kristin saw what appeared to be a plane crash into Lake Michigan. Although the Coast Guard noted that this was a "possible plane crash," Randy wrote down the coordinates of the fishing boat and calculated that the plane had crashed about 18 miles south and about 5-6 miles off shore from where they were. A short



time later the Coast Guard issued another broadcast and confirmed that a small plane with 5 passengers on board had crashed into Lake Michigan.

Without hesitation, Randy and Kristin altered their course and headed to the spot where the fisherman was when he saw the plane crash. It took them more than 30 minutes to arrive there. Once there, Randy slowed Kristin Says to 10 knots and began slowly going south scanning the waves for anything that might help locate the plane and its passengers. As they searched, the Coast Guard helicopter flew over Randy and Kristin as it searched for the plane and its passengers. After about 30 minutes, Randy and Kristin noticed that all of the rescue vessels and the helicopter were searching an area 1 mile west of where they were. Nevertheless, Randy and Kristin continued to search the area due south of where the fisherman was when he saw the plane crash.

On their second southbound pass and about 2 miles south of the fisherman's coordinates, Kristin began screaming. "**MAN OVERBOARD!!!**" Randy immediately stopped Kristin Says and saw a man in a yellow inflatable life jacket about 60 feet behind the boat. The person was **Jerry Freed**, the pilot

of the plane. As Kristin grabbed the life ring and uncoiled its line, Randy backed the boat so that it and Jerry were moving parallel in the waves. Once the boat was in position, Kristin threw the life ring and it landed right in front of Jerry. He took his arms off his life jacket and grabbed the ring. In a matter of seconds Randy and Kristin had pulled him to the boat, out of the water, and onto the back deck of Kristin Says. As Kristin went to

get a blanket and some towels to cover Jerry,



"Rescue" photo courtesy of Andy Klevorn of the Ludington Daily News.

Randy asked him if he was injured and about the other passengers in the plane. During this conversation Randy learned that Jerry was uninjured and that two other passengers had got out of the plane and were in the water in life jackets. After Kristin returned to care for Jerry, Randy called the Coast Guard on the radio to report that they had rescued a survivor from the plane crash. A few minutes later, a boat from the Oceana County Sheriff's Marine Unit took Jerry off of Kristin Says and transported him to shore.

Because Jerry had told Randy and Kristin that two other people had gotten out of the plane they continued to search the area for another



Randy conducting the annual "fishing clinic" for children at Diversey Yacht Club.

2011 YACHTSPERSON OF THE YEAR SAIL

Jack Lyle

By Mrs. Eunice Jackson-Lyle and Judge Stanley L. Hill

John “**Jack**” Lyle was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 1920. Jack’s hailing port is Jackson Park Outer Harbor, where he has been a member of Jackson Park Yacht Club since 1986. His sailing vessel, a 30’ Pearson sail boat is named **Nightwatch**.

Learning to read at four years old, Jack saw pictures of sailboats and his imagination took off. When he was eight years old he played with toy boats he would sail across Washington Park lagoon on Chicago’s Southside.

When Jack was eleven, his mom bought him a 50-volume set of “The Harvard Classics,” first published in 1909 by **Charles W. Eliot** (which he still has today), which is the most comprehensive and well-researched anthology of all time that covers every major literary figure, philosopher, religion, folklore and historical subject through the twentieth century. Eliot had stated that the elements of liberal education could be obtained by spending 15 minutes a day reading from a collection of books that could fit on a five-foot shelf. Jack’s lure for adventure and vibrant thoughts were fueled and expanded by these books.

As a young man, Jack began taking violin lessons in downtown Chicago and after class would walk over to Lake Michigan – imagination in tow. His imaginings were fortified if there was a fog or high wind with 12 foot seas. Jack would then become Captain “Jack,” or Joshua Slockum, Captain Bligh, or Robinson Crusoe – characters in seafaring adventures.

When Jack was a little boy rumor has it that when his friends would come over to play, Jack would make them get under the table and he would stand on top of the table giving them orders because even back then, Jack was the Captain.

Jack purchased his first sail boat in 1957. Through trial and error he taught himself to sail (more error than trial). He taught his wife, Eunice, who has been married to Jack for the last 30 years also to sail – mostly she received her lessons when a small craft



warning advisory was in effect. Jack told her wind was needed to sail, how naïve she was back then. She rarely sails or races with Jack now, but they are still married.

Jack is known for sailing with jib and main sails up, in and out of the harbor, right up to the slip at the dock where his boat is moored and for telling everyone else how to outfit their boat

to make it more efficient.



As a fighter pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen during WWII, Jack’s adventurous nature was aroused; and those who have sailed with him believe Jack thinks his sailboat is a P-51 Mustang Red Tail fighter plane he flew during the war. Between 1943 and 1945, Jack flew 26 combat missions from the Ramitelli Airfield in Italy. When asked for a memory that stood out, he cited a “mystical experience” he had on his 3rd or 4th mission. “I was

flying at 20,000 or 25,000 feet, looking down at the mountain peaks and feeling a little apprehensive. Then it came to me, ‘Lyle if something happens, you’ll just return to where you came from, part of the atoms and elements of nature.’ After that I just relaxed and enjoyed the ride.”

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of African Americans trained at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama to become fighter pilots during World War II. They became one of the most successful fighter squadrons in American military history, fighting both the enemy and discrimination at home. On March 29, 2007, **Jack and other Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.** The medal is the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress and has been awarded only 133 times in its 230 year history. ...Article Continued on Page 63

2012 IS OFFICIAL LAUNCH DATE FOR ILLINOIS CLEAN MARINAS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



A Clean Marinas Program will be officially launched in Illinois with the

2012 boating season. The program is a voluntary program aimed at encouraging Chicago and Illinois marinas, yacht clubs and boatyards to go beyond regulatory compliance of environmental laws to expand pollution reduction measures to improve the quality of Lake Michigan and other Illinois water bodies. The goal of the Clean Marinas Program is to protect and improve Lake Michigan and Illinois rivers and lakes from pollution by assisting marinas, boatyards and boaters in adopting best management practices to protect Illinois waterways using simple environmental measures that prevent pollution.

Marinas, yacht clubs and boat yards will be asked to voluntarily commit to reduce the environmental impacts of their marina operation on Lake Michigan, rivers or lakes. Best practices and safeguards include implementing systems to keep solvents, sewage, fuel and oil out of the water, recycling everything from plastics to batteries, managing storm water runoff as well as having safety and emergency action plans in place.

A Clean Marina Certification Checklist was developed with eight categories of compliance:

- harbor design & maintenance
- storm water management
- vessel maintenance & repair
- petroleum control
- sewage handling
- water containment and disposal
- safety & emergency preparedness
- harbor management

To be certified a Clean Marina, the harbor can fill out the Clean Marina Certification Checklist and submit it to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). IDNR will review the certification application and will complete a site inspection. IDNR will have the authority to designate the Clean Marina status. Certified Clean Marinas will be awarded and authorized to fly a Clean Marina flag and to use the Clean Marina logo on the letterhead, printed materials and webpage.



*Erma Tranter, President,
Friends of the Parks*

The Clean Marina initiative began in 2009 with Friends of the Parks, the Chicago Park District, Westrec Marinas, the Chicago Yachting Association and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources serving as the task force. While many coastal and Great Lakes states have **Clean Marina Programs**, Illinois did not have such a program. In 2009-10 a Clean Marinas initiative began to take shape. The task force studied existing programs in other states across the country and then finalized a program specific for Illinois marinas.

Friends of the Parks, the Chicago Park District, Westrec Marinas, the Chicago Yachting Association and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are looking forward to unrolling the Clean Marinas Program in Chicago and in the state.

Watch for more details and look for the Marina Certification Checklist on the various webpages of sponsoring agencies.



ALLIANCE OF THE GREAT LA

By, Susan Campbell, Alliance for the Great Lakes



You ply them, you swim them, you fish them, you even drink from them -- but do you know what's in the waters of the Great Lakes?

Not surprisingly, evidence of our use of chemicals in everything from pesticides to pharmaceuticals to antibacterial hand sanitizers is found in the water.

Indeed, more than half the samples of Great Lakes water analyzed in studies to date show the presence of the now-notorious Bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical used in various plastics including baby bottles and food packaging.

But BPA represents just a fraction of the contaminants that make up what some researchers look upon as a vast chemical soup stretching from Minnesota to New York.

The Alliance for the Great Lakes has released a study that takes a hard look at the existing data on chemicals and chemical byproducts in the lakes, and at what science tells us that could mean for our health.

"Exposure to some of these chemicals . . . is cause for consternation for people and concern over fish and wildlife impacts," writes **Dr. Rebecca Klaper**, Shaw Associate Professor at the Great Lakes WATER Institute in Milwaukee and lead author of the report.

It's also unavoidable. Emerging contaminants are not only in the water, they're in the air, the land and come from hundreds of sources -- many from everyday products such as shampoos, plastics and sunscreens. There's also a potential for human exposure through eating Great Lakes fish.

Considered a holding pen for such chemicals because it can take a century or more for some of the lakes to "flush" a given pollutant, the Great Lakes have long served as both case study and leader in research on environmental contaminants. The lakes were among the first to yield evidence of "endocrine disruption" in wildlife, a phenomenon scientists first identified in the 1990s to describe the effects of environmental exposure to manmade

chemicals that mimic the body's hormones and affect babies' development in the womb.

The report notes that the last two decades have seen a growing unease about environmental contaminants that previously hadn't raised red flags. Some are relatively new to the marketplace; others are just now detectable thanks to technological advances.

More recently, the discovery of pharmaceutical byproducts in Lake Michigan drinking water -- specifically, low levels of the nicotine byproduct cotinine and the cholesterol-modifying drug gemfibrozil -- raised concerns about the potential health risk to the more than 40 million living in the basin and about what else might be circulating in the water.

Plenty, says the study. Beyond BPA, it cites numerous other emerging contaminants in the Great Lakes today, among them flame retardants, modern pesticides, the antibacterial and antifungal agent Triclosan, and the insect-repellent DEET, to name a few.

The health impacts of these and other contaminants on Great Lakes organisms and people are largely unknown, however. Implicated in hormone disruption and certain cancers, few studies have looked at the contaminants' long-term impacts in drinking water or the combined effects of multiple chemicals.

The report says that the current U.S. regulatory approach can't handle the vast number of chemicals now in use, the thousands of new chemicals introduced each year, nor the difficulty of measuring the impact of every contaminant now in the environment. To address the problem, the Alliance is calling for new research; improved technology to remove more contaminants via wastewater treatment; behavioral changes; and policy reforms.

Lyman Welch, Alliance Water Quality Program manager and report co-author, calls specifically for reforming the federal Toxic Substances Control Act -- the 1976 law giving the U.S. EPA authority to require reporting, record-keeping and testing of chemical substances. "The current federal law is broken," he says, adding it must be fixed to better protect the public from known dangerous chemicals.

Concern about chemical contaminants in the lakes is nothing new, but the myriad types of new contaminants entering the lakes each year and the increasing volume is. Add to this the fact that scant progress has been made cleaning up the known contaminants in lakebed sediment identified for remediation since the 1980s, and there's much work to be done.

Still, today's growing concern about the emerging contaminant problem is a sign of some progress.

"All those years of cleaning up the visible pollution in the Great Lakes has brought us to this point," says Welch. "The fact we're concerned now with cleaning up pollution we can't see shows how far we've come in restoring the lakes for boaters, swimmers and those who simply soak up their aesthetic beauty."

To see the study, see:

<http://www.greatlakes.org/Document.Doc?id=1072>

Formed in 1970, the Alliance for the Great Lakes is the oldest independent Great Lakes citizens' organization in North America. Our mission is to: conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource using policy, education and local efforts, ensuring a healthy Great Lakes and clean water for generations of people and wildlife. More about the Alliance for the Great Lakes is online at **www.greatlakes.org**.





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CHICAGO YACHT CLUB SONAR, *By Kevin Teborek, CYC Sonar/Keelboat Director*

The idea of a **Club-owned Keelboat Fleet** has been floated around the Chicago Yacht Club for several years. Proponents of the idea argued that by providing Membership additional ways to enjoy the city's best asset, the lakefront, it would increase satisfaction with the Club, bolster the Adult Sailing Program, and increase overall Club participation. This concept has been proven to be successful at various clubs across the country, and in August of 2011, Chicago Yacht Club joined their ranks with the purchase of 4 Sonars.



Evaluation where basic skills are tested including but not limited to rigging, sail trim, right-of-way, and basic navigation. The Program also offers a variety of lessons from basic learn-to-sail courses to advanced racing, all of which are based on the US Sailing curriculum. It is anticipated that US Sailing Keelboat certification courses will also be taught. Several race series will be available including frostbiting, summer racing series, team racing, a lady's series, and inter-club racing!

The **23-foot, 2,100-pound Sonar** was chosen primarily due to the fact it is well-respected, is used at various other major U.S. yacht clubs, and provides a stable platform from which to teach from and administer courses without sacrificing performance. Designed by **Bruce Kirby**, the Sonar is a high-performance racer as well as a comfortable day sailer just right for getting the entire family or friends on the water together. To date over 700 boats have been built and are raced in the US and around the world (see www.sonar.org for more information on the boat).

In its two months of existence, over **275 Club members rented, raced, or participated** in on-the-water instruction despite the late start and limited initial offerings. Several members found that both racing and renting the Sonars were an excellent way to lengthen their sailing season after they have put their boats away this fall. In fact, demand for the Sonar use was so high that there has been a waiting list for each day of the Frostbite Series!

Chicago Yacht Club's keelboat program offers a wide range of options for its members including daily rentals, weekly racing and lessons. In order to rent a boat, each member is required to have a Checkout

To date, the new **Sonar Fleet has proven to be an extremely positive Program for Chicago Yacht Club and its members.** The extensive use clearly shows that there is significant demand for such a program and has laid a foundation for future growth within the Club and for yacht clubs around the area!





BELMONT YACHT CLUB - FUN AT BELMONT HARBOR

By John Graneto, 2011 Commodore Belmont Yacht Club



Camaraderie and shared experiences highlight the season for most boaters and members of yacht clubs.

The Belmont Yacht Club members enjoyed a full season of fun social events this year. The pre-season always starts with the Boat Show and Strictly Sail events. What a wonderful way to get the energy and enthusiasm revved up for the season of boating. Boaters and Car enthusiasts share a love of admiring each other's toys and so the BYC partnered up again this spring with the Lambda Car Club for an antique car show at the harbor.

Memorial Day weekend brings our annual **Welcome Back Brunch** and this year we enjoyed live jazz while we all gathered to attempt to keep the rain from dampening our group's spirits. The group Fleet Cruise was to Hammond this year where a lovely time was had by all who ventured south and enjoyed fellowship and cheaper fuels prices.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FIRST AID KIT? Was the title of one of our educational course. Fleet Captain **John Williams, MD** and Commodore **John Graneto, DO**, both Emergency Medicine Physicians, provided a very informal Saturday morning session on boating first aid and medical emergencies. Do you know what the signs and symptoms of heart attack or stroke are? What would you do out at sea? What is in your first aid kit and how should you use it? These are many of the items discussed at the session.

The **Air and Water show** weekend was a typical good time for all who attended by boat or on shore.


The BYC hosted the **There and Back Race** and is described in detail in an associated article on page 52. A very **lovely wine tasting** event rounded out the summer season. We look to the fall days as I write this article and wonder what next season will bring.

Each winter the only way to make it through 6 months without the boat in the water is to look forward to the "winter reciprocity tour" as I like to call it. Visiting other Yacht Clubs in warmer climates in January and February really helps fuel the excitement for another upcoming boating season. Touring in Florida is the logical spot for many of us, but Mexico, California and overseas are exciting destinations where YC members can use their reciprocity privileges to enjoy a sunny afternoon with likeminded boating enthusiasts.

We all look forward to another spring and preparing our vessels for the fun summer ahead.



*After aging for over seventy years,
there has never been a better time to enjoy.*



Some things get better with time. Burnham Park Yacht Club is no exception. Founded in great people and great times, we remain a highlight of entertainment for Chicago's yachting community, as we have for the past seventy four years. While we have seen change, we always make sure the glasses stay full. That much will always stay the same.



Burnham Park Yacht Club

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THE BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB

By Breck Grigas, Commodore

Burnham Park Yacht Club represents the spirit of yachting in Chicago and has continued to do so for the past 73 years.

We are one of the city's "hidden gems" and with breathtaking views of the city skyline and Northerly Island, we strive to capture the essence of boating by bringing that feel into our clubhouse. It is no secret as you walk thru our facility, that we are indeed, part of the history of Chicago's yachting world.

For almost three quarters of a century, the Burnham Park Yacht Club has influenced the city's boating community. While experiencing radical changes during the course of this time, we have managed to showcase the same goals: to promote social pleasure and entertainment to our members and to foster, develop, and encourage yachting on the Great Lakes. We have not only met and achieved these goals, we have surpassed them. We have done this by expanding our ideals to include promoting ownership of all types of sail crafts and utilizing the clubhouse in public service projects and events for the city of Chicago's boating community. This has been accomplished by the strong leadership skills, hard work, and dedication of our past commodores, flag officers, and loyal membership.

The promotion and participation of yachting as a sport has always been at the forefront of the club's history. Today, as in the early days of the club's formation, we are very active in sailboat racing and powerboat excursions. Our dedication to the community is of great importance. We host a variety of programs for the Chicago Park District and Westrec Marinas.

In addition to weekend offshore racing, our sailboat fleet sponsors a weekly Beer Can Regatta. This is a series of fifteen informal races for sailors, which encourages the family, friends, and crew of



our members to come out and enjoy the art of sailing. The night is ended here at the club with a special Beer Can Buffet, where the sailors anxiously await the results of the race. In addition to Beer Can Races, Burnham Park Yacht Club sponsors three annual races, two buoy races, and one long distance race each season.

Each year our Powerboat Fleet plans and organizes a rendezvous for our members to actively participate in. While the destination changes each year, the energy and excitement stays the same. It is a weekend cruise along Lake Michigan, enjoying the summer season with fellow members outside of Burnham Harbor.

Aside from our two fleets, the club offers an educational and informative Junior Sailing Program for young students between the ages of eight and eighteen. The mission of this program is to provide a safe, fun, and empowering learning

environment designed to develop the skills required for sailing, to promote personal growth and independence within the sport of sailing, and to develop strong decision making skills while encouraging sportsmanship, leadership, and team work.

The Women's Auxiliary is recognized as an integral part of the success through the years at the Burnham Park Yacht Club. They continue to donate tremendous services, furnishings, and financial donations, which have been instrumental in the beautification and development of the day-to-day basic operations of the club.

As the environment changes, we at BPYC, support Westrec and the Chicago Park District's "Going Green" movement. By utilizing environment friendly cleaning chemicals, recycled paper and plastic products, and providing

boater's bags to our members for continued usage, donated by **CYA Secretary and Past Commodore Joann Murphy**, we are doing our part to keep our harbor clean and healthy. The harbor has also provided recycling bins for the slip holders. It is an important task at BPYC to care for our harbor by doing our part in supporting this movement.

Our Flag Officers, Board of Directors, Management & Staff bring energy and enthusiasm to each visit at the club. With the highly experienced and creative **Chef Laurence Tucker** and a friendly smile waiting for you from our manager **Lauren Cornille**, you are sure to enjoy your time at the club. Our intentions are to provide an enjoyable dining experience for each of our members and guests. As the club continues to move forward into the horizon of a new tomorrow, we encourage you to join us on our voyage into the lively future of the Burnham Park Yacht Club.



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Marty Friedman - CCYC

Abe Jacobs - BPYC

Barry Oller - CoLYC

Adrien Walker - JPYC

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Marshall Kisse - CoLYC

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1987 **Dick Jennings** - CYC

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1992 **Bill Pinkney** - BYC

1993 **Sumner N. Sollitt** - CYC

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1995 **Robert E. Murphy** - CPS

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1999 **Jerry E. Metzger** - BPYC

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2007 **Tom W. Neill** - Col YC

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2009 **Gene McCarthy** (Sail) CYC & JPYC

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2010 **Don Draper** (Sail) Col YC

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CALUMET YACHT CLUB

By Rich Nore

At the south end of Lake Michigan, where Chicago borders Indiana, lies the Calumet Yacht Club; it's a small blue collar, family oriented boating club.

The CYC is a "working" club, meaning the membership performs the bulk of on-going support, maintenance, harbor installation and removal; the "Uniform of the Day" is likely to be Carhartts & boots.

It has been a challenging year, with maintenance dredging to improve low water harbor depths. The acquisition of all necessary permits delayed actual dredging and harbor installation. While inconvenient, the activity was necessary for the future of the Club; hopefully the Lake level cycle is on an upswing.

While the Club is still considered "blue collar," the membership now includes many professional people (who don't mind getting dirty) and still, a prominent population of trade journeymen. The long-term success of the Club is directly attributable to the membership, the continual recruitment of new members who share our team work ethic, the camaraderie and the unselfish giving of time for the good of the Club.



The Club is an active supporter of **Community events**; each year Club volunteer's work with the **10th Ward Alderman (John Pope)** for Chicago's Clean and Green program, lakefront runs, picnic's for the elderly, the Christmas Ship decorations and other worthwhile neighborhood and City sponsored programs.

The current Bridge is staffed by **Commodore Jeff Sadula, Vice-Commodore Rich Nore, Rear Commodore Jim Williams, Past Commodore Ray Spanier, Treasurer Dale Roberts and Secretary Dave Raczkowski.**

Within the Club is the other club, **the Calumet Harbor Sport Fishermen**; it is open to Yacht Club members and non-members alike. The membership promotes ecology, fishing and conservation activities throughout the year. The annual Fish Boil (usually on the last Saturday of August) is an event that features the culinary skills of all the fish club members.

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THE CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (CCYC) 2011, OUR 77TH YEAR

By Mel Levy, Commodore - Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

The CCYC, which was founded in 1934, continues to prosper as an organization that supports boating interests for its members and the local community at large.

Located at Montrose Harbor, we are at the extreme northern end of the Chicago harbor system. The Corinthian spirit is the driving force behind everything that we do. We are a completely volunteer club with members from all walks of life. The common thread is a love of boating on Lake Michigan and a desire for our club to be a place where hospitality and an inviting social atmosphere can always be expected. As part of our community involvement CCYC annually sponsors **Nature Along the Lake** which is a program that teaches Chicago Public School students about ecology and the natural environment. This program supports some 900 children from almost a dozen area schools over a span of several months.

The Corinthian Yacht Club has its annual meeting in October of each year and a new slate of officers and directors is elected. Winter is a busy time for upgrading and repairing club facilities and equipment. This year, in spite of the recession, we were able to upgrade equipment for our galley, refreshment center and the audio visual system. Our club boats were also upgraded.

The off season is also a time for club events and parties. Holiday season means the **Christmas Ship and the Big "Kidz" and Little "Kidz" holiday parties**. These are followed by the **New Years Eve, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day** festivities. Each month in the off season we also have a **Potluck dinner and Movie night**. Impromptu parties are common, particularly if one of the Chicago sports teams

is doing well. Our **Mother's Day** annual brunch was successful as usual and excellent food was provided by **J & D Catering**.

In March of each year we host a sailboat racing rules seminar to help our members keep up to date with the new rules changes. **Crew school** is an annual event to teach new students about sailing and racing. Racing skippers wait (sometimes not so patiently) to recruit new crew members from the training class. There are also various special training courses during the year which can cover anything from diesel motor operations to lightning protection.

The season officially opened Memorial Day weekend and all Corinthians were ready and eager for the start of another boating season. The Spring Opener Regatta, newly renamed the **Rossberger Regatta**, in honor of **past Commodore Bill Rossberger** and his wife **Bonnie**, is expected to be a big hit again this year.

The Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club **Junior Fleet** teaches our young members water safety and sailing in addition to proper care of the environment. We are proud that this fleet continues to grow and prosper.

Our racing fleets include both large and small boats. The larger small boat fleets include the **Rhodes 19, Vanguard 15 and Lightning fleets**. The offshore fleet includes many types of boats with a large contingent of **Tartan 10s**. This year CCYC was also well represented in the annual "Mac" race with 21 boats.

Montrose beach was the site of one of the three city firework displays for the Fourth of July. Many club members watched the display from either the club patio or the deck of their boat. Good food and beverages from the galley and refreshment center made for a perfect evening.

When the weekly rain finally ended in August, Corinthians enjoyed the warm weather boating on Lake Michigan. The **"After-the-Air-&-Water-Show"** party always is a big hit with Corinthians.

September brought our annual fall regattas, the **Hobelman** and the **Red Flannels**. This is the signal that the racing season was coming to an end but recreational boating went until the end of October.

In November we hold our **"Commodore's Ball"** and present our new officers and directors. In December comes the CYA celebration, which signals the end of this season and the entire cycle starts anew.

Looking back on 2011, it was another great boating year in spite of national economic woes. With the help of numerous Corinthians we made many club improvements and always managed to have fun. During my tenure as Commodore, I had the help of many Corinthians, and I want to thank everyone for their contributions. 2011 will bring new challenges and opportunities for CCYC. Our officers, directors, and members will continue to face the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities. It is in this way that the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club will continue to prosper.



Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club



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- ★ Nature in the Park for the community children



THE CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

By Mel Levy, Commodore - Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Community Activities

The Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club has been an active partner with the lakeside community and local educational institutions for many years. We are particularly proud of our association with **Friends of the Park** and **Mr. Colin Taylor** who is the Director of Environmental Education. The following is a typical yearly agenda written by Mr. Taylor for activities of this organization at our club. It gives a flavor for the close partnership which we have with such a deserving educational organization.

"We are scheduling roughly **35 field trips** this fall semester, 5 for winter, and another 35 for spring for a total of 75 events. This includes a special Earth Day program with multiple classes and guest presenters. Fall classes take place in October and November, winter programs in February, and spring programs in April and May. During fall and spring we have a program almost every week day.

Fall curriculum is two-parted: First students have a bird lesson (identification and behavior), then take a bird-watching hike through the "Magic Hedge" with binoculars. After the hike, students share their observations.

After lunch at CCYC's cafeteria, students have a **lesson on the shoreline ecology** of Lake Michigan, specifically Montrose Beach. They learn about zebra mussels, crayfish, snails, clams, and gulls. Then the class engages in a "scavenger hunt" on the beach to find these things.

In springtime, students have a second **birding hike**, and also **study the trees and plants** in the Montrose dunes. About half of our classes get to engage in an invasive species presentation and fishing lesson with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Overall, we'll bring roughly **800 students out to the CCYC twice a year** from 12 area grade schools. The students are from grades 2-8.

We have been working on **guest lectures**, including **Brenda McKinney** from the Department of Natural Resources and **Cassandra Hatzfeld** from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. At the end of the field trips, students are asked to complete a **writing assignment** of their experiences. These writing projects involve a variety of prose journaling, nature documentation, and sometimes

wildlife poetry. The fall 2011 school semester's trips began on October 5, and will continue through late November .

In terms of **special events**: September 14 we had a joint celebration of World Water Week with PepsiCo and a class from Pierce Elementary School. The state DNR and I led a presentation about invasive species in Lake Michigan, and then everyone fished for gobies and removed them from the harbor. The fifth-grade students caught and removed 85 gobies in total, which one student termed "a good start to getting rid of all of them."

Also, we have our annual **Earth Day celebration** in April.



This spring's Earth Day celebration brought 75 fifth-graders from Disney Magnet School to the Montrose Harbor on April 22. Led by Environmental Education director **Colin Taylor**, the students engaged in a revolving set of activities: sand dune stewardship and clean-up, learning bird calls and bird-watching, games to promote sustainable everyday behavior, the beachcomber scavenger hunt, a nature song sing-along, and a sustainable lunch and nutrition activity."

This is neither a new nor an isolated activity at CCYC. There are other community and boating events which the club supports. But this is one activity that we are very committed to continuing our sponsorship.

One of my far-sighted predecessors began this program and each succeeding Commodore has supported and tried to expand the program. Our thoughts are simple. **The lakefront is for everyone and it is up to us, personally, to offer some access to educational organizations.** Our charter states that our task is to promote boating in Chicago. What better way than to let the children see firsthand about boating, beaches and water recreation at a yacht club. I have personally seen the smiles and looks of wonderment on the faces of these children. That alone is sufficient for the membership of CCYC to open our facilities and hearts for their entertainment and education for many years to come.





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CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

By Greg Miarecki, Rear Commodore

Chicago Yacht Club's 136th year will not soon be forgotten. 2011 was a year of bold moves, many triumphs and a tragedy.

During our festive New Year's Eve party at Monroe Station, we inaugurated our new Flag: **Joe Haas** (Commodore); **Jerry Bober** (Vice Commodore); **Greg Miarecki** (Rear Commodore); **Jan Promer** (Treasurer); and **Tony Close** (Secretary).



During the month of January, for the first time, we opened our **Belmont Station** for business. We enjoyed many terrific events at Belmont in January, including the gala **Pink Pony Party**, for which the Pony herself traveled from Mackinac to attend.

Our Power Fleet, under the direction of **Gary Leopardo** and **Pat Marek**, staged a wide variety of great events this year, including our annual **Special Needs and Sight Impaired Cruises** and a terrific **Roaring 20's themed Annual Dock Party**. Our Power Fleet members supported our world-class Race Committee during the sailing season. And they are in the process of reinvigorating predicted log competitions on Lake Michigan – we are proud to host the 2012 championships for the North American Cruiser Association. The Club will also host prestigious sailing championship events in 2012 as well. In July, we will host the US Sailing Junior Women's Single-Handed National Championships. In September, we'll host the Farr 40 World Championships, opening up the Club to some of the world's best sailors.

Our Racing Yacht Fleets, guided by **Skip Schink**, invited new fleets to join them for buoy racing on Saturdays at Belmont. In addition to Etchells, Shields, and Luders, we welcomed the Beneteau 36.7s, T-10s, J-111s, and J-105s on our race course. We look forward to seeing these fleets back in 2012, and to seeing many new faces on our race course as well!

Our Offshore Fleet, chaired by **Mark Norris**, had an extremely active schedule in 2012. Beer can racing remained extremely popular at Monroe and Belmont. The NOOD, Verve, and Race to Mackinac were all extremely well attended. We created new distance races in connection with the Verve and the NOOD, in an attempt to serve those of you who enjoy distance racing and the camaraderie that goes along with it. Our Inshore Verve set new attendance records, thanks to leadership from **Sam Veilleux** and **Jessica Jamieson**.

As many of you know, an extremely severe storm hit the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac fleet in the northern half of Lake Michigan. Two sailors from the boat "WingNuts" died during the storm – the first race-related deaths in 103 Macs. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families of **Mark Morley** and **Suzanne Bickel**, as well as surviving

crew of WingNuts. We are both grateful to and proud of the efforts of **Bob Arzbaecher** and the crew of "Sociable," who performed a heroic rescue of six WingNuts crew members. We are also grateful to US SAILING, which created a panel to review the incident and offer recommendations for future races. Those

recommendations are public, and we are in the process of reviewing them. We plan to undertake new measures designed to enhance Race safety.

Our Cruising Sail Fleet was also very active this year. Under the leadership of **Steve Salk** and **Dwain Lutzow**, the CSF staged a Dancing with the CSF Stars night at Belmont, its annual bowling tournament, a guided tour of the Art Institute, and successful cruises in all directions – Racine to the north, South Haven to the east, and Hammond to the south. This year, past CSF chair **Alan Haag** took over as chair of our annual Fleet Review. Alan and his team doubled participation in Fleet Review this year, which featured perfect weather and a champagne toast with each participating skipper, using beautifully engraved champagne flutes. All Fleet Review participants got their own set!

Our Sea Scouts Committee, led by **John Zienda**, dramatically increased participation in our Sea Scout ship. Our Scouts have a new boat – the Tartan 10 "Privateer," which has been a regular participant in our Belmont beer can series. We look forward to seeing the Scouts on the water often in 2012.

2011 also featured a rebirth of our Associates Committee, led by **Charlie Maule**. Our Associate members staged many outstanding events, including our 1st Annual Winter Carnival, our St. Patrick's Day parade, monthly Trivia Nights, the annual Big Kahuna Party, and our 1st Annual Associate Regatta. The regatta was sailed in the Club's new fleet of Sonars, which we purchased this summer. The Sonars will be available to Club members in 2012 for racing, day sailing, or sailing lessons.

Our Membership Committee, under the leadership of **Don Maxwell**, has been working hard to introduce new members to the Club and get them involved in our many activities. This past year, the Club introduced a "Navigator Program," which pairs new members with more senior members, who help them "navigate" around the Club. As a result of this program, our new members are already getting heavily involved in our committees.

We are looking forward to 2012, and to seeing many of you at our major events!

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Over the course of its history, Columbia has held many proud traditions. Our Club Ship has hosted sailing luminaries such as **Sir Thomas Lipton** and up-and-coming athletes like 2012 Olympic contender **Bob Willis**, racing under the Columbia burgee.

Founded to promote the sport of sailing, Corinthian spirit and camaraderie, Columbia has evolved into so much more. Our Club has been honored countless times with racing victories, and we take pride in the accomplishments that our members, sailing school teams and sea scouts have achieved on the water.

Columbia takes great pride in these achievements. Beyond our glories on the water, there is another aspect of our Club—giving back. Throughout the year, Columbia hosts and supports a variety array of environmental and charitable organizations.

Our giving season begins in the spring, with the annual **TASTE OF COLUMBIA** gourmet food and wine event supporting the Columbia Yacht Club Legacy Foundation. With funds raised at this event, the Legacy Foundation provides community scholarships and much needed equipment to support and build the **Columbia Sailing School**. The Legacy Foundation helps offset the cost of sailing courses for students of all ages and levels of experience, from five-year-old “shark bait” classes to our competitive college racing teams, and elite athletes such as **Bob Willis** and his campaign for the 2012 Olympics.



Commodore Peggy Brennan with Executive Chef Breanna Beike



The Legacy Foundation also offers classes in marine education and safety, available to Columbia members and guests.

Through our partnership with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, which works to conserve and restore the world’s largest freshwater resource, Columbia is the official home of the annual **TASTE OF THE GREAT LAKES** sustainable foods event.

For the past five years Columbia has been honored to serve as host and organizer for the **RED SKY NIGHT GALA** and **LEUKEMIA CUB REGATTA**, benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We’re proud to host this event, supported by the entire Chicago yachting community. Our members volunteer their time and talents, spending much of the off-season (and valuable on-the-water time in the summer) to organize the Friday night gala, Saturday regatta and after-race dock party. In the past five years, LCR Weekends have raised more than \$1.3 million dollars toward the fight against blood cancers.

Since 1892 Columbia Yacht Club has proudly served Chicago’s maritime community, as a center for racing, a haven for enthusiasts and a gathering place for friends. We are proud of our heritage: treasuring our traditions, welcoming future opportunities and honored to take the lead in giving back to our community.



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Chicago Yachting Association Commodores Cruise on June 25, 2011

Sun shine and blue skies was the order of the day for the nineteen Commodores, Past Commodores and Vice Commodores and their guests who enjoyed this year's annual Chicago Yachting Association Commodores Cruise on June 25, 2011. Thanks to **Jim Wardlow of SkipperBud's**, the largest Marquis and Carver yacht dealer on the Great Lakes, located in Winthrop Harbor, IL, who graciously donated a brand new 2011, 42 foot Marquis Sport Yacht, along with fuel and **Captain Tony** to make this event possible. We also thank **Jim Dekind**, Past Commodore Diversity Yacht Club, who captained his personal 37 foot Sea Ray helping to make our day special. We assembled at Diversey Yacht Club at 8:00 AM and thereafter in accordance with our pre-planned embarkation/debarkation schedule went to Belmont YC, Chicago Corinthian YC, Burnham Park YC, Chicago YC, Columbia YC, and returning to Diversey YC concluded a fun-filled and enjoyable boating day of camaraderie and good cheer. Next year as scheduled, we look forward to cruising to Hammond YC, Calumet YC, Jackson Park YC, Southern Shores YC and Museum Shores YC continuing the tradition.

A hardy appreciation goes out to all of the yacht clubs for hosting and supporting with Corinthian spirit this fabulous event.

With warmest regards and wishing you all the very best,

Judge Stanley L. Hill

Rear Commodore

Chicago Yachting Association









Chicago Yachting Community Raises Record \$320,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Chicago Yachting Community once again banded together this season to raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the fight against blood cancers. Over the course of two weekends, both the power and sailing fleets met to compete, to celebrate and to give back.

On Saturday, August 6, more than 200 people and 20 boats participated in the fastest poker game on the Lake—the LCR Poker Run. Thanks to a team of determined organizers, and the support of host Corinthian Yacht Club, the Poker Run was back with a vengeance this year after a three-year hiatus. The event exceeded its fund raising goal, raising \$26,000, and introduced a new tradition to Chicago power boaters. After a fantastic day on the lake, collecting their poker hand, participants returned to Corinthian Yacht Club for an after party with a live band, silent auction and plenty of food and drink.

Three weeks later, Columbia Yacht Club was proud to once again organize and host the Leukemia Cup Regatta Weekend, August 26-27. More than 500 yachtsmen and guests participated in events over the two days. Through the efforts of all the participating boats and their crews, as well as attendees at the Friday night kickoff event, Chicago's

sailing community exceeded their goal and raised more than \$320,000 toward the fight against blood cancers. In the past five years, Chicago's sailing community has raised more than \$1.3 million in support of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The festivities began on Friday night when more than 300 supporters of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, racers and their guests gathered for one of the summer's most anticipated nights on the lake front, the elegant Red Sky Night gala.

Guests arrived to find Columbia decorated all in shades of red, orange and yellow—reminiscent of our beautiful “red sky” sunsets. Gourmet food, including a raw bar, carving station, burger bar and delectable dessert table, were stationed throughout the Club Ship.

The auction committee outdid themselves, securing more than 100 items for the raffle, silent and live auctions. Jewelry, exotic trips, boat gadgets, gourmet in-home dinners and wine tastings, theater tickets and more tempted everyone into spirited bidding. In true Corinthian spirit, neighboring yacht clubs Burnham Park, Chicago, Chicago Corinthian and Columbia all donated baskets for the silent auction.

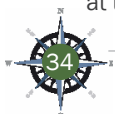
Race day dawned bright and sunny, with strong winds on the course. The regatta had 119 boats registered, with heated competition

in three sections on two circles. Thanks go out to all the race committee volunteers for their work to make the race a fun and exciting day for all participants—from the seasoned participant to the once-a-year novice.

After the race, everyone gathered back on Columbia's dock for a post-race dock party. And quite a party it was! The dock was a sea of masts with rafted-off boats, rafts in the water and dancing. The weather was beautiful, the food was amazing and live music kept the festive atmosphere going well into the night.

Brag flags were awarded to the top three boats in each section, and for the top fundraisers. The highlight of the weekend came when the Chicago yachting community proudly presented a check with the weekend's proceeds to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Everyone who participated in this year's LLS fundraising efforts deserves thanks: the committee and all the volunteers who coordinated the poker run and regatta activities, the captains who registered their boats and the crews who set up fundraising pages, the generous donors who made the event and silent auction possible and, especially, everyone who attended any of the events. This kind of support shows the true spirit and heart of the Chicago boating community, allowing us all to give back to others by turning our fun into fundraising!



POKER RUN

It was a curious sight: a 39-foot C&C flanked by powerboats leaving the mouth of Montrose Harbor, pouring on the juice as the flotilla headed toward Belmont Harbor on a brilliant Saturday in July.

When boaters hear "Poker Run," they typically think of powerboats but this year the cause caught the fancy of a few sailors who decided not to let power boaters have all the fun.

More than eighteen powerboats—and at least one sailboat—and their crews participated in the **Leukemia Cup Poker Run & Cocktails for a Cause**, which managed to raise over \$26,000 for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)**. Cancer research is one cause all boaters can agree is well worth their time and effort (and yes, cash) to support.

Historically a Poker Run was a motorcycle event involving groups of motorcycle riders aboard Harley Davidson's. Not technically a race, the object was to collect five cards on a long course, and then compare the cards over a few tall ones at the end of the ride to see who had the best hand. The concept caught on as a charity fundraising event, and has been perfectly adapted by the boating community. This year the Corinthian Yacht Club at Montrose Harbor hosted the event along with four other harbors, which functioned as checkpoints for the boats to pick up their cards: Belmont, Monroe and Burnham Harbors along with the Columbia Yacht Club.

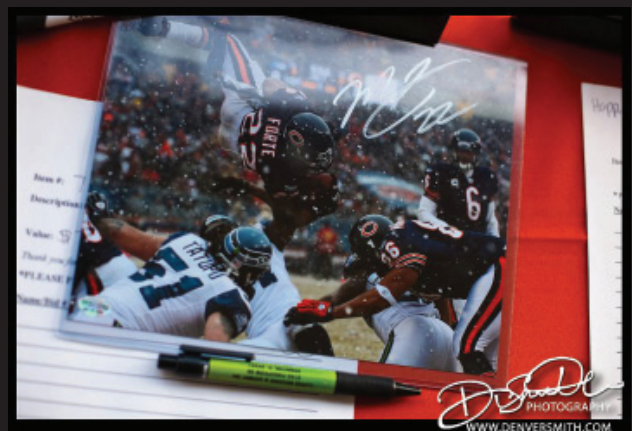
That evening boaters reconvened at the Corinthian, along with friends on shore who were more interested in bidding on auction

items and hoisting a few refreshing beverages than comparing hands. It was a gorgeous evening highlighted by live music from the Band "**Tanglewood**." Thanks to the artistry of celebrity chefs **Dean Eliacostas** and **Felipe Thomen** guests were treated to a gourmet buffet that included prime rib, lamb chops, ceviche, wild mushroom ravioli, pastries, and more.

Prizes were awarded for the best three hands, as well as the dubious achievement of worst hand. In addition to the event fees, and a generous donation from the ATO fraternity, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction on items ranging from sports memorabilia to a Golden Tee machine raised thousands of dollars for Leukemia research. Revelers danced outside under the stars to the late night mixes of **DJ Scorpio** until the wee hours, and more than a few sailors commented they would like to try their hand at joining this curious flotilla next year.

A Special Thank You to **Kathy McCarty** of the LLS, and: **Dante Ciccone, Chris Connor, Lysa Hoskins, Greg Johnson, Justin Ross** and **Miranda Wassef**, the members of the 2011 planning committee. For those who participated, Thank You...and for those who would like to participate in 2012, feel free to email d@irpinogroup.com for more information.

Looking forward to another fun and successful event in 2012!



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JUDD GOLDMAN ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM

By Robert Lang

This year the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program (JGASP), a learn-to-sail program for the physically disabled, celebrated its 22nd season.

Since 1990, over 11,000 JGASP participants have experienced the thrill of sailing on Lake Michigan. **Our mission is to provide disabled individuals the opportunity to achieve independence and self-esteem.** Supported by the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF), the Program is a unique public/private partnership with the Chicago Park District and named in memory of a Chicago sailor, **Judd Goldman**. The fleet consists of specially designed sailboats that allow the participant, no matter what their disability, the opportunity to “take the helm” rather than just being a passenger.

The Program began in 1990 with three sailboats. It has grown to a total of twenty-three boats in three classes. One class is the **21-foot Freedom Independence class**, which consists of eight boats that feature counterweighted seats that provide support while enabling sailors to pivot from one side of the boat to the other. Chest and waist belts have been added to offer more stability and safety. Another feature is that all lines run directly to the crews’ seats so no one has to leave the cockpit to raise or adjust the sails.

The Program also has four **2.4 meter single-handed paralympic class** sailboats, sailed world-wide by both able-bodied and physically disabled. All lines are fed to the cockpit and have an option of controlling the tiller either by hand or by foot, depending on the person’s disability.

The **23-foot Sonar**, the third class in our fleet, is another paralympic boat that is also sailed by able-bodied and disabled alike. Adaptive equipment for our eleven Sonars include installation of hand rails, crew benches, special seats which mount in the center of the cockpit, and port and starboard arm controls.

Our season began with the **Annual Open House**, held this year on June 4th. It’s an important event that showcases the program to potential new sailors. Over 375 people



attended this year. People were able to meet the instructors, take a short sail and then were treated to a complimentary lunch. In addition, we christened our new 2.4 meter class sailboat, Gust. The Judd Goldman Sailing Foundation is very thankful to the **John T. Jackson** family for making this generous gift in memory of John Jackson, a 22 year-old victim of the 2003 Chicago porch collapse which tragically claimed thirteen lives.

The **21st Annual Benefit of the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation** was held on July 29th at the Shedd Aquarium. It was attended by over 400 supporters. The raffle and silent auction was a great success, featuring trips throughout the

U.S., Caribbean islands, Europe and Turkey. Foundation Director and JGASP participant, **Larry Campbell**, a stroke victim, spoke of his determination to recover and the important part that the JGASP played in helping to improve his quality of life. Competitors at the **19th annual North American Challenge Cup** (NACC) for sailors with disabilities were guests at the benefit. The NACC, hosted by Chicago Yacht Club, has become one of the most prominent disabled sailing events in the world. American Airlines and Hyatt Hotels again sponsored the travel and lodging.

During the summer, the program provided a wide range of activities, including learn-to-sail instruction, racing clinics, regattas and cruises for more than 1,000 individuals. Besides individuals, many groups, such as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Midwest Brain Injury and the Wounded Warrior Project took part in this unique program.

The Judd Goldman Sailing Foundation also supports the **Judd Goldman Junior Sailing Program**, teaching sailing to inner-city youth from 8 to 12 years of age. The Program is located at the beautifully renovated, city water-fed Humboldt and Garfield Lagoons. During the summer over 200 enthusiastic children sail in our ten prams. The environment is unequalled and is an extremely rare experience for a big city recreational program. This unique approach brings the program to the neighborhood rather than the neighborhood to the program. Like the adaptive sailing program, the goal is to achieve self-esteem and independence.

Our 22nd season was another great year for the sailors in the Judd Goldman Sailing Programs. People make the program and our success is due in great part to our excellent, dedicated staff, under the leadership of **Joey Harris**, Director of Sailing. As always, our volunteers are instrumental to this success. We take this opportunity to thank all of you and hope you continue to help support this very unique Chicago charitable foundation that has taught people with disabilities as well as inner-city youth the joy of sailing.





CATALINA FLEET 21 CHICAGO REGION A SAILING CLUB FOR CATALINA SAILBOAT OWNERS

Catalina Fleet 21 is a family oriented sailing club for Chicago area owners of Catalina sailboats. The club was founded in 1973 "To promote the pleasure and interest of its members through the use of sailboats manufactured by Catalina Yachts by providing active programs of instructions in the art of sailing; by supplying a forum for the exchange of ideas; by promoting social activities of interest to members, including day sailing, cruising and racing." Fleet 21 has provided Catalina sailboat owners with over 38 years of social, educational and interesting sailing activities in and around the Chicago area harbors.

Diverse Membership

Fleet 21 member boats are harbored in most harbors from North Point to Michigan City with the largest number of boats in Burnham Harbor and Michigan City. Waukegan, Great Lakes, Montrose, Belmont, DuSable, Jackson Park and Hammond are also popular harbors for Fleet 21 boats. Catalina Fleet 21 currently has over 90 member boats/member families and is always eager to welcome new members to the club and introduce them to the members and our many sailing activities.

Monthly Meetings

Fleet 21 monthly meetings are usually held at Chicago Area Yacht Clubs. The meetings feature monthly programs for sailors including guest speakers covering topics like heavy weather, engine winterizing, safety, diesel mechanic, sail trim, GPS and sailing presentations.

Special meetings have included visits to sail lofts, marine stores and Coast Guard stations. Fellow members relating their cruising and/or racing experiences have included Door County, the North Channel, MORF and the Chicago to Mackinac Race.

Cruising Opportunities

Catalina Fleet 21 sponsors sailing outings to popular harbors such as New Buffalo, Michigan City, Hammond, Jackson Park, Montrose, Lake Macatawa and others. This provides members with the opportunity to sail together, often across Lake Michigan and spend time with Catalina friends in different harbors. These outings will often have a theme and will always feature some great food and drink, either grilling, potluck, catered or a group visit to a popular restaurant. The outings provide the opportunity for members to get together, visit, show off their boats and have a good time in general. Our sailing outings are very well attended and provide a great opportunity for members and families to get together and have sailing fun on their boats.

Racing Opportunities

Some of our members actively participate in racing including the weekly "Beer Can" races sponsored by area Yacht Clubs, MORF and major races such as the Chicago to Mackinac Race. The Catalina Fleet has been a major participant in the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. The Leukemia Cup Regatta has a special jib and main section for Catalina boats; this year it was the largest section with 17 Catalina boats registered. Our members participate and raise money for this important cause while having fun racing against each other in this charitable and informal regatta.

Charitable Activity

Catalina Fleet 21 has an active Mariner's Service Fund. This long established fund collects and contributes money annually to a sailing or boating cause or program that will benefit from such a donation. These can include boating safety educational programs, youth sailing programs, community based programs as well as emergency or benevolent causes.

Social Activities

During the winter season Catalina Fleet 21 sponsors social activities such as a Potluck with brown bag auction, Winter Rendezvous at the Strictly Sail Show and the highlight of our year the Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance held in November. There are other informal gatherings and Fleet members have many opportunities to meet and make new sailing friends.

Web Site and Publications

Catalina Fleet 21 has a very popular and useful website:

www.catfleet21.org

Upcoming events, programs, outings, racing, harbors and For Sale are part of the website. In addition Fleet 21 has a monthly newsletter, The Fleet Sheet, which can also be viewed on the website.

Chicago Yachting Association

Catalina Fleet 21 is proud to be an active member of the CYA and to provide our membership with updates on CYA activities.



SEA SCOUTS SAILING INTO 100 YEARS

Approaching its hundredth anniversary in 2012, Sea Scouting continues its growth in the Chicago area.

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for youths aged 14-20, and is a division of the Boys Scouts of America. Its low cost (\$15/yr), high activity, youth driven leadership and community service make it attractive to a variety of motivated young women and men in local units called "Ships." The Chicago Area Council has six active Ships, and three large sailing vessels in Jackson Park Outer, Monroe and Montrose Harbors. All Ships provide service to their host organization and the community through work projects, plus hosting of Scouting and other youth groups for events. Training in skills such as knot tying, compass reading and First Aid are part of advancement in Sea Scouts, but learning respect for each other, and Mother Nature, is also taught and demonstrated.

Here are some highlights of our Ships' activities this season:

SHIP 5111: Columbia Yacht Club's Ship 5111 boasts the most active unit in Chicago, and was nationally recognized as one of only five Ships in the country awarded National Flagship Fleet status this year by Boat U.S. and the National Council. 5111 sails regularly on Mondays, and races competitively in Wednesday "Beer Cans," along with twice-annual long cruises to ports as far north as Two Rivers, WI and Mackinaw Island. They sail aboard Nautilus, a Tripp 47 racing sloop moored in Monroe Harbor. 5111's small boat sailing team, Heidi Rittmeyer and Peter Bied, placed 3rd out of 40 teams in last year's Koch International Sea Scout Regatta. Most recently, 5111 provided 100 man-hours of work aboard the submarine USS Cobia at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

SHIP 5926: Established two years ago, sponsored by Immaculate Conception on the Chicago's far northwest side, Ship 5926 has grown to 15 youth members. They sail Thursday evenings and some weekends, primarily on Nautilus, but also enjoy time on our J35 Bretwalda moored in Montrose Harbor. During the past year Ship 5926 participated in the Christmas Tree Ship, the Snowstorm competition in Poplar Grove, the Council's Ski Trip, Strictly Sail as well as outings and activities with Immaculate Conception's other Scouting programs.

SHIP 5212: Jackson Park Yacht Club's Ship 5212 enjoys sailing on the 36-ft Pearson ketch, Earendil. Ship 5212 has had a very active season. Captain **Reginald Rush** recently began his tenure as new skipper, succeeding Captain **Richard Snow**, the Ship's founder and long-time skipper. Again this year, along with members of Ship 5924, they made their annual long cruise to Green Bay. This activity gives the Sea Scouts the opportunity to experience night sailing, visiting several harbors along the way. During its Wednesday night race schedule, Jackson Park Yacht Club contracts with the Ship to prepare and sell refreshments, with proceeds used to finance activities. The fall schedule will include Halloween activities, and Illinois Safe Boating Course instruction. Winter plans include participation at the annual Christmas Ship, the council-wide ski trip in January, and Strictly Sail.



Photo by Jon Martin

SHIP 5709: As a new Ship founded last winter this group is made up of students from the Rickover Naval Academy on Chicago's far north side. Boasting 38 scouts and still growing, 5709 has become the largest Ship in the council. Because of its size, they sail in shifts from Montrose Harbor on our J35. We expect this Ship to continue to grow under the leadership of CDR Mike Tooker (USN Ret), and the many other fine leaders, volunteering their time.

The work of volunteers, and donations from public and sailing communities are what allow the Sea Scouting program to continue. The benefits of education and leadership from this program reach far into the future, developing tomorrow's sailors, yacht club members, and stewards of the aquatic environment.

Find out more at SeaScout.org or at ChicagoBSA.org under the districts tab.



DIVERSEY YACHT CLUB SERVES UP FUN, ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Kevin Rasofsky, 2011 Vice Commodore

2011 was a busy year here at Diversey Yacht Club. The dock extensions brought new boaters into the harbor and many joined the Yacht Club.

April had our **welcome back parties**. May went from one extreme to another with our very special **Mothers Day celebration** and our Heavy Metal night.

Throughout the season, **acoustic duos** performed outside on our patio almost every Sunday evening. With June came our belly dancing **Fathers Day Feast**. July brought us **dueling pianos** and **D.J.s**. We also took a **fleet cruise to South Haven**, one of the best attended in years. In August, we had a **Shop Party** and a **Mini Venetian Night** open for all harbors to participate in.

The spirit of community service is alive and thriving at Diversey Yacht Club. Our Board of Directors cooked and served meals to families who were staying at the Ronald McDonald House which is associated with Children's Memorial Hospital.

Our annual **children's party** included a law enforcement sponsored child ID registration for the prevention of lost or stolen children.

Diversey Yacht Club also staged a **harbor cleanup**. Chicago Park District, Westrec, Chicago Fire Department Scuba Team and certified divers from the entire Chicagoland area jumped in to make this an extremely successful event. Hundreds of pounds of debris were removed from the harbor.

Our annual **Toys for Tots** toy drive resulted in the collection of many, many toys and our holiday food drive raised 204 pounds of food which was donated to a local community church. As the cold weather approaches we look forward to topping this in the upcoming holiday season.

This year we were very proud to have past **Commodore Randy Schmidt** chosen as Chicago Yachting Association Yacht Person of the Year.

Diversey Yacht Club also hosts the **winter steak fries** on the second Friday of the month November through March. All Yacht Clubs members are welcome.

Yes, Diversey Yacht Club is truly a great place, serving boaters and our neighboring community alike in many diverse and wonderful ways.





Navy Pier Summer courtesy of PC John Palmer CYA, CCYC



Montrose Harbor at Dusk 7-21-11 courtesy of PC John Palmer CYA, CCYC



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Navy Pier Winter courtesy of PC John Palmer CYA, CCYC



HAMMOND YACHT CLUB

By John Botich Commodore

The Hammond Yacht Club has settled into our facility and has become a destination for many boaters from around Lake Michigan.

YACHT CLUBS



In conjunction with the Hammond Marina, the Hammond Yacht Club is participating in the “**Going Green**” program that the marina has initiated. **The Hammond Marina is the first marina in the State of Indiana to have a Clean Marina status.** The marina was required to follow numerous guidelines to get the Clean Marine Status. Some of the new things added to the marina were filters for run off water from the parking lot, a wash down area for boaters to use which does not drain into the lake, and an area for fuel and oil recycling.

Throughout the marina there are separate containers for cans, plastic, and glass, **A Cigarette Litter grant program** has also been taken advantage of and has supplied the grounds with numerous disposal containers for cigars and cigarettes. The fuel dock now will pump out boats from the marina free of charge through August or boats can be pumped out in the slip using a newly purchased pump out boat for a small fee. All of these things have contributed to a better boating experience and a great way of life at the Hammond Marina.

Charity has been something our club wanted to get more involved in. During the summer of 2011, we were invited by **Jack and Christine Bonczyk** who are members of both the Hammond Yacht Club and the Chicago Yacht Club to participate in the “**Special Needs Cruise**” which takes place out of Chicago Yacht Club. With the help of two of our members, retired Chicago Fire Department **Lieutenant Donald Reyes** and retired city of **Chicago inspector Daniel Hallahan**, we boarded the 60’ Hatteras “Christy B” and proceeded from the Hammond Marina to Monroe Harbor for the cruise. The afternoon started with Lunch for captains, crew, and the Special Needs group. After lunch we then helped board our “Special Needs Passengers” for the afternoon cruise.

The cruise took out children and adults from neighboring hospitals out onto the lake, past Soldier Field, and around Navy Pier. This was an event that has been taking place for years out of the Chicago Yacht Club and is a great gesture. I was honored to represent the Hammond Yacht Club in this great event and look forward to helping next year.

On July 28th, we again participated in another charity cruise. Catholic Charities approached the Hammond Marina and asked for help in conducting a cruise to raise funds. The Hammond Yacht Club once again offered help. Ten of our members along with the Horseshoe Casino offered their services and boats to take contributors to Catholic Charities for a “**Sunset Cruise.**” The group of 100 contributors were served with dinner in the Yacht Club, then taken out for a sunset cruise. The group was introduced to our facility for the first time and really enjoyed themselves while helping to raise funds for a great cause.

I am fortunate to be surrounded by so many people who are willing to volunteer their time to keep our Yacht Club one of the best on Lake Michigan. Without all of the present and past board members, clubs like ours could not exist. I am looking forward to the rest of the 2011 season and our continued support of the Chicago Yachting Association. Yachting in Chicago is something we all cherish.





JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

By Dennis Hansen, Commodore

“Have you found your beach?” That’s the question being asked in a commercial for a popular beverage. Here at Jackson Park Yacht Club we’re asking, “Have you found your harbor?” We have.

It feels like you’re on vacation when you come to JPYC. We have had people tell us anything from it feeling like being in Cape Cod to being in the Islands. We have one of the most spectacular sunsets on the Chicago Lakefront of any yacht club. Many a night we have members sitting on our deck relaxing and enjoying the sunset. We had a party here earlier this year with many guests from other clubs who had never been to JPYC. They were amazed at how charming our club is. Some of those guests have since become new members.



We have an active Sea Scout program and a youth sailing program just getting off the ground. These are overseen by **Edmund Gueringer** and **Dick Snow** who is retiring. We can’t thank Dick enough for all his years of service.

JPYC is well known for its race program. Our race fleet is small but mighty. We always represent well in the Mac and the Tri-State regatta. But, best of all is our race committee with **RC Chair, Janet Hansen** at the helm. She has put together a group with many of the finest race officials in the area.

During the season she runs the Wednesday night Beer Cans, the Lutz, the Third Leg of the Tri-State, the Bi-State, a regatta for the Judd Goldman Adaptive sailors, the MORF Invitational, the MORF Open and other JPYC club races, as well as offering our assistance to other clubs and their races.

Jackson Park may not be as big as some other clubs but during the season we do offer one of the finest **brunches on Saturday and Sunday**, also **Wednesday night pre-race meals** and this year we began Saturday evening dinner as well. **Deb Farino** has taken our galley to this next level. Other area yacht club members as well as visiting boaters are welcome. We pride ourselves on having fun at JPYC and throw three big parties during the summer. Thanks, to **Ken Harris**, we have live music for our **Island Party, Blues Fest** and **Jazz Fest**. Everyone has a great time.

We’re not all fun and games at Jackson. As a **volunteer club** we take it seriously when it comes to maintaining the club and everyone helps in their own way, led by **Jim Webb**, our House chair.

Jackson Park is a great club to belong to. It’s like having an extended family. Come, join us.



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THE JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

By Gregory Golabek, Vice Commodore

“The true peace of God begins at any point 1,000 miles from the nearest land.”
— Joseph Conrad

For over 41 years, the Joseph Conrad Yacht Club (JCYC) has followed the same passion for sailing as their namesake, famed Polish-born novelist and captain, **Joseph Conrad**. Founded on November 2, 1969, by a young group of Polish-American sailing enthusiasts, notably; **Albert Lada, Ireneusz Geblewicz, Isidore Ryzak, Henry Luber,** and **Mark and Anna Sokolowski**, JCYC became the first Polish sailing club outside of Poland, quickly establishing itself as a model for future clubs around the US and throughout the world.

The initial fleet included sailboats, “AEOLUS,” “FREJA,” “KAROLINKA,” “KORMORAN,” “RASCAL,” “SEAHAWK,” “STAR,” and “VELA,” but soon began to grow as word of the new club spread with the help of public events like the first yachting ball and Polish Constitution Day Parade in the spring of 1970.

In 1988, JCYC expanded from a mainly social club into the sport of competitive sailboat racing with **Andrzej Piotrowski’s** sloop, “SOLIDARITY,” participating in that year’s MAC Race. Much how the “Solidarity Movement” brought new life in their native Poland, “SOLIDARITY” changed the face of the club forever. The club held its first official club race in 1994, “Regatta for the Golden Button of the Commodore,” igniting a tradition of racing that carries on to this day.

In 2000 the JCYC joined the Chicago Yachting Association (CYA), becoming the 12th official member of the CYA sailing community. Boats like “PINBALL WIZARD”- **Leszek Ziolkowski** and “LIGHTNING”- **Kris Kaminski** have become known throughout the Chicago sailing community for their racing prowess. “PINBALL WIZARD” successfully competed in the MAC, Verve, Tri State, and JCYC regattas. But perhaps most notable is **Kris Kaminski’s** “LIGHTNING” taking the Theodore M. Dunlop trophy at the 2003 MAC Race. The club continues to blend both social and competitive sailing events, embodying the sailing spirit.

2011 marked a distinctly new chapter in the club’s existence, as committee elections held early in the year brought a new group of board members to the helm, with **Walter Kotaba** (Commodore),

Gregory Golabek (Vice-Commodore), **Jolanta Santocka** (Secretary), and **Albert Nidzinski** (Treasurer) taking positions. The focus for 2011 has been one of resurgence, as the club looks to increase its membership and solidify its presence in the Chicago sailing scene through the use of social and traditional media. In addition to the JCYC website and Facebook page, Vice-Commodore **Gregory Golabek** promoted the club’s “Annual Regatta” on both Polish radio station 10:30 AM and the POLVISION television channel.

The JCYC prides itself as a social organization dedicated to Chicago’s Polish community, holding several sailing events, seminars, and picnics throughout the season for club members and anyone interested in the sport of sailing.

In fact, two JCYC sponsored regattas were held this season; “The JCYC Annual Regatta” on July 9th, with first division winner “YELLOW MELLOW”- **Waldemar Emmerich** taking top honors, followed by “GRYTVIKEN”- **Piotr Madrzyk** and “ERIZO DE MAR”- **Antoni Czupryna**. “ULLNAS” - **Jerzy Ocytko** finished first in the second division followed by “KAROLYNKA”- **Andrzej Suchodolski** and “SOMEWHERE IN TIME”- **Michal Golabek**.

The second race of the season, “The Commodore’s Cup Regatta” was held on August 27th, with “GRYTVIKEN” placing first in the first division, followed by “GLASS SLIPPER”- **Marek Bakowski**, and “ERIZO DE MAR.” Once again, we saw “ULLNAS” clinching the second division honors, with “MONIKA”- **Witek Nowicki**, and “KAROLINKA”- **Andrzej Suchodolski** following across the finish.

Four JCYC skippered sailboats also successfully competed in the 103rd Race to Mackinac; “ERIZO DE MAR”- **Antoni Czupryna**, “FORTE SEA”- **Gregory Golabek**, “GRYTVIKEN”- **Piotr Madrzyk**, and “KOKO LOKO”- **Tomek Kokocinski** all finishing in their respected divisions.

After a fulfilling sailing season, the club looks forward to hosting its annual JCYC Gala, where members and guests can end the year with dinner and dancing, while recounting the many experiences and achievements they shared over the course of the 2011 season — but most importantly, plan for an even better 2012!



BOAT SHOWS BRING SUMMER FUN TO CHICAGOLAND THIS WINTER

National Marine Manufacturers Association

Looking for ways to escape the wintry weather this season?

For years, Midwest outdoor enthusiasts and boaters have flocked to three popular Chicago boat shows – all of which offer a great opportunity to shop and compare some of the best priced boats, RVs and outdoor goods of the year while stocking up on all the essentials needed for summer fun.

The Chicago-based National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) owns and operates 18 boat shows nationwide with three very unique shows in the Chicagoland area – the **Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show**, **Strictly Sail Chicago**, and the **Rosemont Sportfishing, Travel & Outdoors Show**. Each has a different appeal and offers something for every type of boating, fishing, RV and outdoor enthusiast.

For many years, the **CHICAGO BOAT, SPORTS & RV SHOW** has served as the largest indoor show in the Midwest. The 2012 Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show takes place **January 12-16 at McCormick Place** and will showcase hundreds of the newest boats and marine accessories, plus an RV area showcasing the latest RVs from the region's top dealers and everything to meet the needs of a true road warrior. In addition to the latest products, visitors will find a variety of special interactive features the entire family can enjoy.

STRICTLY SAIL CHICAGO has established itself as the largest indoor all-sail show in the nation. The 2012 Strictly Sail Chicago show takes place **January 26-29 at one of Chicago's landmarks, Navy Pier**. Thousands of sailing enthusiasts from around the country flock to this four-day event annually to find the newest sailboats and sailing products. The show is also known for its outstanding educational seminar series and boasts instructors from around the world who have made their name in the sport of sailing. Launched in 1996, Strictly Sail Chicago is a sailing tradition – a place to prepare for the upcoming season and socialize with fellow sailors.

And the newest Chicagoland show under the NMMA umbrella is the annual **ROSEMONT SPORTFISHING, TRAVEL & OUTDOORS SHOW** (formerly the America's Outdoor Show). This show has been the dominant fishing, travel and hunting event in the region for more than 30 years. The 2012 event, now in its 32nd year, takes place **January 25-29 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL**. The Rosemont Show offers the Chicagoland area's largest selection of fishing tackle and hunting gear; hundreds of hunting and fishing lodges, travel and tourism destinations; exciting special features fit for the whole family; and a top-notch fishing and hunting seminar lineup featuring well-known pros.

Visitors interested in any of the shows have the chance to pre-shop boats and RVs that will be showcased by visiting www.ChicagoBoatShow.com, www.StrictlySailChicago.com, and www.RosemontOutdoorsShow.com to plan ahead and browse the greatest deals on hundreds of brands and models; in addition to scheduling dealer appointments onsite or at the dealership.

SHOW INFORMATION:

82nd Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show

January 12-16, 2012

Location: McCormick Place – North Building

www.ChicagoBoatShow.com

17th Strictly Sail Chicago

January 26-29, 2012

Location: Navy Pier

www.StrictlySailChicago.com

33rd Rosemont Sportfishing, Travel & Outdoors Show

January 25-29, 2012

Location: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

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MUSEUM SHORES YACHT CLUB

By: Commodore Gregory S. Williamson

Oh why does it have to end? Saturday, October 15th 2011. All the boats are gone. The gates to the piers are being padlocked. What a great summer, hot sun filled days.



The boating season started out a little rainy and cool. There was rain for our **opening day event**. But the rain could not prevent us from having one of our largest turnouts of members and guests. Was it the smooth music provided by **D.J. Jim Hatcher**, or was it the delectable food, consisting of smothered pork chops, fried chicken and peach cobbler, of Mac Arthur's restaurant that lured the overflow crowd to our initial event for the summer? After dining and some choice beverages, we danced late into the evening.

In the spirit of giving we must salute our Vice Commodore **Ted Parker** who organized a **coat and toy drive** for O'Keefe Elementary School. Over sixty new coats and numerous toys and school supplies were purchased by our Club or were donated by members and friends. The gifts were presented last Christmas to the school.

Our **day campers** were excited as ever to visit the Club and view the boats. We also had over thirty students from New Sullivan Elementary School visit our Club. Classes on boating safety were given by Vice Commodore **Ted Parker**. The menu for the children consisted of hot dogs, chips and sodas.

Along with **Alderman Leslie Hairston** we had over one hundred of our senior citizens out for a day of great food, beverages, music, and boat rides. Weather conditions restricted us to only one event for the seniors this year.

What has become an annual event is **Captain Julie Irvin** and her **Father's Day breakfast-brunch**. Captain Irvin also gives all the fathers in attendance a great Father's Day gift.

The boaters on C Dock under the direction of **Captains Lewthon Bates** and **Alfred Hale** had a pig roast. Everyone in attendance dined on great food and enjoyed great music. Not to be outdone, the boaters on A dock had an incredible **Pirates Party** the following week. The intermittent rain could not dampen the spirits of all those in attendance.

What would Monday night be without the smooth jazz provided by the Mecca musicians?

We held our **Fish Fry** on September 17th. All those in attendance dined on great fish and many sides. Thanks to **John White** and **Ike Turner** for keeping the fryers hot. The Coast Guard Auxiliary held a **Steak Fry** on September 24th. Great Steaks, beverages, and music kept all those in attendance smiling.

How quickly time goes when you are having a good time. Four years as Commodore of Museum Shores Yacht Club has left me with great memories, great friendships, and incredible experiences that I will always cherish. See you on the water!



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THE BEST RACE

By Paul and Susan Herer

Our vote for one of the best races in the Chicago area goes to the Belmont Yacht Club's annual 47.1 nm, There and Back Race.

Although it offers only single and double-handed divisions at this time, it can just as easily be a great course for a crewed division.

The **entry fee is only \$45.00** and the skipper's meeting on the Friday evening before Saturday's race is short and "to the point." The race is governed by US Sailing rules, all boats are welcomed and the results are scored under PHRF rules. Two members of the Belmont Yacht Club's race committee are US Sailing certified race officials, and this regatta is run in an efficient, "no nonsense" professional manner.

The **race begins on Saturday morning** with a 0750 warning and the start commencing at 0800 hours. There is one start for everyone. The length of the starting line is adjusted to accommodate the number of entries, which thus far has numbered from less than a dozen to more than twenty sailboats.

The There And Back Race course is basically four legs:

- 1) From the starting line between the Red Nun Buoy at Belmont Harbor and the race committee boat, sail north 12.3 nm to the #4 Gross Point Outer Light, leaving it to starboard.
- 2) The second leg sails south 21.8 nm to the 68th Street Crib, rounding it to starboard, and keeping all other cribs to starboard along the way.
- 3) The third leg sails north 11.2nm to the Wilson Avenue Crib, rounding it to port, while keeping all other cribs to port along the way.
- 4) The last leg sails southwest 1.8 nm to the finish line in a north to south direction, between the Belmont Red Nun Buoy to port and the Belmont Harbor light on the north harbor entrance to starboard.

Although this racecourse is the same each year, it gives all the competitors an opportunity to sail on all points of sail with varying wind and weather conditions during the race, as well as turning marks to both port and starboard.

This is an **ideal combination of both around the buoy and distance racing** for just one day.

There is a twelve hour limit to complete the race by 2000 hours, but **most competitors finish between 1500 and 1800 hours, giving them time to enjoy dinner and other Chicago attractions.** If the wind conditions continue to be extremely light, the race committee has the option not to leave the competitors in drifting conditions, but to shorten the course from the starting line to the #4 Gross Point Light to the Wilson Avenue Crib and back to the finish line.

This option has only been needed once in the seven years that the race has been held, but each year, some of the competitors do not finish due to heavy weather and /or mechanical problems.

The **finish time is based upon the honor system**, where each competitor calls in their GPS finish time to the race committee followed by the submission of a finish form within ninety minutes of their finish. This includes the names of the boat ahead and behind if known.

The **honor system permeates the entire race**; there has never been any cheating nor any disregard for the racing rules or rules "of the road," nor has there been any need for protests.

The prizes are awarded based upon the number of competitors in each section:

1-4 boats	1 award
5-9 boats	2 awards
More than 10 boats	3 awards



The starting sequence, courtesy of the Belmont Yacht Club 2010.



Chicago is a very viable sailing community, and this town's lakefront provides a world-class venue for any sailing event.

This article was written by **Paul & Susan Herer**. They own a J100 named WHAAT'S UP? and sail and race on Lake Michigan as members of the Anchorage Yacht Club. Their participation in the Belmont Yacht Club's There & Back Race has spanned six of the seven years that this race has been held. Both hold US Coast Guard Master Mariners' licenses with Sail Endorsements.

We are in agreement with Ken Read's article in the September, 2010 Sailing World article "It's Our Time That Needs Saving."

EVENT



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Southern Shore Yacht Club

will be celebrating its

100th Year Anniversary

June 2012



Widely recognized as one of the safest and most beautiful harbors on Lake Michigan's southern shore, the inner harbor at Jackson Park is truly a treasure on Chicago's south side.



The large Cape Cod clubhouse annually plays host to visiting yachtsmen from all ports of Lake Michigan while hosting a monthly steak fry every 2nd Tuesday of the month during the months of March through October.

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We are looking forward to an exciting
100 year celebration!





SOUTHERN SHORE YACHT CLUB

By Kerry V Isom Commodore Southern Shore Yacht Club

I bring you greetings from the best kept secret in Chicago, Southern Shore Yacht Club. This is my first year as Commodore and I must say what a year we've had.

I started this year with almost an entirely new board of directors. Who says change is bad?

The Board of Directors of Southern Shore Yacht Club are;

- Kerry V. Isom** – Commodore
- Larue Watson** – Vice Commodore
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- Miguel Cruz** – Treasurer
- Sandra Smith** – Secretary
- Eschol Hall** – House Director
- Andre Coleman** – Finance Director
- George McGuire** – Entertainment Director
- Orville Macklin** – Membership Director.

The board has pulled together to make the Club a united entity. I would like to say thank you to the board along with several of the club members who have donated their time and money to spruce the club up, inside and out. Additions made to the Club this year include a flat screen television in the Great room, Ping Pong entertainment system and a computer with a printer and internet access which all members are welcome to use.

This year's **Opening Day** was held on Saturday, June 4th, 2011. The day started with the raising of the flags, with the National Anthem playing in the background. It was a very proud moment for me as I saluted the Officers of Southern Shore as the Commodore, after which several boats participated in the boat parade.

Later that evening we dined on steak and lobster, and all the trimmings. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

As many of you know Southern Shore Yacht Club sponsors a **monthly steak fry** on the second Tuesday during the months of March through October. This year we have featured a two (2) piece reggae band, and to everyone's delight the band has been a big hit. Members and guests alike dance the night away under the stars.



Future plans are to feature “**Jazz on the Hill**” nights. Look for this in 2012.

Southern Shore Yacht Club is one of the oldest harbors along the lakefront. **Next year we will be celebrating our 100th year anniversary.** There is a committee working tirelessly to make this event successful. We are hoping members from the other yacht clubs will come out to this very special occasion and help us celebrate this milestone. As plans are finalized information will be distributed to the various clubs.

Again this year E dock and C dock hosted their annual **dock parties**. E dock went all out this year. They strung red, white, and blue lights down the dock which made for a very colorful presentation. C dock along with a few members from D dock added a little live entertainment to their party. They incorporated a 3 piece band along with singers. A good time was had by all that attended both dock parties. We are looking forward to seeing what will be added next year.

The club has sponsored a **Reggae party**, and an end of the season **potluck picnic**. Both of these events were well attended not only by members of the Club but by fellow boaters, who we are looking forward to joining the club in the near future.

I commend the **security personnel** for making us feel safe and for watching over our boats during the wee hours of the morning. They take their jobs very seriously but at the same time show nothing but the utmost respect to the boaters.

A special thank you to the hardest working Harbor Master in the system, **Nancy**. She and her staff made sure the boaters were happy. The harbor was always clean and any complaints that may have been received were taken care of in a timely fashion.

The following past commodores: **PC Roland Wright, PC Ray Grana** and **PC Sandra Smith** helped to guide me through my first year as Commodore and I would like to thank them for all of their help and words of encouragement. With their guidance my first year has been a very successful one.

I would like to thank all the members of the SSYC for their support throughout the year; as a team we are making the Club pleasant experience for all.

I am happy I accepted the position that was offered to me 6 years ago, that started me on the path to be Commodore. I have had an opportunity to meet and socialize with members of other wonderful yacht clubs. The friendships I have developed over the years will always be dear to me.

I am already looking forward to the 2012 boating season. See you next spring,



THE CHICAGO MATCH RACE CENTER

The Chicago Match Race Center (CMRC), having just finished its third season on the water, continues to raise the bar for match racing in the United States.

The biggest addition to the CMRC calendar for the 2011 season was the ability to stage two premier events at Navy Pier. This is a fantastic venue for stadium-style sailing as all of the racing takes place on short windward/leeward courses which are set within feet from the east end of the pier. This ideal venue encouraged thousands of pedestrians on the Pier to engage in the America's Cup style racing.

Launched in 2009, the center was founded by Chicago's own entrepreneur, **Donald Wilson**, and World Match Race Tour champion, **Bill Hardesty**, to raise the level of match racing in the United States. The CMRC features a fleet of identical Tom 28 Max sailboats, four Elliot 6M boats, and a full contingent of umpire and support boats. Based out of a floating clubhouse in North Belmont Harbor, the CMRC hosts events annually between May and October that attract some of the best sailors from around the world. This year in 10 events, participants from 15 countries sailed in regattas ranging from the Great Lakes Match Race Championship Richardson Trophy to the Chicago Match Cup Grade 1, one of only two such events held in North America.

The year of 2011 has also been exciting as teams prepare for the final selections of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The 2012 Games will feature women's match racing for the first time, which has caused an explosion of women's match racing around the world. The US has solidified itself as one of the top contenders for Olympic Gold with **Anna Tunnicliffe**, **Sally Barkow**, and **Genny Tulloch** all taking top 10 spots in the international (ISAF) rankings. As one of the few sailing venues with the highly sought Elliot 6M sailboats that will be used in the games, teams from around the world have chosen the Chicago Match Race Center as a place to train.

In addition to hosting regattas, the Chicago Match Race Center is becoming a well-known place to practice for professional match racing teams, many of which are participating on the World Match Race Tour. Furthermore, Chicago based sailors looking to raise their level of match racing are able to participate in a local membership program at the CMRC. This program features weekly practice sessions with on the water coaching on Tuesday and Friday evenings April through October.

Part of the Chicago Match Race Center mission is to bring value to corporate sponsors through the sport of sailing. Eurex joined on in 2011 as the title sponsor of the July Eurex Match Cup. Guests of Eurex were treated to an afternoon on the water enjoying the match race



action and the ability to ride along on a sailboat or umpire boat during racing. Individual boat sponsors for 2011 were the CME Group and Newedge while Line Honors Sailing Supply and GoPro participated as center supporters. Now is the time to think about getting your company involved with the Chicago Match Race Center in 2012 through corporate hospitality, team-building events and branding opportunities.

The Chicago Match Race Center is committed to the Chicago sailing community and is looking forward to hosting more events at Navy Pier next year. Stadium seating set up on the east end of the pier with expert commentary to explain the racing is open to the public. Be a part of the action next spring when the CMRC kicks off in May.

For more information please visit www.chicagomatchrace.com.



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2011 BOAT OF THE YEAR

The 2011 Chicago Yachting Association's Boat of the Year competition provided an outstanding fleet with over 118 boats entered in various series.

The Boat of the Year Committee's format provided for a Port-to-Port Championship Series and a Buoy Championship Series for the PHRF, the T-10 fleet, the Beneteau 40.7 fleet and the Beneteau 36.7 fleet. The J-105 fleet had their own championship series. This year's format once again had an over-all Championship for both the PHRF and T-10 fleets which included a fleet prize for best overall to those boats entered in both the PHRF and T-10 Buoy and Port to Port Championships.

This year's PHRF Port to Port Championship had 3 divisions eligible for trophies. In **DIVISION 1**, the winner was **Imedi** owned by **Mark Hauf** who took the first place prize with 10 points.

The **DIVISION 2** winner for the first place with 8 points was **Scout** owned by **Dorsey Ruley**.

In **DIVISION 3**, the series ended with a tie at 14 points each between **Stuart Taylor** and the Team Regardless yacht **Regardless** and **Don Waller's Maskwa**. When the tiebreaker was applied, **Regardless** won the first place trophy for the division.

This year's PHRF Buoy Series Championship fielded one division eligible for a trophy. **DIVISION 2** was a very close contest between **Eagles Wings** and **Scout** with 19.5 points and 20 points respectively. **Eagles Wings** owned by **John Gottwald** took the first place prize.

To win the **Over-All PHRF Championship Series**, boats must be entered in both the Port-to-Port Series and the Buoy Series. In determining the winner, the 3 best eligible Port-to-Port races and the 10 best eligible Buoy races are scored. The boat with the lowest point total for those races scored is the winner. Winning the Over-All PHRF Championship with 40 points is **Scout** owned by **Dorsey Ruley**. Congratulations to **Scout**, **Dorsey Ruley**, owner, and the entire crew for a great performance.

With two championship series on the 2011 agenda, the **Beneteau 40.7S** had another great **PORT TO PORT** racing series. As the series ended, **Excalibur** owned by **David Tarson** won the first place trophy with a total of 11 points.

The **Beneteau 40.7 Buoy Series** was another exciting series. After the racing was finished **Vayu** owned by **Ron Buzil** took the first place trophy with a total of 17 points. **Turning Point** owned by **Dave Hardy** won the second place trophy with a total of 22 points.

This year saw the **Beneteau 36.7 Fleet** with a **PORT TO PORT** and **BUOY SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP**. In the Port to Port Series, first place was won by **Don Draper** and **Greg Fyksen's** yacht **Sorcerer** with a total of 10 points. Congratulations to **Sorcerer** and crew for the win.

In the **Buoy Series for the Beneteau 36.7s**, **Robert Foley's Tried and True** took the first place prize with 18 points. **Fog** owned by **Charles Wurtzbach** and **Mike Bird** took the second place trophy with 31 points, and the third place trophy went to **George Quinlen's** yacht **Wishes** with a total of 35 points.

The **J-105 Fleet** venue again provided for an exiting series. When the spray settled, **Clark Pellett** with his boat **Sealark** took the first place trophy. Following for the second place silver was **The Asylum** owned by **Tony Bowker** and **Jon Weglarz**. **Certare** owned by **Art Wong** took the third place prize. The fourth place prize was awarded to **Here's Johnny** owned by **John Moore**.

Two series comprised the **Boat of the Year** competition for the T-10 Fleet, a Port-to-Port Series and a Buoy Series. Racing in this fleet is always exciting and competitive. Taking the first place silver in the **PORT-TO-PORT SERIES** was **Cheap Thrill** owned by **Nancy and Tim Snyder**. Second place went to **Wombat** owned by **Art Strilky**. **Mike and Brian Kaczor's Erica** took the third place trophy. The fourth place position was won by **Andrea Krasinski** and her yacht **Pegasus** and the fifth place prize was won by **Doug Baker's** yacht **Temerity**. As usual, very close competitive sailing in the Tartan 10 fleet.

In the **T-10 Buoy Series**, there was more competitive sailing. First place went to **Martin and Tina Plonus's Tango**. The second place went to **Mike and Brian Kaczor's Erica**. Third place went to **Steve Karstrand and Bob Warnecke's** yacht **Lightning**. Fourth place was won by **Winnebago** owned by **Tim Rathbun** and the fifth place was taken by **Mutiny** owned by **John Schellenbach**.

The lowest combined point scores for the **Port to Port** and **Buoy Championships** were used to determine the winner of the T-10 Over-All Championship. **Mike and Brian Kaczor** and the yacht **Erica** and crew were triumphant in winning this honor for the third consecutive time, a first for the T-10 fleet. Congratulations to **Erica** and crew on a great effort and win.





Erica, photo courtesy of boatingshots.com

THE CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION'S BOAT OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

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A special thanks to **Don Draper** for his efforts in scoring the Boat of the Year Series for the Chicago Yachting Association.

The Chicago Yachting Association is pleased to have presented this premier event, the Boat of the Year Series, and we want to congratulate not only the winners, but also every participant in the series.

We look forward to seeing you all on the race course in 2012.

Scout



Scout racing in the 103rd Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac



2011 RACER RESULTS

LMSRF AREA III

2011 BOAT OF THE YEAR

OVERALL SERIES

PHRF OVERALL

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley

T-10 OVERALL

1st Erica Mike & Brian Kaczor

J/105 OVERALL

1st Sealark Clark Pellett
2nd The Asylum Tony Bowker/
Joe Weglarz
3rd Certare Art Wong
4th Here's Johnny John Moore

BUOY SERIES

PHRF 2

1st Eagles Wings John J. Gottwald

BEN 36.7

1st Tried and True Robert K. Foley
2nd Fog Charles Wurtz bach
& Mike Bird
3rd Wishes George Quinlan

BEN 40.7

1st Vayu Ron Buzil
2nd Turning Point David Hardy

T-10

1st Tango Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd Erica Mike & Brian Kaczor
3rd Lightning Steve Karstrand/
Bob Warnecke
4th Winnebago Tim Rathbun
5th Mutiny John Schellenbach

PORT TO PORT SERIES

PHRF 1

1st Imedi Mark Hauf

PHRF 2

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley

PHRF 3

1st Regardless Team Regardless

BEN 36.7

1st Sorcerer Don Draper &
Greg Fyksen

BEN 40.7

1st Excalibur David Tarson

T-10

1st Cheap Thrill Nancy & Tim Snyder
2nd Wombat Art Strilky
3rd Erica Mike & Brian Kaczor
4th Pegasus Andrea Krasinski
5th Temerity Douglas Baker

Offshore Championship

J/105

1st Sealark Clark Pellett
2nd Messy Jessy Dorin Candea
3rd Striking Blane Shea

Long Distance: Goose Island Series

J/105

1st Sealark Clark Pellett
2nd Vytis Tom and Paul Petkus
3rd Y-Not Ginny Waskel

2011 AREA III RACE RESULTS

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Edwin Reinholtzen Spring Opener

MAY 28

T-10

1st Tango Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd Lightning Steve Karstrand/
Bob Warnecke
3rd Silver Surfer Simon Beemsterboer

PHRF 2

1st Graffiti Train Chris Berger
2nd Eagle Jerry & Shawn O'Neill

BEN 40.7

1st Vayu Ron Buzil
2nd Turning Point David Hardy

J/109

1st Northstar David Gustman

Waukegan Yacht Club Chicago to Waukegan

JUNE 18

T-10

1st Cheap Thrill Nancy + Tim Snyder
2nd Retention Mark Croll
3rd Erica Mike & Brian Kaczor

J/105

1st Y-Not Ginny Waskel
2nd Vytis Tomas Petkus

PHRF 1

1st Defiance Smirl, Nielson, Edman,
Warnecke, USMMA
2nd Raven Stan Bailey
3rd Imedi Mark Hauf

PHRF 2

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley
2nd Salsa Pete & Sue Stott
3rd Eagles Wings John J. Gottwald

PHRF 3

1st Regardless Team Regardless
2nd Spitfire Mr. James K. Hellquist
3rd Paradigm Shift David Dickerson

PHRF 4

1st Smokin' J Mike Ludtke
2nd Peeking Duck Gordon Graham
3rd Retriever Matthew Beer

PHRF 5

1st Circus John Calto
2nd Cynthia James De Vries
3rd Ariel Kevin P. Cullnan
4th True North Dan Arntzen
5th Primo Veliero John Yacullo

BEN 36.7

1st Sorcerer Don Draper &
Greg Fyksen

BEN 40.7

1st Mojo Gay Powell,
Jeff Comeau,
Scot Ruhlander
2nd Excalibur David Tarson

Great Lakes Yacht Club Waukegan to Chicago

JUNE 19

PHRF 1

1st Defiance Smirl, Nielson, Edman,
Warnecke, USMMA

PHRF 2

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley
2nd Graffiti Train Chris Berger
3rd Night Hawk Edman Dabrowski

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Hobelman Regatta

JUNE 25

T-10

1st Retention Mark Croll
2nd American Flyer Steve Knoop
3rd Wombat Art Strilky
4th Lightning Steve Karstrand/
Bob Warnecke
5th Tango Martin & Tina Plonus
6th Erica Mike & Brian Kaczor

J/105

1st The Asylum Team The Asylum
2nd Y-Not Ginny Waskel

PHRF 2

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley
2nd Eagle Jerry & Shawn O'Neill

BEN 36.7

1st Tried and True Robert K. Foley
2nd As You Wish Sue Hogan, John
Heaton, Grace Tsiang
3rd Tequila Mockingbird Chris Duhon

Columbia Yacht Club Chicago to Michigan City

JULY 1

T-10

1st	Wombat	Art Strilky
2nd	Jump	Hank Graziano
3rd	Pegasus	Andrea Krasinski

PHRF 1

1st	Defiance	Smirl,Nielson,Edman, Warnecke,USMMA
2nd	Imedi	Mark Hauf

PHRF 2

1st	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski
2nd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill

PHRF 3

1st	Maskwa	Don Waller
2nd	Runaway	Tom Gorey
3rd	Princess M	Carl Chaleff

PHRF 4

1st	Geronimo	Herb Philbrick
2nd	Mirage	John Boyle

PHRF 5

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
3rd	Dobiehouse	Kevin Lynch

BEN 36.7

1st	Erizo de Mar	Antoni Czupryna
2nd	Sorcerer	Don Draper & Greg Fyksen

Jackson Park Yacht Club Lutz Regatta

JULY 9

T-10

1st	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd	Erica	Mike & Brian Kaczor
3rd	Lightning	Steve Karstrand/ Bob Warnecke
4th	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

PHRF 1

1st	Imedi	Mark Hauf
2nd	Raven	Stan Bailey

PHRF 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
2nd	Eagles Wings	John J. Gottwald
3rd	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill

BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
2nd	Excalibur	David Tarson
3rd	LaTempete	Tom Weber

Columbia Yacht Club Mayor Daley

JULY 31

T-10

1st	Erica	Mike & Brian Kaczor
2nd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
3rd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob

PHRF 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
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BEN 40.7

1st	Vayu	Ron Buzil
2nd	LaTempete	Tom Weber

Columbia Yacht Club Fran Byrne

AUGUST 6

FARR 40

1st	Flash Gordon	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Hot Lips	Christopher Whitford

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach

J/105

1st	Certare	Arthur Wong
2nd	Here's Johnny	John Moore

PHRF 2

1st	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Scout	Dorsey Ruley

BEN 36.7

1st	Stingray	Steve Pelke
2nd	Tried and True	Robert K. Foley
3rd	Wishes	George Quinlan

Burnham Park Yacht Club Kathy A. Zukasky Memorial

AUGUST 13

T-10

1st	Temerity	Douglas Baker
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PHRF 2

1st	Eagles Wings	John J. Gottwald
2nd	Scout	Dorsey Ruley

BEN 40.7

1st	Vayu	Ron Buzil
2nd	Das Boot	Jay and Cindy Muller
3rd	LaTempete	Tom Weber

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Kaczmarek Cup

AUGUST 28

T-10

1st	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
3rd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach

J/105

1st	The Asylum	Team The Asylum
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PHRF 2

1st	Eagles Wings	John J. Gottwald
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Columbia Yacht Club Chicago to St. Joseph

SEPTEMBER 2

OV ORR A-B

1st	Wishes	George Quinlan
2nd	Sorcerer	Don Draper & Greg Fyksen
3rd	Gaucht	Mark & Diane Bouckaert

T-10

1st	Wombat	Art Strilky
2nd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
3rd	Rover	Ken Colbert

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	Valhalla	Michael Lang

PHRF 1

1st	Thirsty Tiger	Albert D'Ottavio
2nd	Imedi	Mark Hauf
3rd	Pororoca	Gene McCarthy

PHRF 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
2nd	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
3rd	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski

PHRF 3

1st	Momentus	Kevin Saedi & George Simkins
2nd	Spitfire	Mr. James K. Hellquist
3rd	Michela	Miguel Gambetta
4th	Quicksilver	Gintaras Karaitis

PHRF 4

1st	Zot	Jonathan H. Veersma
2nd	Nirvana	David Hoff
3rd	Dandelion	Tom Jacobs

PHRF 5

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Cynthia	James De Vries
3rd	Kutty's Ark	McGinnis-Morrissey
4th	True North	Dan Arntzen

BEN 36.7

1st	Wishes	George Quinlan
2nd	Sorcerer	Don Draper & Greg Fyksen

BEN 40.7

1st	Das Boot	Jay and Cindy Muller
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Michigan City Yacht Club St. Joseph to Michigan City

SEPTEMBER 4

OV ORR A-B

1st	Sea Raider	Dirk Kruger
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PHRF 2

1st	Kashmir	Mayer, Henderson, Brummel
2nd	Adios	John Kosowski

PHRF 3

1st	Liberty2	Tom Blasco
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PHRF 4

1st	Geronimo	Herb Philbrick
2nd	Zot	Jonathan H. Veersma
3rd	Unknown Lady	David Ward

PHRF 5

1st	Cynthia	James De Vries
2nd	Karizmaddie	Patrick Reynolds

Jackson Park Yacht Club Bi-State - St. Joseph to Chicago

SEPTEMBER 4

T-10

1st	Cheap Thrill	Nancy + Tim Snyder
2nd	Wombat	Art Strilky
3rd	Witch-Craft	Jim Webb & David Travis

J/105

1st	Vytis	Tomas Petkus
2nd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

PHRF 1

1st	Renegade	Thomas Papoutsis
2nd	Thirsty Tiger	Albert D'Ottavio

PHRF 3

1st	Northstar	David Gustman
2nd	Princess M	Carl Chaleff

PHRF 5

1st	GAUCHO III	Kirk Kessler
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BEN 36.7

1st	Wishes	George Quinlan
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BEN 40.7

1st	Excalibur	David Tarson
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Chicago Yacht Club Commodores Cup Regatta

SEPTEMBER 11

T-10

1st	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

ORR TOT 1

1st	Imedi	Mark Hauf
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ORR TOT 2

1st	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
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BELMONT YACHT CLUB

There and Back Shorthanded Regatta

AUGUST 7

DOUBLE-HANDED

1st	Whaat's Up	Susan & Paul Herer
2nd	Songline	Mike Abbey
3rd	Gangbusters	Mark Gannon
4th	Program	Warren Levins
5th	Endeavor	Tim Franceschini

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Windy City Team Race

JUNE 18-19

1st	Happy Factor	August Hernandez, Anna Bargren, Martin Johnsson, Kelsey Kramer, Ben Marden, Sue O'Neil
2nd	Wiscompton	Brendan Boylan, Joe Kutschenreiter, Kevin Kennedy, Leif Evensen, Andrew Fox, Molly Forbes
3rd	DMZ Report	Martha Pitt, Olin Davis, Zac Hernandez, Scott Hollman, Drew Shea, Mike Kanare
4th	Chubby Bunny	Jacob Karlin, Katie Andersen, Lu Hahn, Erica Trejo, Andrew Graff, Colleen Duncan

5th	Dept. of Corrections	Doug Baker, Scott Eisenhardt, Kristina Schaldach, Rob Pickens, Tommy Holmberg, Chris Lynch
6th	Team Last Minute	Robert Sanoie, Tyler Rice, Elizabeth Foulston, Nick Dugdale, Hollis Barth, Robert Savoie, John Darby

7th	The Montrose Hamma Head	Josh Henrich, Michael Whitford, Amy Baxter, Dustin Domer, Mary Lucey, Laura Hagen
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Rhodes 19 Nationals

AUGUST 10-12

1st	Peter Sladovich
2nd	Charles Pendleton / Jim Raisides
3rd	Benz Faget
4th	Bob Bernstein
5th	Jan Paul Zonnenburg
6th	Steve Uhl

Vanguard 15 Thursday Night Fleet Race Series

MAY 5-AUGUST 25

1st	Jacob Karlin with Katie Anderson
2nd	Lu Han with Erica Trejo
3rd	Mel Levy with Phil Kwasinski
4th	Ben Marden with Sue O'Neil
5th	Andy Graff with Colleen Duncan
6th	Chad Steinglass with Allie Gardiner

Red Flannels Lightning Regatta

SEPTEMBER 24-25

1st	David Stix with Todd Wake & Amy Simonsen
2nd	Bill Faude with Jared Drake & Mary Corkell
3rd	Richard Walsh with Peter Hansin & Terry Carro
4th	Pete Orlebeke with Kim Orlebeke & Cole Orlebeke
5th	Paul Wurtzebach with Karen Johnson & Andy Camarda
6th	Jeff Schmahl with David Schmahl & Kiersa Brenner
7th	Mike Tennity with Nick Conner & Shanna Conner
8th	William Gibson with Steve Jenkins & Jim Eckert
9th	Trey Rose with Mike Garza & Jim Thompson
10th	Steve Adamski with Laurie Rien & Doug Olson
11th	Mike Frachescini with Noah Luke
12th	Brandon Holton with Jonas Andersson & Jerry Holton, Jr.

Rhodes 19 Championship A Series

1st	Yahoo
2nd	Rhubarb
3rd	Peter Pan

Rhodes 19 Championship B Series

1st	Yahoo
2nd	Missing Link
3rd	Peter Pan

Rhodes 19 Evening Series

1st	Ms Julie
2nd	White
3rd	Yahoo

Rhodes 19 Sunset Series

1st	Ms Julie
2nd	Peter Pan
3rd	Yahoo

CHICAGO MATCHRACE CENTER

Spring Invitational – Grade 3: LMSRF Richardson & USMRC Group E/K Qualifier

MAY 28-29

1st	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
2nd	Chris Poole	Falmouth, US
3rd	Mark Johnson	Appleton, US
4th	Ben Marden	Chicago, US
5th	Chris Wurtz	Team YT, Chicago, US
5th	Alex Curtiss	Lake Bluff, US
6th	Lars Hansen	Golden Valley, US
7th	Will Cyr	Grosse Pointe, US
8th	Robert Sansome	Team SPACEMONKEY, Chicago, US
10th	Eric Christman	Chicago Cubs, Chicago, US

Go-Pro Match Cup A, Grade 3

JUNE 24-25

1st	Nevin Snow	Team SDYC, San Diego, US
2nd	Stephanie Roble	East Troy, US
3rd	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
4th	Stratis Andreadis	Athens, GR
5th	Jennifer Wilson	Chicago, US
6th	Chris Segerblom	NHYC++, Costa Mesa, CA
7th	Colin Rathbun	Tortola, BVI
8th	Lance Fraser	Fraser Match Racing, Hamilton, BM
9th	Guy Mossman	Mt Pleasant, US
10th	Leo Vasiliev	Port Washington, US

Go-Pro Match Cup B, Grade 3

JUNE 26-27

1st	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
2nd	Nevin Snow	Team SDYC, San Diego, US
3rd	Taylor Canfield	Team CMRC St. Thomas, VI
4th	Colin Rathbun	Tortola, VG
5th	Guy Mossman	Mt Pleasant, US

6th	Nick Dugdale	Marin County, CA, US
7th	Stratis Andreadis	Athens, GR
8th	Lars Hansen	Golden Valley, US
9th	Lance Fraser	Fraser Match Racing, Hamilton, BM
10th	Leo Vasiliev	Port Washington, US

Eurex Match Cup

JULY 8-10

1st	Taylor Canfield	Team CMRC, St. Thomas, VI
2nd	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
3rd	Jordan Reece	True Blue Racing, Sydney, AU
4th	Steven Lowery	Highland Park, US
5th	Tyler Rice	St. Thomas, VI
6th	Magus Sandberg	Toronto, CA
7th	Leo Vasiliev	Port Washington, US
8th	Guy Mossman	Mt Pleasant, US

Grade 2 Invitational

AUGUST 12-14

1st	Bill Hardesty	San Diego, US
2nd	Laurie Jury	Auckland, NZ
3rd	William Tiller	Team Full Metal Jacket, Auckland, NZ
4th	Taylor Canfield	Team CMRC, St. Thomas, VI
5th	Nicolai Sehested	Tre-For Match Racing, Copenhagen, DK
6th	Mike Buckley	Southold, US
7th	Anna Tunnicliffe	Team Maclaren, US
8th	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
9th	Jordan Reece	True Blue Racing, Sydney, AU
10th	Shawn Ryan	Rigamaroo Racing, New Orleans, US

Grade 3 Autumn Open – (A)

SEPTEMBER 9-10

1st	Chin Yew Seah	Hong Kong, HK
2nd	Maggie Shea	Chicago, US
3rd	Jakub Pawluk	Warsaw, PL
4th	Brad Funk	Fort Lauderdale, US
5th	Judge Ryan	Scuttlebutt Sailing, San Diego, US
6th	David Storrs	Team Pequot, Southport, US
7th	Sharon Ferris-Choat	Toronto, CA
8th	David Tabb	Poole, GB
9th	Nick Dugdale	Marin County, CA, US
10th	John Horsch	Business Time Sailing Team, Oakland, US

Grade 3 Autumn Open – (B)

SEPTEMBER 11-12

1st	Lucy MacGregor	Poole, GB
2nd	Brad Funk	Fort Lauderdale, US
3rd	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
4th	Chin Yew Seah	Hong Kong, HK
5th	Shawn Bennett	Baydelta Maritime, Tiburon, US
6th	David Storrs	Team Pequot, Southport, US
7th	Sharon Ferris-Choat	Toronto, CA
8th	David Tabb	Poole, GB

9th	Jakub Pawluk	Warsaw, PL
10th	John Horsch	Business Time Sailing Team, Oakland, CA, US

Grade 1 Chicago Match Cup

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1

1st	Keith Swinton	Perth, AU
2nd	Pierre-Antoine Morvan	Nantes, FR
3rd	Phil Robertson	Auckland, NZ
4th	Alvaro Marinho	Lisboa, PT
5th	Taylor Canfield	St. Thomas, VI
6th	Reuben Corbett	Kerikeri, NZ
7th	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
8th	William (Bill) Hardesty III	San Diego, US
9th	Sally Barkow	Nashotah, US
10th	Genny Tulloch	San Francisco, US
11th	Simone Ferrarese	Lecce, IT
12th	Dave Perry	Southport, US

Richardson Trophy

OCTOBER 7-9

1st	Donald Wilson	Chicago, US
2nd	Steven Lowery	Highland Park, US
3rd	Peter Wickwire	Toronto, CA
4th	Josh Kerst	Ann Arbor, US
5th	Chris Vantol	Detroit, US
6th	Ben Marden	Chicago, US
7th	Magnus Sandberg	Toronto, CA
8th	Mark Johnson	Appleton, US
9th	Spencer Colpaert	Detroit, US
10th	Dan Mcnamara	Minnetonka, US
11th	Eric Christman	Chicago, US

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

Talbot Regatta

OCTOBER 2-3, 2010

VANGUARD 15

1st	Andy Graff
2nd	Donald Massey
3rd	Patrick Freese
4th	John Schellenbach

LASER CLASS

1st	Roman Plutenko
2nd	Matt Woodworth
3rd	Michael Schmid
4th	Paul Wurtzebach
5th	Matthew Thompson
6th	Martin Bonsager
7th	Nikita Malin
8th	Rick Strilky

LASER RADIAL

1st	Kurt Holtze
2nd	John Weiss

Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta

NOVEMBER 20-21, 2010

A DIVISION

1st	University of Wisconsin Badgers
2nd	University of Michigan Wolverines
3rd	University of Minnesota Gophers

B DIVISION

1st	Northwestern University Wildcats
2nd	University of Wisconsin Badgers
3rd	University of Minnesota Gophers

2010 Fall Frostbite

OCTOBER 10-NOVEMBER 21

LASER

1st	Rick Strilky
2nd	Paul Wurtzebach
3rd	Roman Plutenko
4th	Chris Manick

VANGUARD 15

1st	Aaron Houston
2nd	Brian Kaczor
3rd	Lu Han
4th	Sail # 513
5th	John Schellenbach

420

1st	Viviana Fanizzo
2nd	Marc Rubenstein
3rd	Jessica Jamieson

Spring Frostbite

MARCH 20-MAY 1

LASER

1st	Roman Plutenko
2nd	Rick Strilky
3rd	Paul Wurtzebach

VANGUARD 15

1st	Aaron Houston
2nd	Jacob Karlin
3rd	Lu Han

420

1st	Bill Mercer
2nd	Nick Norris
3rd	Christ Kumberos

High School Ice Breaker

APRIL 2-3

A DIVISION

1st	White Bear/Mahtomedi	Eddie Cox & Natasha Skaalurd
2nd	Minnetonka White	Ben Garber & Madde Loosbrock
3rd	Loyola XXX	Alex Post, Melinda Lee, Matt Goschi
4th	Oconomowoc	Connor Trepton & Katrina Debbink

B DIVISION

1st	Minnetonka White	Addy Ferguson & Nick Price
2nd	White Bear/Mahtomedi	Will Crary & Andrew Hed
3rd	New Trier Green	Mitchell Gordon & Mike Kanare
4th	Oconomowoc	Parker Trepton & Bridget Murphy

TEAM RESULTS

1st	White Bear/Mahtomedi
2nd	Minnetonka White
3rd	New Trier Green
4th	Oconomowoc

NOOD Regatta

JUNE 10-12

BEN 36.7

1st	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
2nd	Stingray	Steve Pelke
3rd	As You Wish	John Heaton

BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
2nd	Spanker	Jim McDonnell
3rd	Vayu	Ronald Buzil

GREAT LAKES 36

1st	Graffiti Train	Chris Berger
2nd	Surface Tension	Jeffrey Schaefer
3rd	Impetuous	Adam Berger

GREAT LAKES FARR 40

1st	Heartbreaker	Robert Hughes
2nd	Flash Gordon	Helmut Jahn
3rd	Inferno	Phillip Dowd

FLYING TIGER

1st	80	George Petkovic
2nd	Toy Tiger	Al/Kent Wolczyk/ Picknell
3rd	Koko Loko	Tomek Kokocinski

GREAT LAKES 70

1st	Evolution	Pete Reichelsdorfer
2nd	Stripes	Bill Martin
3rd	Details	Lance Smotherman

LEVEL 35

1st	Bozo's Circus	Bruce Metcalf
2nd	Bad Dog	Larry Taunt
3rd	Touch of Grey	Larry Schell

J/105

1st	Messy Jessy	Dorin Candea
2nd	Striking	Blane Shea
3rd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

J/109

1st	Momentus	Kevin Saedi
2nd	Kill	Irv Kerbel
3rd	Lucky Dubie 2	Len Siegal

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Karl Brummel, Henderson, Mayer
2nd	Mental	Paul Stahlberg
3rd	Nighthawk	Steven Dabrowski

T-10

1st	Wombat	Arthur Strilky
2nd	Norboy	Leif Sigmond
3rd	Tango	Martin Plonus

PHRF 1

1st	Defiance	Dale/Robert Smirl/ Warnecke
2nd	Mirage	William Dooley
3rd	Natalie J	Philip O'Neil III DDS

PHRF 2

1st	Spirit Walker	Vern McCain
2nd	Eagle	Shawn & Jerry O'Neill
3rd	Raven	Stan Bailey

PHRF 3

1st	Redrum	Scott Bruesewitz
2nd	Chaos	Jack Amedio
3rd	Sufficient Reason	Mitchell Padnos

PHRF 4

1st	Opus Dei	Chris Cyril
2nd	Maskwa	Donald Waller
3rd	Saucy	Chris/Edmund Johnston/Lewis

DISTANCE RACE

1st	Regardless	Daniel Griggs
2nd	Providence	Greg Miarecki
3rd	Gonzo	Kenneth Ganch

Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

JULY 10

1st	Rittmeyer/Bied
2nd	Koules/White
3rd	Paulson/Berger

103rd Race to Mackinac

JULY 16

CHICAGO-MACKINAC TROPHY

1st	Windancer	John Nedeau
2nd	Details	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Stripes	Bill Martin

MACKINAC CUP

1st	Usual Suspect	Bryan Sims
1st	Fast Tango	Tim Prophit, Peter Wenzler
2nd	Cynthia	Andrew Grootendorst & James B. DeVries
3rd	Mystery	Stephen Jay, Clark Carruthers

CRUISING DIVISION

1st	Jug Band	Harry Simmon
2nd	Princess M	Carl Chaleff
3rd	Roxy	Rick Johnson/Don Condit

DOUBLE HANDED DIVISION

1st	Och	Brendon Docherty
2nd	Gonzo	Kenneth Ganch
3rd	TFWB Relentless	George Petritz, Kimberly Petirtz

MULTIHULL DIVISION

1st	Sundog	Paul & Kathleen Parks
2nd	Manitou	Fred Ball
3rd	Lei Loe	H.L. 'Loe' Enloe

BEN 36.7

1st	Karma	Lou Sandoval, Martin Sandoval, Jack Buoscio
2nd	Weather Edge III	Colton Park Weatherston, Owner
3rd	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
4th	Grizzly	Charles M. Bayer, Jr.

BEN 40.7

1st	Vayu	Ron Buzil
1st	Spanker	Dennis J. McDonnell, James McDonnell
2nd	Turning Point	Peter Schmidt / Bill Bartz
3rd	Excalibur	David Tarson
3rd	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
3rd	Mojo	Gary Powell, Jeff Comeaux

CRUISING 1

1st	Jug Band	Harry Simmon
2nd	Princess M	Carl Chaleff
3rd	Roxy	Rick Johnson/Don Condit
4th	Final Diversion	Joseph S. Haas
5th	Intangible	Tom Falck
6th	Mirage	John Boyle

CRUISING 2

1st	Hope	Dr. Michael Leland
2nd	9 Lives	George Seaverns & Janet Disney Seaverns
3rd	Blue Chip	Ulrich Noorman
4th	Eclipse	Donald Drexler
5th	Patriot	Laura Studders

J/105

1st	Pterodactyl	Mark Symonds
2nd	Buzz	Mark Gurney
2nd	Sealark	Clark Pellett
3rd	Vytis	Tomas and Gytis Petkus

J/109

1st	Merengue	David Southwell & Jack Dau
1st	Vanda III	Jim Mitchell/Toliver
2nd	Northstar	David Gustman
2nd	Certainly	Donald E Meyer

SECTION 01

1st	Goblin	Dr. Paul Akers
2nd	Drumbeat	Ted Etheridge
3rd	Kokomo	Wesson Schulz

SECTION 02

1st	Flash Gordon 5	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Hot Lips	Christopher Whitford
3rd	Heartbreaker	Robert L Hughes
4th	Pendragon	Brian Jackman

SECTION 03

1st	Kashmir	Brummel/Henderson/ Mayer
2nd	Spirit Walker	Vern McCain & Bob Hillier
3rd	nosurprise	David Irish
4th	Majic	William Hoyer
5th	Sufficient Reason	Mitchell W. Padnos, Tracy Brand

SECTION 04

1st	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Perseverance	Matthew Songer
3rd	Que Loco II	Dr. Bradley A. Dykstra
3rd	Timberwolf	Terry & Patti McMahon
3rd	Graffiti Train	Chris Berger
4th	Liberte'	Tim Gabrielse

SECTION 05

1st	Gauntlet	Guy Hiestand
1st	Archimedes II	Joseph Hummel & Marybeth Lore
2nd	Spitfire	James K. Hellquist & Larry Warter
3rd	Crazy Diamond	Martin R. Crain
4th	Michela	Miguel Gambetta

SECTION 06

1st	Usual Suspect	Bryan Sims
1st	Bozo's Circus	Bruce Metcalf
1st	Aftershock	William M. Newman
4th	Just Messin'	Adam Esselman
5th	On Edge	Steve Dorfman

SECTION 07

1st	Fast Tango	Tim Prophit, Peter Wenzler
2nd	Rush	Jeff Alisch
2nd	Celerity	Sheldon Dummer
3rd	Lady K	Mike Stewart
4th	Moody Blue	William Barton

SECTION 08

1st	Cynthia	Andrew Grooten- dorst & James B. DeVries
2nd	Highlander	Jim & Gerri Sorbie
3rd	Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
4th	Dandelion	Tom Jacobs

SECTION 09

1st	Mystery	Stephen Jay, Clark Carruthers
2nd	Siochail	Brian Geraghty
3rd	Contender	Gary Graham

SPORTBOAT

1st	Meridian 2	W.S. Shelhorse
2nd	Power Trip	Paul & James Kraft
3rd	Shorthanded	Robert C. Hughes

T-10

1st	Erica	Mike & Brian Kaczor
2nd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder

3rd	Talisman	Kevin Mehaffey, Brian Mehaffey
4th	Silver Surfer	Simon Beemsterboer
5th	ReTENTion	Mark & Joni Croll

TURBO

1st	Windancer	John Nedeau
2nd	Details	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Stripes	Bill Martin
4th	Natalie J.	Philip D. O'Neil III DDS

North American Challenge Cup

JULY 29-AUGUST 1

2.4MR

1st	David Trude
2nd	Joseph Hill
3rd	Aaron Wong-Sing

FREEDOM INDEPENDENCE 20

1st	Mike Strahle
2nd	Bridget Bodo
3rd	Mike Jaffe

SONAR

1st	Albert Foster
2nd	Chris Martin
3rd	Jim Thweatt

Verve Offshore

AUGUST 19-21

FARR 40

1st	Convexity	Donald Wilson
2nd	Flash Gordon	Helmut Jahn
3rd	Vincere	Grant Hood

GREAT LAKES 70

1st	Evolution	Pete Reichelsdorfer
2nd	Details	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Windancer	John Nedeau

ORR 1

1st	Talisman	Bruce Aikens
2nd	Bretwalda 3	Bob Pethick
3rd	Natalie J	Philip D. O'Neil III DDS

ORR 2

1st	Eagle	Shawn/Jerry O'Neill
2nd	Spirit Walker	Vern McCain
3rd	Scout	Dorsey Ruley

BEN 36.7

1st	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
2nd	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
3rd	Stingray	Steve Pelke

BEN 40.7

1st	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
2nd	Vayu	Ron Buzil
3rd	Collaboration 2	Robert Vickery

J/109

1st	Northstar	David Gustman
2nd	Lucky Dubie 2	Len Siegal
3rd	Momentum	Kevin Saedi

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Karl Brummel, Steve Henderson, Mike Mayer
2nd	nosurprise	David Irish
3rd	Mental	Paul Stahlberg

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	Messy Jessy	Dorin Candea
3rd	Crash Test Dummies	Richard & Lori Stearns

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Tango	Martin Plonus
3rd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
4th	American Flyer	Steve Knoop

LEVEL 132

1st	True North	Dan Arntzen
2nd	Awesome	Team CHI NOLA, Awesome-Zephyr
3rd	Planxty	Kate/Dennis Bartley

ORR 3

1st	Aftershock	William Newman
2nd	Bozo's Circus	Bruce Metcalf
3rd	Whisper	Thomas Barnes

Verve Inshore

AUGUST 27-28

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS

1st	Resolute	Mark Teborek
2nd	Dixie	Fred Joosten
3rd	Hokule'a	Richard Sidell

SHIELDS

1st	Insidious	Gary Ropski
2nd	Hellcat	Sam Veilleux
3rd	Sapphire	Mike Schwartz

LUDERS 16

1st	Clipper	William Simpson
2nd	Orque	Patti Rague-Elliott
3rd	Gypsy	Richard Winters

RHODES 19

1st	Ms Julie	John Vonnegut
2nd	Peter Pan	Peter Krovat
3rd	YAHOO	Vince Camarda

MELGES 24

1st	High Voltage	August Hernandez
2nd	Das Kleine Boat	Cate Muller
3rd	Narley MELGESon	Curtis Jazwiecki

J/24

1st	Mijah	John Heaton
2nd	2XS	Mark Soya
3rd	GoldRush	Daniel Walsh

SOLING

1st	Freia	Stephen Bobo
2nd	Silver Lining	Ross Richards
3rd	More Cowbell	Tom Elliott

VANGUARD 15

1st	Condor	Jacob Karlin
2nd	LuTopia	Lu Han
3rd	H.M.S. Kittywampus	Scott Eisenhardt

LASER

1st	198420	J.P Mull
2nd	Pigiron	Paul Wurtzebach
3rd	962	David Wagner

High School Kick Off Classic

SEPTEMBER 10-11

LASER RADIAL

1st	Lake Forest	Malcolm Lamphere
2nd	Grosse Ile	Ali Knoles
3rd	Lake Forest	Alex Curtiss

LASER

1st	Minnetonka	Connor Corgard
2nd	Wayzata	Sean Burke
3rd	Lake Forest	Thomas Balk

420 OVERALL

1st	Minnetonka White
2nd	Oconomowoc 1
3rd	Minnetonka Blue
4th	St. Ignatius
5th	Lake Forrest Academy

420 B CLASS

1st	Minnetonka White	Ian Solum with Laurel Brown
2nd	Oconomowoc 1	Dan Groskopf with Sam Petelinsek
3rd	St. Ignatius	Mike Duncan with Morgan Gaudet & Grant Egan
4th	Hinsdale Central	Samantha Foulston with Elizabeth Foulston
5th	Lake Forest Academy	Emily Shantley-Roberts with Sarah Porter

420 OVERALL

1st	Minnetonka White
2nd	Oconomowoc 1
3rd	Minnetonka Blue
4th	St. Ignatius
5th	Lake Forest Academy

Sheldon Clark Regatta

SEPTEMBER 17-18

FARR 40

1st	Pendragon	Brian Jackman
2nd	Norboy	Leif Sigmond / Marcus Thymian
3rd	Inferno	Phillip Dowd

BEN 40.7

1st	Vayu	Ron Buzil
2nd	Turning Point	David Hardy
3rd	Sociable	Robert Arzbaecher

BEN 36.7

1st	FOG	Charlie Wurtzebach/Mike Bird
2nd	Wishes	George Quinlan
3rd	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley

J/111

1st	Nighthawk	Tom Edman
2nd	Kashmir	Karl Brummel, Steve Henderson, Mike Mayer
3rd	Mental	Richard Stearns

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	Messy Jessy	Dorin Candea
3rd	The Asylum	Jon Weglarz

SHIELDS

1st	Peanut	Kristian Martincic
2nd	Yankee Girl	Kevin Teborek
3rd	Insidious	Gary Ropski

T-10

1st	American Flyer	Steve Knoop
2nd	Lightning	Steve Karstrand/ Bob Warnecke
3rd	Tango	Martin Plonus
4th	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

LUDERS 16

1st	Clipper	William Simpson
2nd	Amiga	Harold Hering
3rd	Wild Irish	Lawrence Weeks

ORR 1

1st	Eagle	Shawn/Jerry O'Neill
2nd	Imedi	Mark Hauf
3rd	Eagles Wings	John Gottwald

ORR 2

1st	Kill	Irv Kerbel
2nd	Chief	Mike Wolf
3rd	Slapshot	Scott Sims

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

Leukemia Cup

AUGUST 27

ADJ PHRF 1

1st	Kashmir	Mayer, Henderson, Brummel
2nd	Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian

ADJ PHRF 2

1st	Momentus	Kevin Saedi & George Simkins
2nd	Lucky Dubie 2	Raymond Groble

ADJ PHRF 3

1st	Measure for Measure	BrianTobin
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ADJ PHRF JAM 1

1st	Hiwassee	John Bell & Ian Fisher
2nd	Cookie Monster	Peter Goldman
3rd	Kahuna	Loren Thompson

ADJ PHRF JAM 2

1st	Gadzooks	Steve Kall
2nd	Summer Key	Team Turner
3rd	Songline	Michael, Tammi Abbey

ADJ PHRF JAM 3

1st	Sirocco	Tom Spees
2nd	Still Crazy	Ivan Sagel

ADJ PHRF JAM 4

1st	Dauntless	Todd Bracken
2nd	Allegro	Matt and Tracy Howard
3rd	Harizon	Eddie Harrison

CATALINA

1st	Lite House 2	Matt Mattern
2nd	Westwind	Michael Argyelan
3rd	Little Miss Magic	Raymond Kalinsky

CRUISING

1st	No Reverse	Bob Horenkamp
2nd	Restless	Mike Lang

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Temerity	Douglas Baker

J/105

1st	Gonzo	Kenneth Ganch
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BEN 36.7

1st	Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin
2nd	Sorcerer	Don Draper & Greg Fyksen

JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

South Lake Series (with Hammond Yacht Club)

JUNE AND SEPTEMBER

OVERALL TEAM TROPHY

Jackson Park Yacht Club

SILVER CUP OUT OF HAMMOND

1st	Andalé	Dick Bauman, JPYC
2nd	Zorina	John Acquino, JPYC
3rd	Escape	Tom Mikos, HYC

HACKEL CUP REGATTA

OUT OF JACKSON PARK

1st	Witchcraft	Jim Webb & Dave Travis, JPYC
2nd	Andalé	Dick Bauman, JPYC
3rd	DeDa's Toy	Ted Graves, JPYC

JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

Joseph Conrad Regatta

GROUP 1

1st	Grytviken	Piotr Madrzyk
2nd	Glass Slipper	Marek Bakowski
3rd	Erizo de Mar	Tony Czupryna

Gold Button Of The Commodore Regatta

GROUP II

1st	Ullnas	Jerzy Ocytko
2nd	Witek Nowicki	Monika

MIDWEST OPEN RACING FLEET

Chicago to St. Joseph

JUNE 3

OVERALL

1st	Gaucha III	Kirk Kessler
2nd	Gaucha	M&D Bouchaert
3rd	Tenacity	Peter Cooper
4th	Its Good	Mitch Weisman
5th	On Edge	Steve Dorfman
6th	Painkiller 4	Alice Martin
7th	Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward
8th	St Francis	J&M Cruz

SPINNAKER 4

1st	Gaucha	M&D Bouchaert
2nd	Tenacity	Peter Cooper
3rd	Its Good	Mitch Weisman
4th	Painkiller 4	Alice Martin
5th	Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward
6th	St Francis	J&M Cruz

SPINNAKER 6

1st	Gaucha III	Kirk Kessler
2nd	On Edge	Steve Dorfman

Open Series

SEPTEMBER 24-25

FLEET 1 MULTIHULL

1st	Caliente 2
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J/109

1st	Songline
2nd	Kahuna

SPINNAKER

1st	Winnebago
2nd	Erica
3rd	Night Hawk
4th	Heart Throb
5th	Whisper

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two hours. By that time, there were several dozen law enforcement and private boats searching the area in addition to the Coast Guard helicopter. Randy and Kristin decided that they had done all they could do and they headed toward Saugatuck.

As they continued the cruise, they began receiving phone calls from reporters from across the country. From these reporters, Randy and Kristin learned the story behind the plane crash:

The plane had left Alma, Michigan, at about 9:00 am and was headed to Rochester, Minnesota. The plane was on a mercy flight, taking Don Pavlik, the superintendent of Alma Public Schools, to the Mayo Clinic for cancer treatment. On board, in addition to Don, were his wife Irene, Dr. James Hall, a long time doctor in Alma, the co-pilot Earl Davidson, a retired construction company owner, and Jerry Freed, the pilot and owner of the plane. All five people were well known and well respected leaders in the Alma community.

The story has a bitter-sweet ending: Jerry Freed was the only survivor of the crash. About a week after the crash, the others and the plane were found on the bottom of Lake Michigan in 175 feet of water.

Those who know Randy are not surprised that he would go miles out of his way to help search for people in distress on the Lake. Since buying his first boat in 1986, Randy has been dedicated to helping others enjoy all that Lake Michigan offers. He has been a USCG licensed captain since 1989 and is the current President of the Chicago Sportfishing Association, the association of Chicago charter boat operators. He is also a member of the Mayor's Fishing Advisory Committee. In these capacities he works to promote and protect sport fishing on Lake Michigan for both the boat fishermen and the shore anglers. He is also a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Charterboat Operators. In his position with NACO, he works to protect the rights of recreational fishermen throughout the country and especially in the Great Lakes.

In addition to his activities related to fishing on Lake Michigan, he is active in the general boating community. He has served on the board of directors for the Diversey Yacht Club since 1997 and was its Commodore in 2000. He is now serving as its Judge Advocate and Treasurer. For the past few years, he has organized a "fishing clinic" during DYC's annual children's party. Randy and other volunteers help the children at the party catch fish from the docks in front of the club.

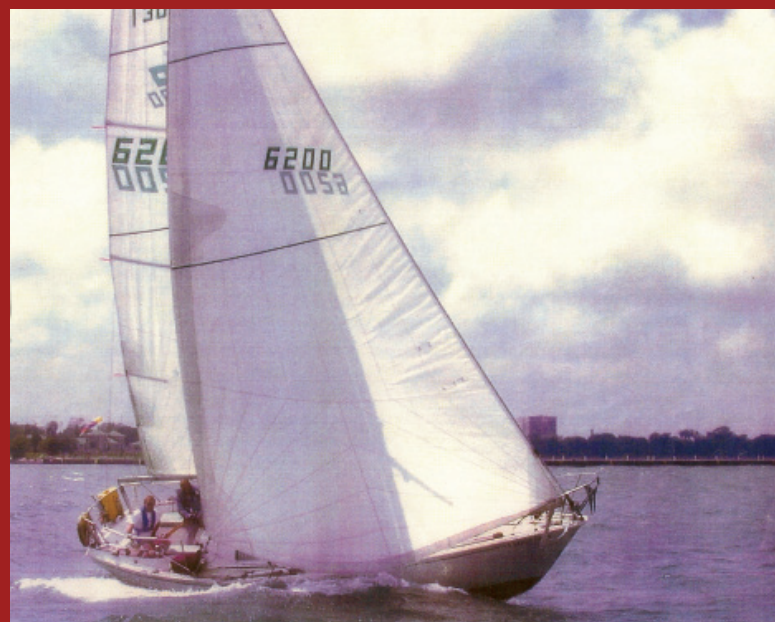
Over the years he has also been actively working with the CYA. Most recently, he was involved with Don Koster, Gary Hooper and Frank Gagliano in creating and running the CYA Chicago Salmon Classic. The Salmon Classic is a fishing tournament that attracts over 100 fishermen from Indiana to Wisconsin to come and fish off of Chicago. He was also involved in the creation of Boaters PAC with Fred Poppe and Ludwig Erdbeer in 2003. Boaters PAC was created to give boaters more of a voice in the politics of boating in Chicago. In his non-boating life, Randy is a Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, where he has taught for 30 years. Although his primary courses focus on trial skills, he also teaches the Law School's Admiralty course. His unique position of being both a law professor as well as an avid boater, fisherman and licensed charter captain has resulted in NBC Nightly News, BC's Nightline and FOX Chicago News interviewing him about the legal and practical problems created by the potential invasion of Asian carp into Lake Michigan, and the legal efforts of the State of Michigan and other states to close the Chicago and O'Brien locks.

Based on his long time devotion to the boating community and his rescue of Jerry Freed, the Chicago Yachting Association proudly salutes Randall Schmidt as its Yachtsperson of the Year - Power.

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At 91 years old, Jack still races and wins in Wednesday night club races, and sometimes does it single-handed; in addition to sailing his boat several times each week. He has a USCG Six-Pack Captains License, has studied Navigation in local waters and Celestial Navigation at Adler Planetarium and other courses offered by the USCG. In addition to being an expert sailor, he is a master chess player, avid reader and contemporary philosopher.

"Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. ... With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy." - Desiderata-Max Ehrmann





NORTH POINT SAIL RACING ASSOCIATION (NPSRA)

Submitted by Laura Studders, Photography by Mike Ludtke

A sailing and racing season fraught with extreme weather outbursts did not deter our 31 NPSRA members from enjoying their boats. November 5th marks our annual banquet whereby skippers gather their families and crew to celebrate the 2011 racing season at Waukegan Yacht Club. With a photo power point as the backdrop, officers will conduct a brief business meeting followed by dinner. Afterwards, brag flags for Wednesday and Saturday series and the four distance races will be awarded. Members will share their summers' anecdotes and wishes for 2012. Strictly Sail Chicago in January will be our next gathering.

NPSRA completed its eighth season and continues to welcome all sailors and racers. While skippers are always looking for new crew, it is also an opportunity for newcomers to learn and sharpen their boat handling skills. Men and women of all ages participate in our

association. We even have an all-women crew that has been racing together for over 10 years! Safety and seamanship are NPSRA benchmarks. The photo of Bifrost pursuing First Light reminds me of a September distance race to Kenosha where strong winds had left behind high rollers. When a fellow racer notified us on Channel 72 that he was experiencing equipment failure, it was First Light who dropped out of the race to shadow the crippled vessel back home to North Point Marina.

Many of our members also participate in distance races outside our group. Bifrost and Trio completed the LMSS Double-Handed in June as well as the LMSS "Q" Race in August. Smokin' J raced the Chicago-Waukegan, Waukegan Regatta, and WHYC Founder's Cup. Volante raced the Chicago-Waukegan as well as the Hook. Another J and Patriot competed in the Queen's Cup to prepare for CYC's 103rd Race to Mackinac. Both boats then raced in this year's Mac in the Cruising Division. The majority of their crews were comprised of NPSRA members! Patriot placed 5th in Cruising Division 2. Despite colliding weather fronts which brought damaging high winds and lightning, both skippers wish to compete in the Mac again. Outgoing commodore, John Josko will be crewing on a Maxi 60 in the Heineken Saint Barts Race in Saint Maarten this winter.

I invite you to visit www.npsra.org for helpful contacts, upcoming area events and seminars, weather links, and LMPHRF applications. Even if you do not own a boat, NPSRA encourages your interest and crewing participation. Join us and build lifelong friendships on and off the water!



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