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What a year! 2012 has been a busy year for the Chicago Harbors. After two years of construction we opened the new **31st Street Harbor** in May with 1,000 new slips, a launch ramp and many other amenities for Chicago boaters. We were also faced with the challenge of relocating all of the boaters of Burnham to other harbors due to the **NATO Conference** held at McCormick Place. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who were affected by the NATO event for their patience and cooperation.

2012 also saw the addition of the **Chicago In-Water Boat Show** at 31st Street Harbor. Working with **NMMA** we hosted the **Chicago In-Water Boat Show** June 7-10th. More than 4,000 visitors attended the show and got to see more than a hundred boats on display from Chicagoland dealers. We hope to build on this success in 2013 and eventually make the Chicago In-Water Boat Show the biggest boat show in the Great Lakes.

We are also proud to host **Venetian Night** at 31st Street and to restart this important tradition on the Lakefront. We appreciate the cooperation and good work done by the **Chicago Yachting Association** in putting this great event together. We hope to bring more boats and more spectators to the event next year on July 27th 2013.

Looking forward to next year we are already working on solutions to the problems that low lake levels create for us in the harbors. We want to assure all Chicago boaters that we are aware of this problem and are taking all measures to make sure that 2013 is a terrific season. We look forward to serving you next year.



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53rd Venetian Night - 1st PLACE SAIL - Moonshadow, "Polish Pilgrims"

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Sincerely,
Scott Stevenson





Publisher's Note

“TRADITION a ritual passed down within a society still maintained in the present.”

Our YACHTING IN CHICAGO magazine in its 54th year – a mainstay of tradition within our boating community - welcomes you to enjoy our 2012 issue.

Our member clubs and organizations are rich with traditions that generate many boating and fund raising activities from racing with the Best of the Best who travel from all over the World to compete on our beautiful Lake Michigan to the many youth programs that support and ensure us knowledgeable young sailors will take the helm of tradition in the future.

This year, another time honored tradition returned to our Lakefront with our beloved VENETIAN NIGHT Boater's PARADE. "A Blast from the Past" debuted at the beautiful new 31st Street Harbor. On behalf of everyone at the Chicago Yachting Association and all of our parade participants we extend our most sincere thanks to **Scott Stevenson** of Westrec Marina Management System and the Chicago Park District for honoring us with the opportunity to bring Venetian Night back.

Thank you to all of our contributing authors and advertisers for your support of "Yachting in Chicago" and to the magazine's editorial Staff – **Kaye Durham**, **Liz Benedetto**, and **Jane McMillan**. My very special thanks to our CYA Bridge - **Commodore Scott Baumgartner**, **Vice Commodore the Honorable Stanley Hill**, **Rear Commodore Sonny Lisowski**, **Secretary Joanne Murphy** and **Treasurer Casey Chlebek**. I also want to thank two very special people, our **Immediate Past Commodore, Richard Lauric** and **Past Commodore Tony Cimino** who continue to contribute to the success of CYA. We are a family and together we complete the tradition of "Yachting in Chicago."

I send along my very Best Wishes to you and yours for a beautiful Holiday Season,

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CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION 2012

By Commodore Scott S. Baumgartner

WHEW!! What a year 2012 has been. I humbly want to thank the Chicago Yachting Association for the honor in serving as your Commodore during the past year.

The CYA ended 2011 with a bang in hosting world-renowned sailor **Gary Jobson** as the keynote speaker at our annual **CYA Yachting Celebration** held at the Chicago Yacht Club. The evening began as we enjoyed an excellent social hour complete with delicious food, drink and much camaraderie, after which we were enthralled with a lively presentation by Mr. Jobson as he shared his many exploits in the world of sail racing. The evening concluded with the presentation of several prestigious **CYA awards** to recognize many deserving individuals; and we then witnessed the traditional swearing in of the new CYA Bridge Officers for 2012.

I soon found myself walking in the footsteps of my very able predecessor **Rich Lauric**, from whom I learned much and quickly appreciated the tools of his experience and wisdom. Those tools were put to the test almost immediately as we moved into the 2012 boating season. In early February came an opportunity to learn more about the invasive species issues facing the Great Lakes, and in particular the possible invasion of the Asian Carp. The CYA was invited by the **Metropolitan Planning Council** to attend a presentation by the **Great Lakes Commission** and the **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**, where they reviewed their proposal to build permanent barriers or permanently close one or more of the control locks in order to prevent the carp from entering Lake Michigan. Subsequent discussions with the **CYA Board of Directors** led to a resolution opposing the obstruction of free travel throughout the Chicago Waterways by recreational boaters. A letter was sent to the **U.S Army Corps of Engineers** expressing the CYA's opposition to the proposed barriers and encouraged the **Corps of Engineers** to continue further studies to find a more feasible solution.

In March the CYA was invited to participate in the **Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment** effort, a two-day workshop sponsored by the **U.S. Coast Guard** during which we took a close look at safety issues facing recreational boaters in the metropolitan area. This was a very rewarding exercise as we took a critical look from the standpoint of recreational boaters and recommended various measures to be taken to ensure the safety of every boater. As we approached the opening of the 2012 boating season, we became aware of the impact that the upcoming **NATO Summit** was going to have on the recreational boating community. There were many special security challenges in planning for the summit, some of which would directly affect the beginning of the season. Among those challenges was the decision to delay the opening of **Burnham Harbor** and to also establish several restricted areas on the Lake. Kudos must be given to the **Coast Guard, the Chicago Police Marine Unit and Scott Stevenson from Westrec Marina Management** for working with the CYA in their concerted efforts to make these challenges as painless as possible for the recreational boaters.



As the boating season unfolded, the CYA went on to enjoy the many events sponsored by the Association and our member organizations. As always, everyone enjoyed themselves on the **Annual Commodores Cruise** when we visited many of the yacht clubs along the lakefront and had a great day on the water underscoring the camaraderie of boaters, both power and sail. I want to thank **Rear Commodore Sonny Lisowski** for his work in organizing this successful event. As our boating season progressed, we came to the highlight of the summer for the CYA and that was

Venetian Night! Through the generosity of **Scott Stevenson**, we were able to resurrect our beloved event after a multi-year hiatus as we held the **53rd Venetian Night** at the new **31st Street Harbor**. It proved to be a wonderful success and I want to thank **Betty Lerner** for her enthusiastic efforts to head up the planning of the event. We look forward to many more years of carrying on this venerable CYA tradition.

As the boating season comes to a close, we look forward to the **CYA Frostbite Regatta** organized by **Loren Thompson** from **Burnham Park Yacht Club**. We soon will be enjoying once again our annual **CYA Yachting Celebration** that is being organized by **Vice Commodore Stan Hill**. All of Stan's hard work promises to be an enjoyable evening as we look back at the many rewarding times we all enjoyed during the year and to recognize some special people in the boating community. All of these events and projects throughout the year would not be possible without a cadre of capable volunteers, the least of which is the **CYA Bridge**. I would like to thank **Vice Commodore Stan Hill, Rear Commodore Sonny Lisowski, Secretary Joann Murphy, and Treasurer Casey Chlebek**, along with **Immediate Past Commodore Rich Lauric** for all of their support and dedication to the CYA. I also want to particularly thank **Kaye Durham**, our administrative assistant who time and again has demonstrated that she is the backbone of the Association. Kaye is a real jewel and we all love her! I would also like to thank **Betty Lerner** for her continued dedication in publishing each year a premier edition of this magazine, **Yachting in Chicago**. I would be remiss not to thank our **Judge Advocate Barry Lewis**, who stood by all year to address any challenges that may arise for the Association. I must also not forget our various key committee chairs who worked hard behind the scenes to help out where needed. They include **Steering Committee Chair, Gibby Vartan; Awards Committee Chair Jerry Metzger; By-Laws Chair and Finance Chair, Fred Poppe; and Membership Chair, Casey Chlebek** who pulled double duty while also serving as **CYA Treasurer**. Finally, I want to thank **CYA membership** and all of our member organizations for your continued support in making the **Chicago Yachting Association** the strong organization that it is and to enable us to work toward our common goal of making recreational boating in Chicago a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION STRONG HEADWIND? LET'S ALTER COURSE!

As the United States adapts itself to the reality of the global economy and competes globally, the average wages of the unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled labor forces are declining. At the same time, the operating costs of owning a boat are increasing. Mooring rates, winter storage, fuel costs, maintenance costs, and supplies – all the operating costs associated with boat ownership are at best staying even while most of them are, in fact, increasing.

[Are there any solutions? Will recreational boating find the way to arrest its decline and grow again?](#)

In the Spring of 2012, the **National Marine Manufacturers Association** sponsored a workshop whose mission was the development of initiatives which would reverse the downward trend. Fifty industry leaders devoted two days to this task. The participants agreed that the **Sea Scouts** and **Community Sailing Centers** instill a love for our sport in their participants. Twenty to thirty years from now, some of today's participants will become the next generation of active recreational boaters. It begs the question: [Where are the Sea Scouts and the Community Sailing Center sailors of the 1980s and 1990s?](#) Are they all operating Personal Watercrafts and Kayaks and other paddle boats stored on trailers or in garages to be towed to inland lakes? Is that the future of recreational boating? We know that recreational boat sales are abysmal. That is true of new as well as used boats. I am not concerned with the market for mega yachts. I am writing about boats in the 20 ft. to 45 ft. range, perhaps up to the 60 ft. range; the small boats needed to populate our moorings – the underpinnings for the future of our sport. The owners of this group of boats will, over time, trade up to newer and bigger and better boats.

Harbor occupancy rates along the southern end of Lake Michigan are declining as perhaps they are declining throughout the country. New harbors, expansion of existing harbors, and the state of the economy have combined to create this harsh reality. These factors are providing vacancies in winter storage options as well. Competitive recreational boating venues, such as predicted log contests and sail racing competitions are no strangers to the downward trend that afflicts our sport. Add an ongoing decline in boat and yacht club membership to this list and the fact that the average age of the recreational boater and his boat are increasing and one begins to round out the picture of stagnation.

[Boat builders are fighting to survive.](#) Some have bitten the dust already. Those who remain standing are busy redesigning and reengineering their offerings. The aim is to reduce the costs in order to provide a more economical product with improved fuel economy. Meanwhile, used boat availability abounds resulting in boat bargains not seen in years.

[How can we best react to these forces?](#) I suggest that it requires a paradigm shift in thinking about how to generate the growth in boats on the water, boats in the moorings, boats in winter storage. Growth in membership in boat and yacht clubs, in sailboat racing and in predicted log contests will be required as well in order to reverse the declines we have experienced in recent years.

Let us start by forming a coalition of marina operators, boat yard operators, marine dealers, boat and boating gear manufacturers, yacht and boat clubs, community sailing associations, and entities engaged in providing time share boating venues.

The **U. S. Power Squadrons** and the **U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas** should be involved as well. Both organizations have a big stake in the growth of recreational boating.

I would recommend the following agenda to the coalition:

- **Recognition** that the cost of acquisition of a boat is not the major factor in a boat buying decision. After all, boats are available in a range of sizes and from new to previously owned ones. It's the annual operating costs that are the major factors in boat acquisition calculations.
- **Pricing** moorings according to boat length instead of the capacity of the mooring.
- For bodies of water such as the Great Lakes, **develop attractive mooring rates** for boats in the 20ft. to 28ft. range in order to grow participation in our sport. Consider that attractive, economical rates should include winter storage offerings as well.
- **Revise boat and yacht club initiation fees and dues** so that they are based on boat length, not age of owners nor number of partners. Set the rates for small boats at levels that promote membership growth.
- **Grow participation in predicted log contests for power boats** by forming contest teams of perhaps three to five boats per team. Thus for each event, only one boat per team competes, scores are calculated for each team instead of each individual boat, and team members rotate participation. The results should be decreased fuel costs and, hopefully, increased participation in the competition.
- **Grow participation in sail boat racing by promoting one-design fleets** emphasizing fleets in the 20ft. to 30ft. range. Schedule more race series for completion within one week end in addition to those that extend over several weeks.
- Finally, develop some point of sale posters and handouts that highlight the New Affordability of Boating and tie it in with the **National Marine Manufacturers Association's Discover Boating program.**
- [And Get the Word Out that a New Day has Dawned!](#)

CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS SHIP: SPREADING GOOD CHEER TO CITY'S UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES

A century ago on a cold November evening, the ROUSE SIMMONS, a ship transporting Christmas trees from Michigan to Chicago, went down with its **Captain Herman Schueneman** and his crew of 16 just 30 miles south of Ahnapee, Wisconsin.

The Schuenemans made their living through the maritime Christmas tree business, but with the 1912 sinking of their ship combined with the improved highways and railroads enabling Christmas trees to move throughout the Midwest more efficiently on land, transporting the trees by ship became obsolete.

That was until 2000 when a conversation about the sinking of the ROUSE SIMMONS took place on board the US Coast Guard's icebreaker MACKINAW during the start of the annual Chicago to Mackinac race. The discussion evolved into an idea for a way to do something meaningful for the Chicagoland community based on

the story and tie it in with regular training exercises for MACKINAW.



After that conversation, **Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee** was formed to raise money to pay for trees that would be brought to Navy Pier aboard MACKINAW and

distributed to disadvantaged families selected by a third party.

The committee is an activity of the **Navy League**. One hundred percent of the donated funds are used to provide Christmas trees to deserving, less fortunate and disadvantaged families through **Ada S. McKinley Community Services**.

Now in its 13th consecutive year, the Christmas Ship has given away 13,000 trees and anticipates giving away another 1,500 this year. The Christmas Ship schedule begins at 8:00 a.m. on November 30, 2012, with the official welcoming of the Christmas Ship, aka the USCGC MACKINAW. Later volunteers from the yachting community assisted by the crew will visit the ship and have special educational presentations. The annual **Shipmasters' Memorial ceremony** will take place at 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2012, followed by the Christmas tree presentation ceremony where representative families will be formally presented with trees. At the same time, trees will be unloaded by youth group volunteers and loaded into trucks to be delivered to various service organizations. The ship will be open for public tours that afternoon.



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

Dave Truit, Past Commodore of Jackson Park YC, was founding Chairman of the Christmas Ship committee from 2000-2001;

Fred Poppe, Past Commodore of Burnham Harbor YC and Past Commodore of the CYA was Chairman in 2002;

Sonny Lisowski, Past Commodore of Burnham Park YC and previous Secretary of the CYA was Chairman from 2003-2004;

George Lisner Past Commodore of Chicago Corinthian YC and Past Commodore of the CYA was Chairman from 2005-2009

Lloyd Karzen, Past Commodore of the Heritage Boat Club has been the Chairman since 2010. Their influence has been ever-present in the direction of the organization.

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

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To learn more and get the latest information on the Christmas Ship and other ways to participate visit our Web site at www.christmasship.org.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Scott Stevenson

The Chicago Yachting Association only presents a Special Service Award for exceptional service. It is not an annual award. Our awardee, Scott Stevenson, is certainly deserving of this recognition.

Scott is Executive Vice President of **Westrec Marinas**, the company retained by the **Chicago Park District** to manage the Chicago harbor system. With over 6000 boats in ten harbors it is the largest municipal system in the world.

The transformation of the harbor system, wrought by Westrec and the **Chicago Park District** has been amazing. Scott is the head of the program, managing budgets, accounting, marketing and everything else from security, animal control, enforcement of regulations, assignment of slips, management of personnel, and the list goes on and on. That is just the operational side.

The construction projects managed by Scott have transformed what were mediocre facilities into a world class marina system. Over 4500 new slips have been installed in the last 15 years. Not only are the facilities improved, but public access has been enhanced as well as the green spaces in the parks that surround our harbors. Through Scott's energetic relations with **Friends of the Park**, we are in the lead for certification of our harbors as "green to the max." There is a lot of work to reach the ultimate goal but we will get there.

As to his background, he himself is a sailor through and through. Currently he owns a **35' Sea Ray** at **31st Street Harbor**. His background includes racing **J24s** and working as a deckhand on a seventy foot sailboat. He has sailed on the east coast and in the islands. Certainly he has a feeling for what pleases a sailor or power boater when it comes to planning.

Scott has earned this award by steadily convincing the boating community that he and his company, working with the Chicago Park District have the best interests of boaters at the heart of operations. This was not an easy road to travel. There were fits and starts along the way. The respect with which Scott has come to be regarded is based on his competence and the trust he has earned from our Chicago boating community.

When asked Scott says, "**My greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the projects we build work for our customers.**" Well done Scott!





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

October 16, 2012

Dear Friends:

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

The Chicago Yachting Association, an umbrella organization to several yacht clubs and special interest groups, is dedicated to providing resources and promoting boating activities. In coordination with clubs and communities throughout the Chicagoland area, the Association and its members 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 and *Yachting in Chicago Magazine* for its steadfast work in keeping our diverse boaters informed.

I 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

U.S.C.G. STATION CALUMET HARBOR

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CHICAGO POLICE MARINE & HELICOPTER UNIT

by Lt. Erroll Davis, Commanding Officer

The Chicago Police Marine Unit is winding down after a busy 2012 boating season.

In addition to its normal tasks of overseeing the **Chicago Air and Water Show** and weekly **Navy Pier fireworks** shows the unit's personnel responded to numerous requests for help both emergency and routine in nature. A brief overview of the unit's year round area(s) of responsibilities are to patrol and oversee all bodies of water within the City of Chicago. This includes 80 square miles of Lake Michigan, (per Chicago City Ordinance jurisdiction extends to 3 miles east of shore), 27 miles of Lake Michigan shore line, 38 miles of Chicago River system, Wolf Lake, Lake Calumet and various ponds and lagoons throughout the City. There are 100,000 registered boaters in the state, and the City of Chicago is home to the largest municipal harbor system in the United States with close to 5,100 slips and moorings. There is anticipation for the addition of other harbors in Chicago including the recent opening of the 31st Street Harbor.

The unit and its personnel are ready to respond via land or water to surrounding jurisdictions as needs dictate. Marine officers conduct daily patrols along the lakefront and river front system relative to the sensitive infrastructure that is critical to the City of Chicago. The Chicago Police Marine Unit has divers that are trained in Underwater Ordnance Detection and Hull and Pier Search Techniques. The unit recently acquired new equipment to enhance their search and detection capabilities.

Marine Unit Officers have the responsibility to respond to any criminal incident within the Port of Chicago waterway system and as such are charged with enforcing laws and the protection of persons within that system. The Chicago Police Marine Unit's personnel continually train to refine their capability to respond to and mitigate simultaneous critical incidents. Metropolitan Chicago profiles as an international destination, transportation and commerce hub, in addition to a population center of over 9.8 million residents, including the personal home of the current President of The United States.

Sergeant Ray Mazzola recently retired from the unit after 39 years of dedicated service to the unit and to the City of Chicago and its boating community. His knowledge and experience is unsurpassed and his absence is felt by not only Marine Unit personnel but our maritime partners as well. Since his retirement Ray remains on the unit's speed dial for quick consultation from the field.

As always, the Chicago Police Marine Unit remains ready to respond to the next call for service regardless of its nature. As all boaters enjoy the wonderful waterways of Chicago, we again stress the importance of boater safety. Experienced boaters both commercial and recreational unanimously understand their limitations. Lake Michigan, while offering a wonderful summer playground, should always be respected. It can turn violent with little or no notice. Personal flotation devices save lives!

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SAFETY

FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER

by *Oxana Balan King, Museum Director, Friends of the Chicago River*

Every spring and fall, Chicago stages a spectacular show that can be found nowhere else. Twenty-seven of its bridges lift to allow boat traffic on the Chicago River to pass through the heart of Chicago.

Whether you see the bridges lift from a boat on the river or from the banks, it's hard not to marvel at the seemingly effortless ballet of concrete and steel spans lifting to the sky. You also have to wonder how this relatively small and narrow river transformed a marsh into a metropolis and still plays an outsized role in the Chicago region. Now you can go behind the scenes to a place where you can discover both the engineering genius of the famed "Chicago Bascule" bridges and the Chicago River's fascinating story.

The **McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum** celebrates Chicago's river and world-famous movable bridges by shining light on their significance to the city. The Bridgehouse Museum's location inside an iconic landmark bridgehouse on Michigan Avenue captures people's imagination from the moment they step inside the five-story tower. On bridge lift days, the museum's gear room truly comes to life, giving visitors a close-up look at the moving gears as they lift the massive Du Sable (Michigan Avenue) Bridge leaf, allowing sailboats and other craft to navigate through the canyon of skyscrapers that has risen along the Chicago River.

The museum's **Bridge Gear exhibit** is built around the operational bridgeworks of the iconic bridge that spans Michigan Avenue. Driven by a 108-horse power motor, the bridge gears operate as smoothly as they did when the bridge first opened in 1920 to lift the 12,000-ton bridge leaf into the air in less than a minute. During the lift you can often find **Jim Phillips**, the museum's bridge docent, standing in the Gear Room to answer any questions about the bridge's history or mechanics. You can ask him about almost any Chicago bridge, really – Jim is one of Chicago's best authorities on the city's movable bridges and his passion resulted in an e-book, **Two Miles, Eighteen Bridges** and a companion website, **ChicagoLoopBridges.com**.

This fall, the **Bridgehouse Museum** will open every **Wednesday and Saturday** between **September 15 and October 31** to let people view the bridge in motion. The museum can only accommodate up to 30 people for each bridge lift viewing,



Visitors climb the five floors of the tower on a chronological journey through the river's history.

so visitors are encouraged to make reservations ahead of time. Groups of up to 30 can reserve the museum for **Bridge Lift Breakfasts**, where they can enjoy Corner Bakery Cafe bagels, pastries and coffee while watching the lift. You can go to **bridgehousemuseum.org** to find out when the bridge lifts and how you can make your reservation.

The nonprofit organization **Friends of the Chicago River** opened the **Bridgehouse Museum** in 2006 to reveal the river's **marvels and broaden the base of support for its revitalization**. Seasonal and open May through October, the museum is now Friends' broadest-reaching public education program. It welcomed more than 12,000 visitors in 2011 and its audience gets larger every year.

Museum exhibits reveal that after being reversed, channelized, polluted, and regarded only as a back alley sewer, the river has benefited both from improvements in technology and attitude to become a place of economic growth, fun and recreation, burgeoning plant and wildlife, and peaceful reflection. The next chapter of the river's story is being written as we speak, driven by issues such as invasive species and climate change that carry enormous implications for our river and communities. While discovering the



Operated by a motor of only 108 horse-power, the bridge gears barely make a sound as they open the massive bridge.



Boats pass in front of the Bridgehouse Museum during a bridge lift.

river's history and its essential role in the region's development, visitors also learn why it is important to protect the Chicago River and how they can participate in its revitalization

In addition to its permanent exhibits, the museum offers exciting and innovative programming to expand its reach. One recent temporary exhibit, **WATERLINE**, showcased the work of a dozen graduate students from **Harvard School of Design** and invited visitors to imagine how eco-conscious design and urban planning could transform underutilized portions of the Chicago River's South Branch into vibrant, thriving communities. Always Current: **Conversations on the Chicago River**, the museum's annual lunchtime lecture series, explores subjects as varied as invasive aquatic species and the engineering evolution of Chicago's bridges. Furthermore, guided tours such as **Loop Around the Bridgehouse** give visitors a closer look at our river and bridges.

On October 13 and 14, 2012, the Bridgehouse Museum partnered with the Chicago Architecture Foundation for Open House Chicago, giving visitors an opportunity to explore the bridge tower and view a bridge lift for free. On October 27, 2012, the museum partnered with the first-ever Big Draw Chicago to invite people of all ages and artistic abilities to connect with each other and with their surroundings by drawing together at the Bridgehouse Museum. Art supplies and drawing facilitators were available for the program which was free with museum admission.



The museum can be rented for intimate private events, including spectacular dinners at the top of the bridge tower.



The Bridgehouse Museum is at the heart of Chicago's new Downtown Riverwalk.

The Bridgehouse Museum is a place of wonder and discovery, much like the Chicago River. The Bridgehouse Museum celebrates the past and present of the Chicago River and its bridges, and it invites people to join Friends of the Chicago River in building a legacy of a vibrant Chicago River for generations to come.

The Bridgehouse Museum is located at **376 N. Michigan Avenue, Riverwalk Level**.

The museum is open **Thursdays through Mondays, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (and on Wednesdays for bridge lifts only) through October 31**. General admission is \$4, bridge lift tickets are \$10. Bridge Lift Breakfasts are also available.

For more information, visit **bridgehousemuseum.org**. To learn more about Friends of the Chicago River's other programs, visit **chicagoriver.org**.

YACHTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - POWER

Peter F. Pallis

by Christine L. Tamani, Past District Commodore, Ninth Western Region, USCG Auxiliary

I always enjoy hearing how people first became interested in boating. So I asked Peter Pallis that question.

I thought for sure I would hear some Greek fisherman story, knowing how much he loves wearing those Greek fishermen hats. But what an interesting revelation: he first had his eye on sailboats! While he was in grammar school, he and his friends would go down to Belmont Harbor to swim. They would dive off the point and swim back and forth across the entrance of the harbor. Peter loved looking at the classic wooden sailboats moored there...their glistening colors, the pristine teak, and the sleek lines of their hulls. He dreamed of having his own boat one day.

After attending college at the University of Chicago, he joined the US Army and served in WWII in the European Theatre of Operations as Commander of a Military Police Battalion and as an Assistant Port Officer in Brussels, Belgium. After his active duty, he continued on in the Army Reserves, attended John Marshall Law School receiving his J.D. degree in 1950 and began his private practice. (He now enjoys retirement after a mere 50 years of practicing law.) Peter still remained active in the Reserves, became a Reserve Graduate of the Army Command & General Staff College in Fort Levensworth, KS (1964), and finally retired as a full Colonel. Then he suddenly found himself challenged with what to do with that tiny bit of free-time in his otherwise busy schedule. The solution was simple, and thus began his new career as a US Coast Guard Auxiliarist.

Peter learned about the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and joined in 1977. He was attracted to its cornerstone activities especially the Operations program where members could offer their boat for use to patrol the lakefront. Then in 1980 his longstanding dream came true with the purchase of his first of three 32-foot classic wooden Chris Craft powerboats, naming it the TYKI I. Having endured the rigorous training program in the CGAUX, he became a qualified coxswain, offering his boat(s) – TYKI I, II, III, and now IV – for use to patrol Lake Michigan. Before the emergence of TowBoatUS, the Coast Guard and its volunteer Auxiliary counterparts were a major resource to render tows to disabled vessels and bring them back to safe harbor. Peter's extensive training enabled him to participate in many search and rescue missions, joint training exercises with Coast Guard and Navy personnel; and during all the major Chicago marine



events, TYKI was a prime Auxiliary asset used to ensure the safety of event participants and spectators. For over a decade, Peter Pallis and TYKI was the established Auxiliary Commander (AUXCOM) coordinating the numerous Auxiliary facilities needed for events such as the Chicago-to-Mackinac Race start, the Air & Water Shows, Venetian Night, and other major fireworks nights.

Peter was also very active in the administrative side of the Auxiliary, holding several appointed and elected officer positions in his thirty-five years of membership. Most noteworthy are his multi-year appointments as District Legal Officer and his election to the District's highest office to lead the five-state Ninth Western Region as its District Commodore, 1990-91.



Peter has a long-standing affiliation with the Chicago Yachting Association. He has been the official representative to the CYA for the Ninth Western Auxiliary District Commodores for the last 15 years, attending their meetings, offering input on various safety issues, sharing his expertise of event handling and coordination with the Coast Guard. He plays an important part in the pre-event briefing of the Mac Race, ensuring

race committee and Auxiliary strategies are understood and safely implemented. He has supported Yachting in Chicago with yearly articles of interest to the boating community. He has been an instrumental part of Chicago's Christmas Ship from its inception to the present.

Those of you who know Peter Pallis personally can certainly relate to the image of him marching around beating on the bass drum just like that Energizer bunny – he just keeps going, and going, and going.... your perfect choice for Yachtsperson of the Year!

YACHTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - SAIL

Jerry Miarecki

This year's Yachtsperson of the Year for Sail, Jerry Miarecki, has a long and distinguished record of accomplishments and service to the Chicagoland yachting community.

Jerry began his sailing career in the late 1960s, purchasing a small Styrofoam boat from the Sears, Roebuck & Co. store on West North Avenue. Eventually, Jerry and his wife (and best friend) Joan set aside the daysailers and purchased three successively larger boats – a **Bristol 22**, a **Bristol 26**, and an **Ericson 35**. The **Ericson 35**, christened "**Providence**" in the spring of 1981, remains a member of the Miarecki family today.

Jerry began serving the sport soon after he and his family joined Jackson Park Yacht Club in 1974. Jerry served as Treasurer for three years, and moved up the JPYC bridge, eventually serving as Commodore in 1979 and 1980. After completing his term as Commodore, Jerry served as JPYC's Race Committee Chair and representative to LMSRF Area III for seven years. During that time, Jerry served as a leader of the Chicago Yachting Association, including a term as Commodore (and King Neptune) in 1982. Later that decade, Jerry became active in LMSRF, where he worked to increase cooperation among yacht clubs on Lake Michigan, including terms as Fleet Captain of LMSRF Area III and Commodore of LMSRF. In the late 1980s, Jerry also joined Chicago Yacht Club, where he served as a member and chairman of CYC's Offshore Committee, as well as a term on its Board of Directors.

During Jerry's many years of service to his fellow sailors, he has focused on delivering a quality experience to both sailors and volunteers. For example, as a Commodore, Jerry made sure that members and their families felt welcome in their club, often during boisterous parties with members singing together late into the evening. As a Race Committee Chair, Jerry ensured that the sailors



enjoyed good racing and outstanding trophies, and that his committee members were well-trained and treated to a good meal and drinks after the race was over. During his chairmanship of the Chicago Yacht Club's Offshore Committee, Jerry held "town hall" meetings to listen to sailors' concerns and ideas. That feedback was instrumental in developing many of the innovations commonplace today – drop marks, multi-day race weekends, and "one-stop" entry for racing with multiple yacht clubs. Jerry is also known for his efficiency, running through meetings in a brisk,

businesslike manner, allowing his colleagues to hit the dining room and bar sooner.

Jerry is also an accomplished racing sailor, having campaigned "Providence" since the early 1980s with Joan and his son, Greg. Jerry has won most distance racing contests in southern Lake Michigan, including, for example, two wins in section in the Queen's Cup, two wins of the Hamilton Club Trophy (awarded for the best overall finish in the Tri-State Regatta), and four section wins (and 10 other podium finishes) in the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. Most recently, Jerry and his crew captured the Chicago-Mackinac Trophy in the 104th Race to Mackinac, posting the lowest corrected time in the 326 boat fleet.

Jerry is also a proud member of the Island Goats Sailing Society, having completed 30 Mac Races. His fellow

Goats include Providence (35 Races) and Greg (27 Races). Jerry and Greg continue to race Providence today, along with their friends and fellow crew members **Jim Sheldon, Randy Landsberg, Doug Bening, Jeff McClimans, David Bull, and Ben Heins**. While Joan was called away to a higher place in July of 2011, she keeps a watchful eye over Providence and her crew.



Providence has just passed under the Mackinac Bridge, 5 miles from the finish of a 333 mile race. Photo of PROVIDENCE courtesy of Randy Hull at Grizzly Air Photos.



ILLINOIS CLEAN MARINAS PROGRAM: IMPROVING ILLINOIS LAKES AND RIVERS

Erma Tranter, President, Friends of the Parks

The State of Illinois is dedicated to protecting and managing the natural and cultural resources along the magnificent 63 mile stretch of Lake

Michigan shoreline. The Illinois portion of the Lake Michigan watershed is home to half of the total population of Illinois and the Lake itself is the largest source of public drinking water supply in the state, serving nearly 8.5 million people. Two years ago, a coalition of governmental, boating and environmental organizations began work on a new **Illinois Clean Marinas Program** (ICMP) as a way to improve the water quality and reduce pollution in Lake Michigan and our coastal waterways.

The goal of the state-wide Illinois Clean Marinas Program (ICMP) is to establish a series of environmental best practices in Lake Michigan and Illinois lakes and rivers. **The objective** is to encourage marinas, harbors, and recreational boaters to minimize their environmental impacts and strive for continuous improvement in daily environmental stewardship practices.

Scheduled to be implemented in 2013, the voluntary program will be administered under the direction of the **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**. The ICMP seeks to partner with marinas, yacht clubs, boat yards and other boating facilities to encourage them to obtain certification as an "Illinois Clean Marina." To be designated an Illinois Clean Marina, the facility must complete a checklist of operations and practices to submit to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the approving agency. All Illinois Clean Marinas will be awarded a clean marina harbor flag and be identified on state websites.

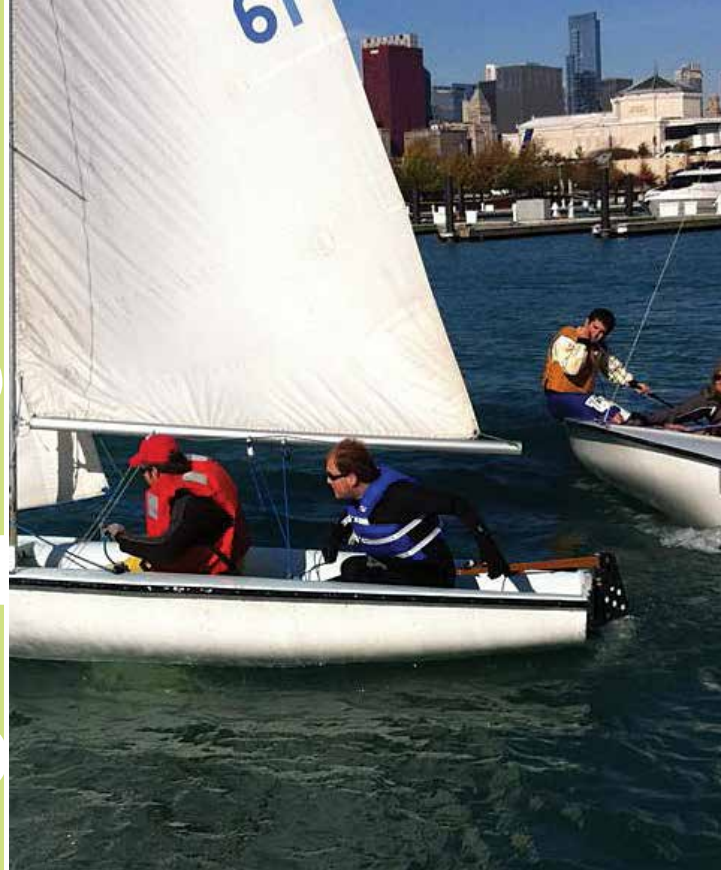


*Erma Tranter, President,
Friends of the Parks*

As part of the program, every boater is encouraged to participate by adopting the **"10 Things Boaters Can Do to Improve the Environment"**:

- Keep fuel out of the water by not topping off your fuel and using bilge pads to soak up waste in your bilge.
- Use free pump-out facilities in each harbor to keep raw sewage out of the water. You must have a pump out inspection each year to prove you cannot discharge waste into the water.
- Hazardous chemicals or boat cleaners that contain phosphates are hazardous to marine wildlife. To reduce the need for harsh cleaning products, wash your deck frequently with water and a brush.
- Invasive species harm our waterways. You can help by not throwing unused bait into the water and by washing your hull before transporting your boat to another lake or river.
- Energy conservation is as important in the harbor as at home. When you are plugged in at the harbor, turn off the lights and appliances when you don't need them.
- Poorly tuned engines produce air pollution and waste fuel. Keep your engine tuned up. It will run more smoothly and save fuel.
- Garbage in the water is a hazard to fish, wildlife and your propeller. Dispose of trash properly, recycling where available in the recycling dumpsters in the harbors.
- Recycling is important. Take cans, glass, plastic, paper, used batteries, used fluorescent bulbs, used oil, used oil filters, and spent antifreeze to free recycling facilities located in the harbors.
- Reduce shoreline erosion by proceeding slowly near the shore especially on narrow waterways (and looking out for wildlife that live there). Please obey the no wake zones on Lake Michigan and the river system.
- Protect the wildlife and allow them to live a wild life. It is important not to feed them.

The **Illinois Clean Marinas Program** is a collaborative effort of the **Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Park District, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Friends of the Parks, Westrec Marinas, Chicago Yachting Association, Chicago Yacht Clubs, Crowley's Yacht Yard** and **Lincoln Park Advisory Council**.



CYA INTERCLUB CHICAGO FROSTBITE REGATTA

We held the 2011 Frostbite regatta on November 5 at Burnham Yacht Club on the club 420s. The day was a perfect weather day with 15 knot winds out of the south.

Two clubs raced: **Burnham Yacht Club** with 2 teams and **Corinthian Yacht Club**. **Jackson Park Yacht Club** members arrived to watch the races and help with the boat "put away."

The race course was directly up and down the harbor channel to and around the north shoals mark by the northerly island fishing dock. It gave us a 1/4 mile upwind/downwind course. We ran match race type of races with only one lap. We raced from 10:30 to 2:00, allowing about 12 races.

The team from **Corinthian Yacht Club** walked away with the championship by winning every race. **Everyone had a great time!** We even had some of the helpers get involved by having some additional racing and learning about dinghy racing and handling the 420s. **"We need to do more of this type of sailing"** was everyone's comment.



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Tim Harrington, Chicago Area Commodore
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Scenic shot of Monroe Harbor in Chicago, where this year's Taste of the Great Lakes event was held aboard the Abegweit.

Photograph taken by Bill Werme

ALLIANCE OF THE GREAT LAKES

By, Susan Campbell, Alliance for the Great Lakes

How fitting that Chicago's annual gathering of Great Lakes champions takes place aboard a ship in Lake Michigan's Monroe Harbor.

As most boaters know, clean, clear Lake Michigan water is an essential ingredient to the perfect sailing day.

What they may not know is how critical the Alliance's efforts are to keeping that water clean – not only for the more than 40 million who rely on the lakes for drinking water, but for the thousands who ply those waters in yachts, sailboats, kayaks and catamarans.

In June, more than 300 guests gathered on the decks of the Columbia Yacht Club's Abegweit ship for the [Alliance's 2012 Taste of the Great Lakes](#) event to raise a glass to that vision of clean water. For as lovely as Lake Michigan's aquamarine waters are most days, it's no secret she's been fouled in recent years by sewage overflows and garbage in the water. Boaters themselves, at times, grumble at traversing waters littered with sewage and other unmentionables.

The Alliance is working hard to change this.

Many of the organization's thousands of volunteers assisted in cleanups after two major trash washups along west Michigan beaches in 2008 and 2010, and helped investigators identify clues to the source. Those efforts, and the Alliance's filing of a Freedom of Information Act request, paid off last year when the investigation pinpointed the likely source as combined stormwater and sewage overflows caused by flooding summer rains.

To help solve problems like these, the Alliance is encouraging Great Lakes cities like Detroit, Milwaukee and Chicago – where wastewater treatment plants remain a major source of sewage overflow pollution

to improve their facilities and add green infrastructure as a means of curbing the flow of stormwater into their plants. This summer, the Alliance released a report highlighting the role of the federal [Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#) in helping finance infrastructure projects critical to keeping Great Lakes water clean. After the report was released, more than 15,000 Great Lakes residents added their voice in support of our work to stop sewage overflows.

Not all threats are so visible, though.

The Asian carp isn't in Lake Michigan yet, but were it to gain entry via Chicago's waterways, it has the potential to disrupt boating on a scale never seen before in the Great Lakes. The invasive fish startles at the sound of outboard motors and is known to leap out of the water into passing boats. Scientists' most recent assessments suggest that areas near the shore and river mouths are the most vulnerable parts of the lakes. Beneath the waters' surface, carp out-compete native fish and quickly becomes the dominant species. The Alliance is a leading voice in keeping the carp at bay, and continues to pressure federal leaders to permanently slam the door on Asian carp and other invasives moving up the Chicago waterways. And because we know local leadership is as critical as that from Washington, we are partnering with local governments to determine how a solution to the Asian carp problem can also be a win for southern Lake Michigan communities and businesses.

Sewage. Trash. Carp.

The Alliance dives headfirst into these unsavory threats with the hope that one day the only thing boaters see below them is Lake Michigan's clear aquamarine waters – a goal that all boaters may raise a glass to someday.

If you think boating and clean water go hand in hand, join the Alliance at next year's Taste of the Great Lakes on June 20, 2013. Until then, visit us online at www.greatlakes.org



BELMONT YACHT CLUB - FUN AT BELMONT HARBOR

By Charlotte Mullen, 2012 Commodore Belmont Yacht Club

At Belmont Yacht Club, the 2012 season has proven to be a “hot” one in more ways than one.

We had our record number of 100 degree days. More importantly, **we have added a near record number of new members.** The appeal of our little club is EASE. The Club is available to all members at all hours. (*Of course, Park District rules apply.*) Some of our new members do not own a boat. Others are participating in timeshare ownerships. In both cases, Belmont Yacht Club provides an economical and easy way to enjoy Chicago’s wonderful lakefront and skyline. Our all-volunteer club doesn’t have the overhead of a full service restaurant or bar, thus keeping the cost of membership low. Nonetheless, the Club Ship is well provisioned and provides an excellent place to stop for drinks and snacks. Many members bring their own food to cook on the grills. Our Club welcomes our fellow boaters and other neighbors in the Belmont Harbor extended area.

During the boating season, we have a full schedule of events including many educational offerings. For the fifth year in a row, our very first event in the spring was a **Classic Car Show** provided through a partnership with the Lambda Car Club of the Lake Michigan Region. This year the event featured over thirty-five classic cars. Since the event is in early May, the weather is always a challenge. Nonetheless, the warmth of the auto enthusiasts and the delicious food and drink provided by the two Clubs makes for a special start to spring and the boating season.

Like many yacht clubs the season is not “blessed” until the annual **Fleet Review.** This event sends good luck to sailors everywhere including recreational, commercial and military. The beautiful parade of boats with their crews and visitors then return to the Yacht Club for a wonderful meal and another chance to meet friends and neighbors in the harbor.

Belmont Yacht Club has made a special commitment this year to **education** and informational classes. At our spring members meeting Joan Forsberg, a marine historian and scuba diver, gave a presentation on Lake Michigan history with actual photos she had taken of the lake’s many sunken ships. Ms. Forsberg is actively involved in preserving the Lake and it’s ecology by properly disposing



of ships that can no longer be used. BYC has also provided members and guests with the US Coast Guard “Suddenly in Command” course taught by a USCG Captain. Another course provided by the BYC was on First Aid and important equipment. The class was provided by two of our physician members. We also offered a meteorological class about thunderstorms and weather planning on Lake Michigan. This was provided by one of our members who is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Meteorologist. Our fall members meeting included dinner and a special presentation geared to marine interests and lessons learned.

Speaking of classes, we were treated to a class on wines of the world and food pairings by some of our members who have made a study of delicious wines and available at affordable prices. We have received requests to add a second such event to our calendar for next year.

Our annual fleet cruise includes both power boaters and sailors. Once we arrived in Hammond, the Commodore provided a reception with drinks and hors d’oeuvres at the dock. We then had dinner on shore. The next morning is always very special with a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, etc. And then we depart for home, the power boaters arriving significantly earlier than the sailors.

We also enjoy numerous **game nights.** The dinners on these evenings are typically pot luck. The games range from bean bags and badminton to cards and board games.

One of our most enjoyable events for the BYC is the **progressive dinner and boat tours.** Each dock within the harbor is typically assigned a “course” for the progressive dinner. Everyone makes sure his/

her boat is shipshape since guests are also invited to tour the boats as the progressive dinner moves from one dock to another. The finale is deserts and more cocktails at the Club Ship.

The Belmont Yacht Club was also pleased to host the **Chicago Yachting Association**, including commodores of all the other yacht clubs of Chicago for their August meeting. Dinner is provided by BYC members. This event is always very special to the yacht club and gives us a good excuse to make sure everything at the Club is just perfect.

The first weekend in August marked the annual **There & Back Race** coordinated by the loyal members of the BYC. Sailors gather from around the area to compete in a shorthanded sailing race. The event was followed by an awards dinner in the evening.



This year we have **updated the interior of the Club Ship**, including the addition of a flat screen TV. We have been able to host football Sundays and other sporting events. The list of events for next year maybe a growing one as we consider adding movie nights, etc.

Belmont Yacht Club is the friendly little club at the north end of Belmont Harbor. We always encourage our friends and neighbors to stop by. Our upper deck with sun canopy provides a wonderful place to enjoy a beautiful view of the Chicago skyline and of course the fireworks are easily viewable.

Stop by to enjoy a cold drink and warm conversation!

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Burnham Park Yacht Club has been serving boaters and the community since 1938.

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- Alpha Doggs (CPD and FBI) fundraiser to fight autism
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THE BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB

By Commodore Richard O'Connell

Burnham Park Yacht Club represents the spirit of yachting in Chicago and has continued to do so for the past 74 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 part of our movement to give back to the community, the club has gotten involved with several charitable events this past year. We have worked directly with **The Easter Seals Foundation of Chicago** to benefit children with Autism. Our members graciously have donated their time, talents, and club facility, to house these events. The annual **Mardi Gras Masquerade** was held here for the first time this past year and turned out to be the most successful event the organization has historically hosted. **The Alpha Doggs** are a motorcycle group, composed primarily of off duty police officers and FBI agents who ride for charity. We were lucky enough to be able to work with them for a similar event this past spring. Our intentions are to be able to work with groups like these for future events at the club.

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. We strive 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.**

CHICAGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

By George F. Prescott, Senior Navigator, Commander

In *Yachting in Chicago 2007*, I wrote that USPS is opening a significant portion of its educational program to accommodate non-members. Today, all programs are open to non-members.

“What’s your need?” I said in 2007 and I’ll repeat it today, **Chicago Sail and Power Squadron wants to be the educational arm of the Chicago Yachting Association.** That aspiration remains!

What’s new in 2012? USPS is developing a practical on-the-water experience for most of its classes. In other words our classroom activities are combined and integrated with related on-the-water experiences.

Yacht clubs seeking to fulfill their obligations to provide membership education can enlist the services of Chicago Sail and Power Squadron — often at a discounted price. Current practice is to discount individual cost to club members when the yacht club provides classroom space.

A traditional USPS class meets one night weekly, usually between 1900 and 2100, for 6 weeks. These classes tend to be thorough and culminate with an exam at the final session. They also tend to be progressive, meaning one class builds on top of what was learned in a previous class.

Since 2007, USPS has introduced its “University” Program, a series of stand alone, 2-hour presentations on a variety of topics ranging from knots and marlinspike to VHF/DSC Marine Radio and onto GPS. What do you want to know?

Lt/C John F. Chenier is 2012 Educational Officer. **John may be contacted at 773-810-9788 and/or visit him at www.chenierjfsbcglobal.net.** Once the decision is made classes can be up and running within a month. Fall and Winter are great times to make education a membership benefit!

Chicago Squadron continues to offer its **Basic Boating (ABC₃)** program free to anyone in the Spring and Fall, and also on demand. Owning a boat is not required. Our basic program is NASBLA approved, resulting in a certificate recognized by most state boating authorities. It is one of our most popular offerings.

Founded in 1914, **USPS is America’s largest boating education organization, with more than 50,000 members in over 450 squadrons.** Its volunteer members give freely of their time and energy by teaching boating courses and seminars, providing vessel safety checks, assisting National Ocean Service in updating nautical charts, and in numerous other ways that make boating safer.

USPS is not all books and exams. We also have a civic and social aspect. Members tend to network with one another, and cruises and rendezvous are part of the calendar. Chicago members look forward to a Spring fitting-out dinner, a patio party and Fall educational dinner. Our national organization will be meeting in Jacksonville, FL, in January to prepare for our 100th anniversary!

We welcome your call!



Squadron Cdr. George F. Prescott presents his Administrative Officer James D. Zoiopoulos a seascape on the docks at Southern Shore Yacht Club during the squadron’s annual Patio Party. Lt/C Zoiopoulos won the lithograph at an earlier squadron even.



Member of the Year trophy is the topic of conversation between Christine Cirone and Michael Podlecki at this year’s Patio Party held at Southern Shore Yacht Club. It was awarded to P/D/C Dennis McNamara. Sitting next to Podlecki is 1995 Power Yachtsperson of the Year Robert E. Murphy.



CALUMET YACHT CLUB

By Rich Nore



A favorite spot for “boating in” and enjoying a libation or one of the four summer time dinners and an Annual Jimmy Buffet event is the Calumet Yacht Club.

It's located on the last bit of Chicago property before Indiana's state line; in fact you can't get there by boat without going through Indiana.

The Calumet Yacht Club is a family oriented, “working” club, where the members perform most of the duties associated with the operation and maintenance of a yacht club. When founded, the initial membership generally resided on the southeast

side and Hegewisch. Many were employed locally at the U.S. Steel Works located at that time on the banks of Calumet Harbor and River or the State Line Generating Plant (*recently closed*) with its candy cane stacks used as a landmark by many. The make-up of the club has changed along with technology and the economy to include “white collar” professionals and self-employed contractors along with the core cadre of “blue collar” members; regardless of their station, every one shares the work load that includes harbor installation, repair & removal, bartending, cleaning and grounds maintenance.

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Jeff Sadula - Commodore

Rich Nore- Vice Commodore

Jim Williams - Rear Commodore

Dave Raczowski - Secretary

Dale Roberts - Treasurer

Ray Spanier - Past Commodore

Weather wise, it was a great year with the fishermen getting out as early as January with the unprecedented warm winter and spring. Summer brought our members and guests to the club to cool off with lake breezes and dips in the lake during the prolonged hot spells. The hot weather did provide challenges with lower than normal water levels and increased aquatic vegetation growth due to the extended season; still we managed another successful boating season.

The Club is an active supporter of Community events; each year Club volunteers work with the 10th Ward Alderman (**John Pope**) for [Chicago's Clean and Green program](#), [picnics for the elderly](#), 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 Raczowski.**

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 salmon & trout from the lake prepared by volunteers from the Fishing Club; this is an event that should not be missed.

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-part: 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 2012 school semester's trips began on October 5, and will continue through late November. 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.

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THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

- Affordability
- Fun
- Active Social Calendar
- Member Volunteers

CLUB HOUSE AMENITIES

- Locker Rooms & Showers
- CCYC Restaurant & Bar
- Club Store
- In Harbor Wi-Fi

PROGRAMS

- One Design & Off-Shore Racing
- Power Fleet
- Junior Sailing Programs
- Host to Local, Regional, and National Regattas & Championships
- Nature in the Park for the community children



THE CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

2012, Our 78th Year

By Jim Janik, Commodore—Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

The Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC), which was founded in 1934, continues to prosper as an organization that supports boating interests for its members and the local community.

Located at Montrose Harbor, we are at the extreme northern end of the Chicago harbor system and in close proximity to many and varied nearby attractions.

We are next-door neighbors to the **Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course**, located at Addison and Lake Shore Drive, and to Montrose Beach, where you can rent sailboats and sailboards, sunbathe and build sand castles, barbecue, play volleyball and swim—you and your dog. Bring binoculars to spot the birds at the **Magic Hedge Bird Sanctuary** and watch the purple martins over the harbor catching mosquitoes—keeping our Club area almost insect-free; in return, Club members help to maintain the purple martin bird houses erected by the **Chicago Park District**. You can run or bike on a path that stretches over 30 miles of lakefront, or fly a kite on Montrose Hill. To learn to fly 20 feet above the ground, head to the south side of Belmont Harbor where aerial artists from **Trapeze School New York** - Chicago await. Celebrate Full Moons with **Fire Dancing by Pyrotechniq**, just North of the club. For the kids, there are soccer fields, **Wilson Skateboard Park** and **Wilson Playground**. When you visit us, socialize with other boat owners on our **15 docks**, or stop at the harbor bait shop. Then, from the **wheelchair-accessible fishing pier**, cast a line for perch, bluegills and catfish; or fish off the Montrose jetty for salmon. And be sure to remember our **Memorial Day Ceremony** on Monday.

The helpful **Corinthian spirit** is the driving force behind everything we do. Our completely volunteer Club has a diverse membership at all levels of boating and life experience. **The common thread weaving our members together is a love of boating on Lake Michigan and a desire for our Club to be a place where an inviting social atmosphere and warm hospitality can always be expected.** As part of our community involvement with **"Friends of the Park,"** CCYC annually sponsors the

"Nature along the Lake" program that teaches Chicago Public School students about ecology and the natural environment; the program supports some 1,500 children. Students in grades 2-8 visited the Montrose Harbor **"Magic Hedge"** for bird-watching and a variety of nature activities and lessons. Teachers display slide shows and discuss their observations and lessons with students over a bag lunch in the Club's galley.

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club holds its annual meeting in **October** of each year, when 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 brings the **Christmas Ship** and the **Big "Kidz" and Little "Kidz" holiday parties.** The **New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day** festivities follow quickly. The Shanty Singers entertain young and old at the Club after concluding their appearance at the **Chicago Maritime Festival.** Each month in the off-season, members enjoy a **Pot Luck dinner and Movie Night.** Impromptu gatherings are common, particularly if a Chicago sports team is doing well. Our **Mothers Day annual brunch** is always hugely successful: the **CCYC Junior Fleet** sells flowers as a fundraiser; **Dean Eiacostas** and **J & D Catering** provided a tantalizing buffet. This year the number of tables for outdoor dining doubled; the harbor and distant skyline provide unbeatable views. Sunsets, moonrises and rainbows are not uncommon.

In **March** of each year CCYC hosts a number of seminars on boat maintenance,

safety and racing rules to help our members remain safe and up to date. In **April CCYC Crew School** begins the five-week session that teaches new students about sailing and racing; it concludes the week before the first Club race. Experienced racing skippers teach the sailing skills and understanding required to crew on any racing boat. After "graduation," the skippers can recruit new crew members from the training class, which in turn provides the new recruits the sailing opportunity they seek. Special training courses throughout the year invite interest in a variety of topics: **weather forecasting, sail trim, diesel motor operations, Safety at Sea, Great Lakes cruising, race management, lightning protection; and hosts "America's Boating Class" by the Chicago Power and Sail Squadron.** CCYC hosted the monthly meeting of the Chicago Yachting Association and "wow-ed" them with Dean's galley creations. CCYC's Frostbite Fleet frequently sails to honors against other clubs.

The season officially opens **Memorial Day weekend** with all Corinthians 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**—promised to be a big hit again this year. The Rossbergers have commissioned a beautiful perpetual trophy to carry the name of the Regatta's overall winner; the trophy is to be awarded at the evening festivities.

The Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club **Junior Fleet** teaches our young members sailing skills and water safety (*including swamping a boat with recovery*), in addition to proper care of the environment. We are proud that this fleet continues to grow and prosper. The young boaters and the members of our **Sea Scout Ship** join to act as Color Guards at our Memorial Day and Independence Day ceremonies.

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WORLD-CLASS MATCH RACING IN THE WINDY CITY

by Dobbs Davis, Match Race Photos taken by Peter McGowen



In only its fourth year of operation, the **Chicago Match Race Center** has already climbed to the very top of competitive sailing, bringing world-class sailors to Chicago to compete on the very doorstep of the city at Navy Pier.



Nowhere else in America is there an urban venue that offers the public such an outstanding three-sided panorama of competitive sailing being performed for spectators in real-time. Being the largest tourist attraction in Chicago, the Navy Pier venue has allowed tens of thousands to view competitive sailing performed at its highest level.

For the past two years CMRC has used this unique venue to host four events at the east end of the Pier, with the largest being the **2012 Chicago Match Cup, the only US stop on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour**. This five-day regatta attracted twelve teams from eight nations to fight for their share of the \$100,000 prize money purse, the highest of any sailing event in the US. It also drew significant attention from the local TV media, who enjoyed themselves in a charity fleet race to benefit the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing program, and even Mayor Rahm joined in the fun at the opening ceremony of the event.

Besides the Chicago Match Cup, other CMRC events that have lured top sailors to Chicago include the Eurex Match Cup, the Grade 2 Invitational (held during the Air and Water Show at Belmont Harbor) and the Great Lakes' own regional match racing championship, the Richardson Trophy.

Not only does CMRC consistently attract some of the world's best sailing talent to Chicago, but it also breeds this talent as well from its base in **Belmont Harbor**. **Members of the US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics** have trained here before heading to the Olympics, as has **World Match Racing Champion Ian Williams**, **top-ranked North American Taylor Canfield**, **Great Lakes match racing champion Don Wilson**, and numerous other nationally- and internationally-ranked skippers and their teams.

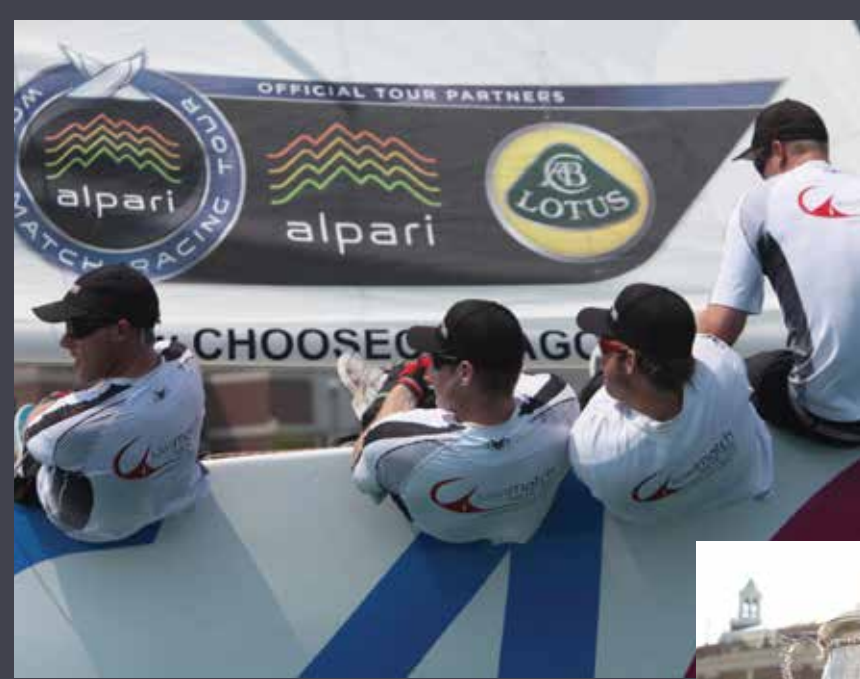
In fact, the top-ranked match racer in North America and 11th-ranked in the world, **Taylor Canfield**, serves as the **Sailing Director at**

CMRC. From May through October during weekdays Canfield not only trains himself and his team in the art of match race sailing, but he helps train CMRC members who join to hone their own skills at boat handling, helming, sail trim, timing and tactics.

CMRC uses a fleet of eight equally-matched **TOM 28 class keelboats**, a design proven to combine good speed, agility and toughness to withstand the rigors of having some of the best sailors in the world play each other in one-on-one match racing combat.

2013 promises to be another great year of match race sailing in Chicago, with CMRC planning major regattas each month of the season. The highlight of the summer schedule will once again be the Chicago Match Cup at Navy Pier, where CMRC invites the entire Chicago boating community to join in to enjoy this America's Cup style of sailing.







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CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

By Greg Miarecki, Rear Commodore

Chicago Yacht Club's 137th year was marked by great weather, great activities, and great friendships.

The 2012 season kicked off at the stroke of midnight at our annual [New Year's Eve gala](#), when **Commodore Joe Haas**, **Vice Commodore Jerry Bober**, **Rear Commodore Greg Miarecki**, **Treasurer Jan Promer**, and **Secretary Tony Close** began their second terms in their respective offices. During January, Club members enjoyed fun and good fellowship at our Belmont Station. Our Cruising Sail Fleet, under the direction of **Steve Salk** and **Dwain Lutzow**, staged a tremendous "[Dancing with the Cruising Sail Fleet Stars](#)" event. The fleet followed up this successful event with a series of well-attended cruises and parties throughout the year.

The boating season began very early this year. Warm March temperatures got us out on the water quickly. Our new fleet of [Sonar sailboats](#), available for rental by Club members, was sold out every weekend from early March to early May. And the fun didn't end in the spring. Once our bigger boats returned to the boatyards, we got back on the Sonars and enjoyed frostbiting through the late fall. Thanks to **Russ Burke** and the world-class Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee for running over 100 regattas and giving us terrific racing all season!

It was a great time on the race course this year. Our [Offshore Committee](#) and [Racing Yacht Fleet Committees](#), led by **Mark Norris** and **Sam Veilleux**, organized a terrific series of races for offshore and inshore boats on our Belmont Station's racing circle. The [104th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac](#), presented by Veuve Clicquot, featured warm pleasant weather, abundant sunshine, and an outstanding after party at Mackinac Island. Our [Mackinac Committee](#), led by **Lou Sandoval**, worked hard to ensure that everyone arrived safely on the Island and that you were able to follow the race with our new electronic race-tracking system. Not to be outdone, **Martin Sandoval** and his [Verve Cup Regatta Committee](#) staged a great set of buoy races and post-race parties less than three weeks later. And we were privileged to host two additional major sailing events this summer - the [US Sailing Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship](#) and the [Farr 40 World Championship](#).

Our [Power Fleet](#) was also extremely active this year. Under the leadership of **Lloyd and Buff Sergent**, we brought back the tradition of predicted log contests. In August, we hosted the [North American Invitational Predicted Log Contest](#), and welcomed contestants from across the United States to the Chicago Yacht Club for a weekend of great contests and good fellowship. Led by **Pat and Nancy Marek**, the fleet hosted our first annual [In-Water Technology Showcase](#). Our Power Fleet also traveled across Lake Michigan on its cruise schedule, including a stop at Mackinac Island to check out the post-race party.

2012 also featured important outreach to our friends and neighbors. Our Power Fleet hosted its annual [Special Needs Cruise and Cruise for the Sight-Impaired](#). Our Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, led by **Past Commodore Gibby Vartan**, worked hard to introduce youth to our sport. For example, the Foundation supported a racing program for male cadets at Rickover Naval Academy. The Foundation also helped six female cadets experience life aboard a tall ship on the East Coast, as part of the [Sisters Under Sail](#) program. The Foundation also provided scholarships that allowed local kids to participate in our sailing school and collaborated with the United States Coast Guard and local civic committee to provide Christmas trees to needy families as part of the [Chicago Christmas Tree Ship](#). Our [Sea Scout program](#), under the leadership of **Chuck and Bettylynn Koules**, has exploded in popularity. Our Scouts regularly sail aboard their new T-10, Privateer, and participate in a number of other activities, including training in navigation and seamanship. This August, the Club hosted the [20th annual North American Challenge Cup](#), welcoming approximately 50 disabled adults from around the country for a weekend of competition and camaraderie.

It has been a great 2012. We look forward to seeing many of you at our major events in 2013!

Chicago YC youth enjoy sunset on the water





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COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

Some people use New Year's Eve to reflect on the year, but sailors think in seasons. And, so at the end of the 2012 Boating Season, we look back on the seasons of Columbia.

WINTER

Tradition dictates January as "boat work" season aboard Columbia. Members work together to keep the **Club Ship Abegweit** in prime condition. All the varnish and paint gets put away by early February, just in time for opening weekend. Frigid temps won't stop us from warming up to the boating season with an opening party!

SPRING

March's early warm front brought balmy winds and bountiful sun, and swept away everyone's winter blahs. Columbia embraced the warm weather, and moved the [Live Music Wednesdays](#) to the upper deck—two months earlier than planned. But this is Chicago, so no one was surprised when April blew in with a vengeance. Columbia's answer? Throw a party! [Aft-a-palooza](#) welcomed everyone in the boating community. The Bar was slammed with sailors discussing what gear they scored, trading bottom coat secrets, gulping down half price drinks, and dancing – yes, dancing.

To keep our spirits up as spring turned the corner, the **Cruising Fleet** hosted a series of seminars on the preparations, planning, perils and joys of navigating both inland and ocean waters. **Stu Elliot** and **Sandy** were welcomed back to Chicago in June and shared their experience of 3 ½ years of chasing sunsets around the world.

Columbia's adult learn-to-sail program, [Skipjacks](#), enrolled record numbers of students this year. What began as "Sailing for Singles" many moons ago, has evolved into a perfect program for those seeking a social introduction to sailing. This year's class boasted 78 students, with scores of members volunteering to teach the newbies in the classroom and on their vessels. Now, several of these former Skipjacks are racing offshore and volunteering with Race Committee.

SUMMER

Finally—summer arrived. The weather wasn't perfect (when is it?), but the fun never stops at Columbia. [Beer Can racing](#) on Wednesday nights hosted 14 races for boats from Columbia, Burnham Park and Chicago yacht clubs. This year the newbie section brought several new captains to the starting line, while the seasoned Beer Can racers kept the competition lively and fun.

The [COLORS Regatta](#), hosted by Columbia, shook the cobwebs off everyone's sheets. With the addition of a second racing circle and **Crowley's Yacht Yard** and **Goose Island** as sponsors, Columbia set a new precedent for running races. Two smooth days of racing with 88 boats offshore created new rivalries and wins for **Inferno, Sociable, Skidmarks, Maggie Mae, Kashmir, 007, Sin Duda, Defiance, The Asylum** and **KILL**.

And for the cruisers, there was plenty of on-the-water fun all summer long. Some sailed, some powered and others arrived by "land yacht." This growing social fleet welcomed many new members to events all summer long, including the ["Summer Sailstice,"](#) cruises to ports near and far on the lake, and lots of great food. Is this a cruising fleet or a dining club?

[Columbia's Sailing School](#) also gained attention when it was voted the number one sailing school in Chicago by the Chicago Reader. With **Captain Kurt Thomsen** leading the charge, the **Shark Bait program** for 5-7 year olds had record enrollment and the **Opti/420/Laser Race Teams** had podium finishes at several regional events. The Sailing School hosted the **Baker Team Race Qualifiers** for high school teams. While the racing was close, the real story was how **Mike Kaspar** and **Allan Teske** brought in a new group of young volunteers to umpire the event. The new umpires had years of fleet, team and match racing experience, and were keen to take on a new perspective.

The true storybook tale of the summer, though, was former sailing school student, now **US Sailing Team Member, Bob Willis**. [Bob proudly flew the Columbia burgee at the 2012 London Olympics](#). He embodies the Columbia spirit, and has been recognized by **US Sailing Team Leader Dean Brenner** for his positive and fun-loving attitude. As Willis finished 22nd out of 38, the entire Columbia family cheered, "Go Bob!"

What's summer without a party or two? There's always something happening on Columbia's Docks: **Fleet Review, Dog Day on the Dock, Old-Fashioned 4th, Dock-In Movie nights** and more gave members and their guests plenty of reasons to get together all summer long.

Of course the highlight on the Columbia dock each summer is the [Leukemia Cup Regatta](#) weekend, but more on that can be found on page 36. Columbia is always proud to host this event, bringing the Chicago boating community together to give back.

FALL

Much as we hate to admit it, the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, but the fun doesn't have to stop! Columbia welcomes all Area III racers to the [Boaters' Bash](#) in October. Bragging rights and tales of glory abound, when **2012 Columbia Beer Can Awards, Area III Trophies from ALL Clubs, Area III Boat of the Year Awards** and the **Yachtsman of the Year Award** are announced.

[And did we mention there are more parties?](#) If we can't be on the water, we'll be under the tent, on the rail deck or in the bar, enjoying the **Lobster Boil, Adult and Kids' Halloween Parties**, and countless holiday festivities, all culminating in the gala [New Year's Eve bash](#). And before you know it, it will be time to think about the 2013 season!

This year Columbia Yacht Club celebrates our **120th Anniversary**. We also mark the **30th Anniversary of bringing the Club Ship Abegweit to Chicago**. As we look back on so many seasons, we couldn't be more proud to be a part of the Chicago boating community.



COMMODORES CRUISE

By Sonny Lisowski, Rear Commodore

A wonderful CYA tradition happens every summer when all our Commodores both current and past gather to cruise along our beautiful lakefront visiting each others' clubs. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a carefree fun day of sun and cruising camaraderie.

This year our cruise began at our new **31st Street Harbor** with a magnificent breakfast courtesy of the **Joseph Conrad Yacht Club**. It was wonderful to visit and see each other in such a lovely atmosphere. **Springbrook Marina** and **Skipper Bud's** graciously provided our luxurious transportation.





Our itinerary covered all of the yacht clubs from 31st Street south:

Museum Shores Yacht Club –

a charming club house tucked away behind the Museum of Science and Industry

Southern Shore Yacht Club –

with 100 years of tradition provided an ideal harbor setting

Jackson Park Yacht Club -

where we visited on their porch overlooking beautiful Jackson Harbor

Calumet Yacht Club –

where a warm wonderful welcome awaited us

Hammond Yacht Club –

a vibrant new club house greeted us and provided wonderful food and refreshments

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our clubs who opened their doors welcoming us!



Floating Interest, "Color Guard"



Karolinka, "From the Mountains to the Sea"



2nd PLACE POWER - About Time, "WoodStock 1969"



Whino Too, "Disco"

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Gravy, "Surfin' USA"

VENETIAN NIGHT 2012

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

WE'RE BACK! . . . What a wonderful summer weekend at Chicago's new 31st Street Harbor!

As a prelude to our beloved parade on Saturday night, while many of us huddled in the Community Room for shelter, a severe storm front moved in and threatened our hopes to have our time honored parade happen. Fortunately, luck was on our side. The clouds blew over, the sun peaked out, and we all did double-time to get ready - for THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Many of the parade entrants were veterans, having been a part of Venetian Night for many years. They are a dedicated and talented group of boaters who just love putting on a great show for our Great City - CHICAGO! There were first timers, too, this year - and we welcomed them into our Venetian Night Family! Everyone had a wonderful time with this year's theme BLAST FROM THE PAST! We were Rockin' and Rollin' with Jimmy Hendrix and the Beach Boys, Groovin' with Don Cornelius on Soul Train and even Moonwalkin' with Michael Jackson.



Simple Justice, "Roaring 20's Art Deco"

Chicago's Venetian Night is a magical night when fantasy and dreams come alive as our waterfront theatre parades by - just for us.

A very special thank you to **Scott Stevenson** from **Westrec Marina Management** and the **Chicago Park District** for giving the **CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION** the opportunity to bring back our **WONDERFUL CHICAGO TRADITION!**

If you would like to become a part of Chicago's Venetian Night - contact **Betty Lerner** at **cendrillon@comcast.net** for a **2013 application!**



BEST OVERALL - Free Again, "Rockin' N Rollin"



1st PLACE POWER - Fourtunates, "Micheal Jackson"



2nd PLACE SAIL - Reflection III, "Soul Train"



Get 7, "Rock and Roll"



Mo Bounce to Da Ounce II, "Music of the 70's"



1st PLACE SAIL - Moonshadow, "Polish Pilgrims"



Floating Interest, "Roaring 20's"



16TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA RAISES MORE THAN \$374,000

Chicago-area sailors took to Lake Michigan on Saturday, August 25 to race and to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).

The 16th Annual Illinois Leukemia Cup Regatta, hosted by Columbia Yacht Club, included a full weekend of festivities and racing. The event aimed to raise \$360,000 toward a cure for blood cancers – and exceeded that goal with a total of \$374,720.19, which is an increase of nearly \$45,000 over last year. The Chicago Yachting Community has a lot to be proud of!

The weekend kicked off with **Red Sky Night** on Friday, August 24, an evening of dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions attended by more than 250 people.

Of Red Sky Night, Leukemia Cup Regatta organizing committee chair **Tracy Howard** said, “The wide variety of usually unavailable items we offered for bid – behind-the-scenes tours, fly fishing excursions, exclusive island vacations and more – brought in bigger dollars this year, and, we hope, will build attendance for next year.”

The next day, August 25, was a gorgeous one for the regatta itself.

“It proved to be one of those beautiful days we always wish for and 75 boats showed up to participate,” said race chair **Tom Barnes**. “The large number of classes kept the rating bands tight for close racing

and resulted in more winners – though everyone who entered the regatta in support of LLS came out a winner.”

Auction committee chair **Lynne Crowley** said, “The race course was well laid-out to support cruisers and racers with several classes.”

The event concluded with a post-race dock party and awards ceremony at Columbia. For more information about the Leukemia Cup Regatta, please visit

www.leukemicup.org/il. The campaign also included the

Leukemia Cup Poker Run earlier in August, an event for power boaters which tripled its fundraising total from last year. The Poker Run was hosted by Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club.

Money raised at the Leukemia Cup Regatta supports the **LLS mission** to fund lifesaving cancer research and patient services for those battling blood cancers.



On Edge, Steve Dorfman's Thomas 35, competed in PHRF 1



RESULTS:

Classic Yachts:

Mystic, owned by **John Leach**, won in a time of 39:34.

Cruising Spinnaker,

Mise En Place Paul Tompson, 36:04.

JAM 1:

Cookie Monster, **Peter Goldman**, 34:32

JAM 2:

Kutty's Ark, **Joe McGinnis & George Morrissey**, 32:34

JAM 3:

Tails Dragon, **Boyd Jarrell**, 49:01

Catalina 1:

Lite House, **Matt Mattern**, 38:32

Catalina 2:

Isis, **Robert Moretti**, 36:59

PHRF 1:

Imedi, **Mark** and **Lily Hauf**, 1:06:47

PHRF 2:

Measure for Measure, **Brian Tobin**, 1:08:52

J/109: K III,

Irv Kerbel, 1:07:45

Beneteau First 36.7:

Soulshine, **Jarrett Altmin**, 1:08:54

Tartan Ten:

Winnebago, **Tim Rathbun**, 1:08:08



Frank and Lori Giampoli's Team Jahazi raised over \$40,000 and won the Woodside-Wilhite Cup for Top 2012 Fundraiser

For additional information or to donate, please contact Chuck Bricker at chuck.bricker@lls.org or (312) 568-7717.



Jarrett Altmin's Soulshine placed 1st in the Beneteau 36.7 class



Chicago's Yachting Community presented at check for \$349,631 on race day, and ultimately reached a total of \$374,720 in donations for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. (L to R: Tracy Howard, LCR Chair; Scott Saxe, LLS Board President; Travis Wilhite, event emcee and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor)



POKER RUN

On the eve of this year's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Poker Run, the NOAA reported waves of 12-14 feet and winds out of the northeast at 30-32 knots.

There was genuine fear that the event might have to be canceled due to rough conditions. It was a restless night for those on the organizing committee who had spent months planning for this day—and hoping that the weather would cooperate.

Dawn broke overcast but as the morning progressed clouds receded and the waves looked to have diminished. But appearances from shore can often be deceptive, so **Committee Chair Dominic Iripino** and several members of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club set out to canvas the course to make sure it was safe for other boaters.

The further they plowed into the course the more they realized that the event could safely be moved from “maybe a go” to “definitely a go”. Although the waves were certainly not ideal for power boating, swelling from 4-6 feet, conditions were fair enough to allow boaters to make their own call on participation.

Back on shore, **Chuck Bricker, Meg Schneider** and their crew from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society had done an amazing job preparing the lawn of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club with a huge white tent, band stage, bar area, banquet station and decorations. The 2012 Poker Run, where boaters collect five cards from different harbors and then compete for the best hand, was ready to shove off. Many of the captains raised money for leukemia research by having people sponsor their boats with donations.

Heading south from Montrose Harbor, home of the Corinthian, the Captains blasted through the waves and made for the first stop, Belmont Harbor. Some of the faster boats decided to go directly to the stop furthest south, Burnham Harbor, but this turned out to be something of a tactical error as unbeknownst to anybody President Obama was flying in to the parking lot at Soldier Field on Marine 1 that afternoon. There were several gun boats posted just outside the harbor and nobody was allowed access during the 15 minutes it took the helicopters to land and escort the president into his waiting motorcade.

This year the Columbia Yacht Club, which hosts the Poker Runs sister sailing event, LLS Red Sky Night, opened its doors to Poker Run participants who wanted to stop along the way for a refreshing beverage or snack. Several participating boats took advantage of this great opportunity and enjoyed the sunshine on the foredeck of the Abegweit, Columbia's beautifully restored icebreaker.

A day that had started overcast and gloomy with threats of thunderous waves pulling down the entire event had turned into one of the most thrilling Poker Runs anyone could remember. It was also an extremely successful fundraiser, as participating boats and generous donors raised \$76,000 to go directly to research for the prevention and treatment of leukemia and other blood borne cancers.

Back at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club that night, over 200 guests packed the lawn and feasted on Lamp Chops, Prime Rib, Wild Mushroom Ravioli and an assortment of other delicious items prepared by **Chef Dean Eliacostas and Chef Phil Thomen**. Guests wandered the grass and bid on silent auction items, which included

a fishing trip aboard the stunning Diazepam, which was anchored in front of the club so guests could come aboard and have a look around.

As the sun went down and the harbor lights came up after dinner, the crowd was moved by the heroic speech from our honored hero – who told



about his personal battle with leukemia. This year's Poker Run winner, **Jesse Richardson** was so moved by the speech that he generously donated back the \$500 prize for having the best hand, which turned out to be four aces...a first for our event.

Party guests danced long into the evening, enjoying the swinging rhythms of **Marlon Longid** and his band Soulfix, who jammed until well after midnight. Special thank you to the planning committee, especially after such a tense, rocky morning and a year's worth of meetings and planning. Everyone was relieved that the 2012 LLS Poker Run pulled through the choppy water, emerged on plane and roared into the night. We are looking forward to next year's event and have already started planning on making it even better than 2012!



JUDD GOLDMAN ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM

By Robert Lang

The Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program (JGASP) is an award-winning, learn-to-sail program for the physically disabled.

This unique program celebrated its 23rd season this year, offering over 1,000 people the joy and thrill of sailing.

The mission is to provide individuals with physical disabilities the opportunity to achieve self-esteem and independence.

The JGASP was founded in 1990 by the family of the late **Judd Goldman**, a Chicago businessman and sailor who suffered from a disability. Named in Judd's memory, the Program began with three sailboats. Today, the adaptive program fleet numbers twenty boats in three classes, in addition to several support/safety boats. The specially designed sailboats allow participants, no matter what their disability, the opportunity to "take the helm" rather than just being a passenger. **Patrick LoDuca**, a JGASP sailor, points out the fact that when you're disabled, you have certain limitations. JGASP helps to eliminate them. Patrick says, "With sailing, you have the feeling of moving freely, being on equal footing with the able-bodied and being limitation free."

The Program, supported by the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF), is a public/private partnership with the Chicago Park District. The Foundation raises funds for instructor salaries, boats and maintenance costs while the Park District operates the Program on a day-to-day basis.

The first event of our season, the 23rd Annual Open House, was held on June 2nd. New sailors were able to meet the instructors, take a short sail and were treated to a complimentary lunch. This year over 350 people attended the event.

Throughout the summer, the program provided a wide range of activities. These included learn-to-sail instruction, racing clinics, regattas and cruises. Racing has always been a draw to those sailors with a competitive spirit. The Freedom Cup, sponsored by Jackson Park Yacht Club and the annual Goldman Cup are part of the five-regatta Season Championship Series. In 2012 the participants were again able to enjoy popular cruises to other Chicago harbors. JGASP offers individual lessons as well as group sails. This year, groups such as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Midwest Brain Injury, World Sports Chicago and the Wounded Warrior Project participated in the sailing program.



In early September, the **Volunteer Appreciation Day** was held, honoring those volunteers who made a significant contribution to the JGASP during the season. Participants were awarded for their racing successes as well as individual awards for the most improved award and the sportsmanship award.

The 23rd Annual Benefit of the **Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation** was held on August 3rd at The Field Museum and was a smashing success. Over 450 supporters were treated to a private showing of the exclusive Genghis Khan Exhibit. As always, the raffle and silent auction featured fantastic trips throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Caribbean Islands.

Nat Davis, a stroke victim, spoke of his very positive experiences with JGASP and the part that it played in his rehabilitation. **Susan Katz**, a 2008 Paralympic gold medalist and Paralympic Director of World Sports Chicago, spoke about the importance of supporting the JGASF because it helps to develop self-esteem and independence for those experiencing a disability. Competitors at the North American Challenge Cup (NACC) for sailors with disabilities, in Chicago for the annual event, were JGASF guests at the benefit. The NACC, hosted by Chicago Yacht Club and this year celebrating its 20th anniversary, has become one of the most prominent disabled sailing events in the world. Among the many sponsors are American Airlines and Hyatt Hotels.

Besides the adaptive sailing program, the Judd Goldman Sailing Foundation also supports

the **Judd Goldman Junior Sailing Program** (JGJSP). This program teaches sailing to at-risk, inner-city youth from 8-12 years of age. Located in the renovated, city water supplied Humboldt and Garfield Park Lagoons, over 200 enthusiastic children sail in ten JGJSP pram sailboats. The concept is unique because it brings the program to the neighborhood rather than the neighborhood to the program. Just like the adaptive sailing program, the goal is to help develop self-esteem and independence.

This season was great for the sailors in the Judd Goldman Sailing Programs. The boats and equipment are top notch, but this wouldn't be a successful program without a dedicated instructor staff under the leadership of Sailing Director, **Joe Harris**. In addition, we are thankful to have such devoted and caring volunteers. We ask all of you to join us in continuing to generously support this very unique Chicago charitable foundation that teaches people with physical disabilities as well as inner-city youth the joy of sailing.

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

By Dave DeAre, Past Commodore Fleet 21

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 39 years of social, educational and interesting family 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, 31st Street 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. Fleet 21 has a booth at Strictly Sail; come meet us and join the Fleet!

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 mechanics, sail trim, Chicago Marine Police, NOAA Weather and sailing presentations. Special meetings have included visits to sail lofts, marine stores, Coast Guard Stations and the Viking Ship. Our own members relating their cruising and/or racing experiences have included Door County, the North Channel, MORF racing and the Chicago to Mackinac Race.

Cruising Opportunities

Catalina Fleet 21 sponsors sailing outings to popular harbors such as the beautiful new 31st Street Harbor, 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, pot luck, 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 and the Queen’s Cup. The Catalina Fleet has been a major participant in the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta which has a special jib and main section for Catalina sailboats. This year it was one of the largest sections with 10 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. Fleet 21 exhibits at the Strictly Sail Show; stop by our booth and talk Catalina sailing with one of our members. 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

Membership information, upcoming events, programs, outings, racing, harbors and For Sale are part of the website. In addition Fleet 21 mails members 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 monthly updates on CYA activities.

SEA SCOUTS A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

Marty Bernstein

Sea Scouting celebrates its hundredth anniversary this year, and with that milestone the realization of a mission accomplished and a mission ahead.

The 21st century holds opportunity for leadership in our communities that goes far beyond the length of a vessel or the breadth of our waters. The electronic and internet media promise new ways to reach out and communicate what Sea Scouting can do for our youth, and by extension, for its volunteer leaders and the nautical community at large.

Chicago area church, school and yacht clubs host seven active Sea Scout units, known as **SHIPS**, typically composed of six to twelve co-ed youth, from ages 13 to 20, and as many adult leaders. **The Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America** owns three sailing vessels, which are maintained by the scouts with adult guidance.

Jackson Park Yacht Club's Ship 5212 is now maintaining a new-to-the-program 40-foot center-cockpit ketch, **Reflections III** from a donor in South Haven, MI. Their Skipper, **Reggie Rush** recruits members from schools and church groups, and regularly involves the yacht club in their activities.

The newest Ship in the area hails from the only other US Naval Academy besides Annapolis, Rickover Academy at Senn High School. **Commander Mike Tooker** is building **Ship 5709** membership with a nearly unlimited resource of youth at the academy. This summer they were invited to sail aboard the **Volvo Open 70 racer IL Mostro**, and had an awesome day on the water. Three of their young women were selected to participate in the CYC-sponsored tall ship program, **Sisters Under Sail**.

At **Chicago Yacht Club, Ship 5870** is enjoying a resurgence of membership and activity under the direction of **Skipper Tim Franceschini**. They assisted in the **North American Challenge Cup** for handicapped sailors, took part in Navy Week, and sent a girl to **Sisters Under Sail**.

At the other end of the lakefront, with **Skipper Bill Luksha** at the helm, **Ship 2008**, sponsored by **Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club** uses and helps maintain the **J-35, Bretwalda**. They actively toured the visiting vessels of Navy Week, as well as an overnight sailing/camping trip to Great Lakes. They also had a **Sisters Under Sail** participant.

On the city's far northwest side, **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** sponsors **Ship 5926**, with **Skipper Mark Jenkins** at the helm. Mark is a US Navy Captain, attached to the Illinois command, and runs a tight Ship, using **Bretwalda** and **Nautilus** for its sailing activities. **Sisters Under Sail** selected one of their **Sea Scouts** to round out that very fortunate group of six girls.



In the north side Chicago community of **Edgewater, Ship 5924 of Immanuel Lutheran Church** attended **Navy Week** and the **Air & Water Show**, and is actively teaching their scouts good seamanship and teamwork.

The most active Ship in the Chicago fleet, **Columbia Yacht Club's Ship 5111**, led by **Skipper Marty Bernstein**, continues to build solid youth leadership and enjoy racing training and long cruise adventures on the lake. Their Boatswain, **Alex Zoiopoulos**, was promoted to Sea Scouting's highest rank, Quartermaster, the first in Chicago in 26 years. Alex has also been chosen as Midwest Regional Boatswain and is honored to be the CYA Sea Scout of the Year. He and 15-year old crew mate **Liam Gorzen** were selected to sail in this year's Chicago Mac race aboard **Nautilus, a Tripp 47** chartered for the third year by **Neal Mehlman, Russ Salzman** and their group of Sea Scouting devotees. Their generous donation greatly helps with the expenses of keeping three vessels afloat. Before we left harbor, Alex and Liam were invited aboard **Victor Chigas's** beautiful yacht **Deep Powder** to meet Nautilus's two former owners/donors, **Victor and Lindy Thomas**, as well as **Americas Cup Skipper Dennis Connor**. It was quite an honor for these young sailors.

The continued support of the yachting community and charter organizations, the generous donation of boats, time and money from citizens, sailors and community visionaries give us resources and encouragement as we embark on our next century under sail.

As we say in Sea Scouts, **BRAVO ZULU** – job well done!

SEA SCOUT AWARD:
Alex Zoiopoulos



Alex Zoiopoulos started sailing at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club at the age of seven, where he sailed prams.

He continued his sailing training by participating in sailing classes in “420s” at both the **Columbia and Chicago Yacht Clubs**, while remaining an active member of the **Junior Fleet at CCYC**.

At 13, Alex joined **Sea Scout Ship 5111**, sponsored by the Columbia Yacht Club, where he is currently serving as the Ship’s Boatswain, the highest petty officer position a scout can be elected to within his/her Ship.

In the summer of 2011, Alex was selected to participate in a training cruise aboard the US Coast Guard “Eagle”, and sailed aboard the tall ship from New York, NY to New London, CT.

While he continues sailing “420s,” he has developed a keen interest in Keel Boat sailing. He has participated in many lake crossings and Long Cruises with his Ship, as well as port to port, “Beer Can” races, and long distance races; the most recent of which being the 2012 Chicago - **Mackinac Island race aboard the Sea Scout vessel Nautilus**.

Among Alex’s many recognitions was his attainment of the **Sea Scout Quartermaster Award**, the highest rank in Sea Scouting, which is often referred to as the Eagle Scout of Sea Scouts; and his recent appointment as **Boatswain of the Central**

U.S. Region Area 7. Alex is also a member of the **Chicago Sail and Power Squadron**.

Alex is a Senior at the **Ogden International School of Chicago**. In addition, he is a member of the **Merit Symphony Orchestra**, in which he holds the position of **Concertmaster**. He hopes to continue his education and become a medical doctor.

Alex exemplifies what it means to be a Sea Scout, and **it is with pride the Chicago Yachting Association bestows the 2012 Sea Scout of the Year Award to Alex Zoiopoulos**.



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DIVERSEY YACHT

By Jamie Kost, 2012 Vice Commodore



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Photo credit: Liz Benedetto, Elizabeth Ashby

It's hard to believe that the 2012 boating season has come to an end. It was definitely a long, hot summer with lots of unpredictable weather, but all in all a great summer for boating and enjoying events at Diversey Yacht Club.

It is so nice to see many generations of boaters in Diversey Harbor. We have three generations from some families in the harbor, so let's keep the boating tradition going.

With fuel prices and concerns for the economy taking a deep six, Diversey was still able to keep the prices at the gas dock among the lowest, if not the lowest on our part of the lake. [Our Club went on three fleet cruises to 31st Street Harbor, South Haven and Racine.](#) All were well attended and even though we all left South Haven early because of weather, we had a BBQ planned for South Haven at Diversey and had a blast!

We participated in [Venetian Night 2012](#) at 31st Street Harbor and after the terrible storm blew through we had the boat that won Best Overall. Thanks to everyone from Diversey that helped, especially **Mark Klym** who led us to victory! We're already looking forward to next year! If you're ever in our Club, please check out the plaques on the wall with our Venetian Night boats from past years.


We had entertainment almost every weekend and almost every type of music you could imagine. Our annual [Children's Party](#) was a big success as was our fish fry, thanks to **Lon Wachsning**. After

several fishing tournaments were cancelled due to winds, he got a crew together and caught enough fish to feed the 60 people that showed up to enjoy the fresh caught fish. Thanks also to the fishermen for cooking the fish for all of us to enjoy!

Our [harbor clean-up](#) is always a big success, and we look forward to helping keep Diversey green! We're also planning to prepare a dinner for the [Ronald McDonald House](#) as we have done in the past and collect food for one of our local church's food drive. We sponsor [Dreams for Kids - Replacing Charity with Opportunity](#) which was well attended and put smiles on many children's faces.


Our winter [Steak Frys](#) will begin again in November and go through March. Hope you'll be able to join us. Bring your own steak to grill and we supply the sides for a modest price. They are held the second Friday of each month. We also have a [Halloween Party](#), [Superbowl Party](#) and [St. Patrick's Day Party](#). After St. Patrick's Day we all start thinking about when we will bring our boats out for the 2013 season.

So have a great winter and 2013 will be our best season yet!




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HAMMOND YACHT CLUB

By John Botich Commodore



2012 has proven to be a great summer for boaters in the Hammond Marina and all around Lake Michigan.

The weather cooperated as boaters used their floating summer homes to the maximum capacity. The water temperature rose to 80 degrees early in the year making for crowded beaches on the southern end of Lake Michigan. The convenience of pulling your boat into four feet of water and dropping anchor is a real tradition here in Hammond. Our yacht club members have been taking advantage of the perfect conditions in the afternoon, stopping into the Yacht Club for dinner, drinks, and a perfect night in the Marina.

The membership of the Hammond Yacht Club took a short rode trip to the new **31st Street Harbor** for **Venetian Night** in support of the **Chicago Yachting Association**. About fifteen boats left the beach and marina in the afternoon just in time for the storm to hit the Harbor. Even with the storm and high winds, we managed to have a great time in Chicago's newest marina. The storm blew through and the festivities continued. **Congratulations to the Chicago Yachting Association for putting on such a terrific event.** This was a great opportunity for everyone to visit the new marina. The staff was very helpful and I'm sure our boaters will continue to visit. We plan on entering a couple of boats in the parade in 2013. This was a lot of fun; thank you for taking the time to plan Venetian Night in Chicago once again.

Hammond hosted a Venetian Night in August. Games for children on the beach, entertainment, and fireworks were all part of the day. The membership of the club and slip holders are thankful for all the work the marina continues to do for the boaters on the southern end of Lake Michigan.

This has been the busiest year for parties in the Hammond Yacht Club. Membership has been taking advantage of using the Hammond Yacht Club facility for personal parties which is good for both our members and the club financially. Our membership roster consists of seven types of membership, all of which use the facility for parties at no additional cost. We have been holding our membership at 125 which is very hard to do in this tough economy. **The Board of the Hammond Yacht Club is looking forward to 2013 and hopefully watch our membership grow.**

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 two

popular Chicago boat shows, which offer a great opportunity to shop and compare some of the best priced boats, RVs and outdoor goods and stock up on all of the essentials needed for summer fun.

The Chicago-based National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMMA) owns and operates 21 boat shows nationwide, including the Progressive Insurance Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show and Progressive Insurance Strictly Sail Chicago boat show. Each event has a different appeal and offers something for every type of boating, fishing, RV, and outdoor enthusiast.

The [Progressive Insurance Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show](#) has served as the largest indoor show in the Midwest. The 2013 show takes place January 9-13 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.

The [Progressive Insurance Strictly Sail Chicago](#) boat show has established itself as the largest indoor all-sail show in the nation. The 2013 show takes place January 24-27 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.

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JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

Jackson Park Yacht Club was founded in 1896. It is the oldest yacht club in Chicago at its existing location. On May 27th, we celebrated our opening day and introduced this year's bridge, officers and directors under perfect weather. That was a theme for this summer, perfect weather.

JPYC would like to acknowledge this year's officers and directors. They are Directors **Deb Farino, Ken Harris, Richard Bauman, John Parker, Jim Webb** and **John Aquino** and Officers **Immediate Past Commodore, Mary Avellone, Treasurer Brenda Murzyn, Membership Secretary Karen Harris, Recording Secretary Ricarda Sanders** and **Fleet Captain Janet Hansen**. We also want to acknowledge the **Bridge of Rear Commodore Paul Thompson, Vice Commodore Steve Pittman** and **Commodore Dennis Hansen**. Without this group, along with many volunteers, the club wouldn't be able to function.



This has been quite a year for Jackson Park. We started off by offering a [Safety at Sea seminar](#) in April with over 160 attendees. It was such a success, we are planning another one for January, 2013. In June we welcomed back our amazing **Chef Mario Gandarilla of Terrace Grill**, who along with his wife Lila ran our weekend galley. Please plan to stop by for Saturday and Sunday brunches and wonderful dinners on Saturday night. Wednesday night dinners are provided by **Reggie Rush and his Sea Scout crew**. On Fridays, movie night, you can come to sample our potluck year round. We also had the first of our live music parties, the [Island Party](#). Can't beat Reggae, rum and jerk chicken.

July is when things get busy at Jackson. Of course there's [4th of July](#) but that's followed up with the [Lutz Regatta](#) in which we ran a long course for the first time. We will be offering it again next year. On top of that, we have our biggest party of the year, the [Blues Fest](#). Both were a great successes.

Next was the [Mac Race](#), where we had many boats and crew participating. Three Jackson Park members' boats took places. They were **Paul Thompson, Mise En Place, Greg and Gerald Miarecki, Providence** and **Gene McCarthy, Pororoca**.

In August we had the [33rd annual Raske Race](#) the morning after a wonderful day and evening in Michigan City. Later in the month we had the last of our summer parties, the [Jazz Fest](#). We also hosted the [Judd Goldman](#) racers and ran a small regatta for them.

September gets busy again. There's the [Tri-state regatta](#) as well as the [Bi-state race](#). JPYC's crack race committee ran the Bi-state and the third leg of the Tri-state. That was quite an undertaking. They didn't stop there. They ran the [MORF Invitation, the MORF Open and the Hackell Cup of the South Lake series](#). Jackson Park overwhelmed Hammond Yacht club to retain the South Lake Trophy. **David Travis, Mischief**, took first. September also saw the return of the **University of Chicago Racing Team** to Jackson. We welcome them back.

There are many things to do and enjoy at JPYC. Just ask any member. We have lots of fun. We're like an extended family. We have the best sunsets of any yacht club in Chicago. We are offering some new things as well. We have a [life jacket sharing program](#) and a [bicycle sharing program](#). Next year, we are planning a [kayak sharing program](#). You can keep busy at Jackson or you can do what most people enjoy, sitting on our deck and watching the sunset. Hope to see you there.

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THE JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

Albert Niedzinski, Past Commodore

Joseph Conrad Yacht Club members enjoyed an eventful 2012 sailing season.

As usual, some started their sailing early, in the Virgin Islands, Bahamas or even in the Southern Hemisphere. The rest shook off the winter chill much later, in the yards, getting their boats ready for the sailing season. We held several social events and fundraisers and were very fortunate and grateful to be able to use the wonderful facilities of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club in Wilmette for some of those events.

Club Management concentrated their efforts on recruiting new members, trying to attract younger people, and in general, refocusing to provide better return and experience to the members, which is very difficult without permanent quarters on the lake. So, our quest continued to try and to secure a permanent facility on the lakefront. A few promising opportunities did not pan out, and the search continues.

We held our two regattas during the summer. Participation was lower than usual, but successful and all had great fun. We want to recognize our longtime member and benefactor, **Janusz Barsh**, who together with his able assistant **Czeslaw Drwiega** exemplified incredible stamina and culinary prowess, feeding and quenching the thirst of a multitude of sailors and landlubbers.

We also were honored to be asked by CYA to host the breakfast for the **CYA Commodores Cruise** at the new 31st Street Harbor. From comments received it appears our efforts were well received. Congratulations to our **rear Commodore Romuald Poplawski** and **Vice Commodore Gregory Golabek**, as well as **Commodore Walter Kotaba**.

One of the two highlights of the social season was a fundraiser for **Zbyszek Gutkowski**, known also as "**Gutek**", held at SSYC. Gutek is well known and respected in pro sailing. He started his sailing career in the 470 class, progressing to the over 100 foot Maxi-Cat, "Warta-Polpharma" in 2000 edition of "The Race", where he was a watch Captain. He participated in an attempt to break round the world record on a BPH Bank Volvo 60. In 2005 he crewed in the Mackinac Race and the Key West Race Week, both on Kris Kaminski's canting keel "Lighting". In 2011 he became the first Polish yachtsman to participate in the 30,000 mile Velux 5 Oceans Round the World Race, sailing a 19 year old former boat of Alain Gautier, earning 2nd place, despite bowsprit and canting keel failure, and a very serious injury during the fourth leg. In 2012 Gutek was raising funds and working to get sponsors to participate in the Vendee Globe Challenge, known as the "Everest of Sailing." We are extremely proud to have contributed in a small, but meaningful way to enable his participation. On Nov. 10, 2012 Gutek is scheduled to join 19 other top world class sailors on the starting line in Les Sables d'Olonne, France. He will be racing on "Energa". We wish him fair winds and a foot of water under the keel (and of course a 1st place trophy). The fundraiser effort was headed by **Kris Kaminski**, our immediate **Past Commodore, Romek Poplawski** and **Greg Golabek**, as well as others.

A milestone event for our members took place at the end of January, in the British Virgin Islands, and relates to another prominent Polish sailor, from years past. **Captain Wladek Wagner** was the first Polish sailor to circumnavigate the globe, in a boat of his own design & construction. He started his adventure from Gdynia, Poland in 1932, and completed July 4th, 1939, passing Faro in Portugal, which he passed initially January 4th, 1933.

WWII interrupted his return to Poland, stranding him in the UK. There he enlisted in the Polish Merchant Marine. Two ships he was on sank under him. He married **Mabel Olpin**, and with her embarked on a journey of a lifetime in "Rubicon", a 78' ketch, eventually dropping anchor in Tortola, BVI. There, with Mabel, they became true pioneers. Literally, with their own hands they build a house, developed a yacht yard, harbor and road, also built the first airstrip to serve the growing tourism in the area. Later on they moved to Puerto Rico and established the Wagner shipyard. Captain Wagner wrote a wonderful account of his circumnavigation in a book titled "By the Sun & Stars". He passed away in Winter Park, FL. Recently Mabel wrote a fascinating and delightful book about their 10 years in the Islands, titled "Lest I Forget". Sadly it's an extremely limited edition, but the club secured a significant number of copies.

2012 marked a Wagner anniversary trifecta; 100 year birthday, 80 years from the start of the circumnavigation and 20 years since he passed away. **The Wagner Sailing Rally** was co-sponsored by several Polish Yacht Clubs in North America and the United Kingdom and Polish Sailing Association from Poland, as well as individuals, one being **Kris Kaminski**, one of the architects of the **2012 Wagner Sailing Rally**. The rally gathered hundreds of sailors and 46 Yachts from around the globe, including S/Y "Chopin" - a gorgeous 180 ft. Brig sailed from Poland.

Bogdan Stojkowski sailed his 45' Hylas, "Violina". **Kris Kaminski** sailed his Farr 50, "Husaria", from San Francisco, via the Panama Canal, carrying a commemorative plaque that was installed and unveiled at Bellamy Key during a ceremony attended by many local BVI dignitaries. Some JCYC members opted to fly in. The event was a tremendous success. As a footnote, Mrs. Wagner purchased Bellamy Key from the British Crown for....\$75.00.

At the time of this writing we are looking forward to the last event of the season, superbly organized, as always, by our social events director, **Romek Poplawski**.

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MUSEUM SHORES YACHT CLUB

What another great and exciting year for Museum Shores Yacht Club.

We would like to thank all of our members for supporting this year's events which include the following highlights:

- the youth safety presentations for kids from 8 to 12 years old;
- Senior Day in conjunction with Leslie Hairston (I wish that I could keep up with those seniors, they rock)
- Annual Fish Fry.
- Thank you Rooster, for a great Fathers Day; the guys appreciated the wonderful gifts and good food.

Unfortunately, our **Commodore Hardy White** has been ill and will be in rehabilitation until the end of this month. He also lost his loving mother earlier this year. Hardy has been Commodore twice at Museum Shores Yacht Club and has given us many devoted years. We are giving him all of our support and prayers and request yours as well.

This year 59th Street Harbor had it's share of challenges like many other harbors in our community. The water at 59th Street is exceptionally low (in some places as low as 1'-6") and we have been forced to relocate to other harbors for the remainder of the season. We would like to thank the **Harbor Master, Nancy David** and the boaters at **Jackson Inner Harbor** for their helpfulness and making us feel welcome. Special thanks to **Toni Chico** (Harbor Master 59th Street Harbor) for her diligence in notifying the boaters of the issues at MSYC and helping some of the boaters out of the harbor, so that they could relocate. There are plans to dredge the harbor channel; and we are looking forward to returning to 59th Street in time for the 2013 season.



Commodore Hardy White. Photo credit: Betty Lerner

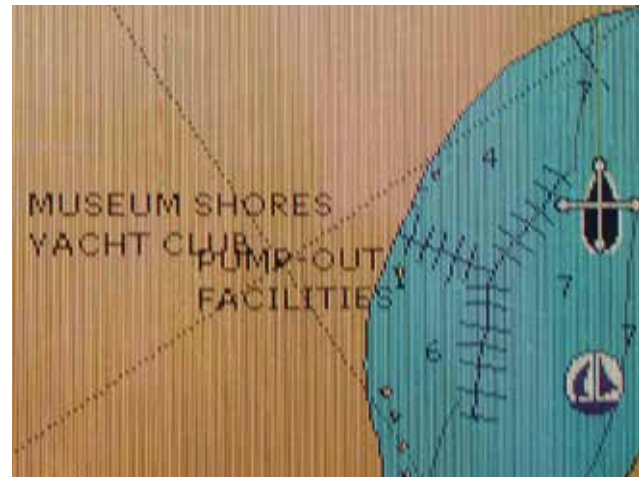
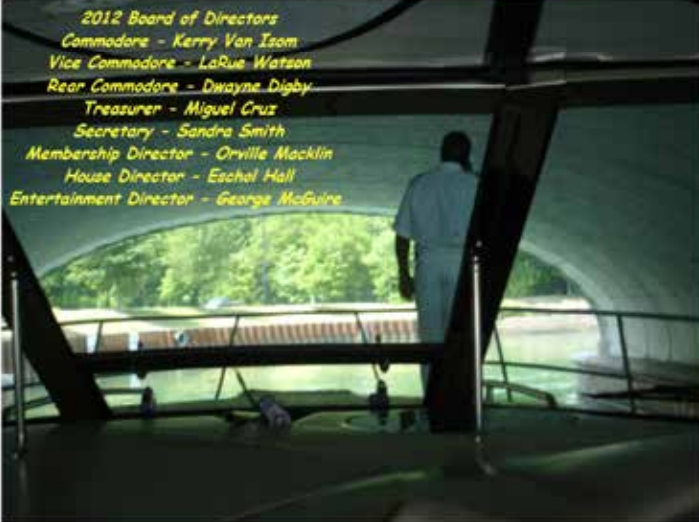


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SOUTHERN SHORE YACHT CLUB

By Kerry V Isom, Commodore Southern Shore Yacht Club

Another boating season has come and gone, but at Southern Shore Yacht Club we can say 100 years have come and gone.

This year Southern Shore celebrated 100 years of existence. Our celebration took place the weekend of June 15th at our club. Our celebration began Friday night with a reception for our members and their guests. Waiters served hors d'oeuvres and champagne as members reminisced on the different events held at the club. Pictures circulated of Halloween parties, opening day celebrations and special parties from the past years. There were several old timers who have not been down to the club in 20 years that were delighted to see things were pretty much the same.

Saturday began bright and early. The **flag raising ceremony** started at 11:00AM. The current Board of Directors was introduced as well as all past commodores in attendance. We were honored to have the **Sea Scouts** post the Colors, as our National Anthem sung by Marvin Gaye played in the background.

After the raising of the Flags we had to work quickly. The club was completely transformed; those that have visited our club in the past would not have recognized it. Red carpet was laid down the pier for our guests to walk on as they entered the club. Inside the walls of the club were draped in white and blue, tables were adorned with white linen table clothes along with glass center pieces and balloons, the chairs were covered with white chair covers and big red bows. On the outside an additional white tent was set up, the tables and chairs were the same as on the inside of the club. It was really a beautiful sight to see. And to top everything off the weather was picture perfect. There was a baby grand piano inside the club which played for our guests who dined on the inside. Those on the outside enjoyed the soft sounds of a three piece jazz band while we dined on grilled salmon, roasted chicken or tender roasted beef with all the trimmings.

Appreciation awards were presented to the past commodores. The plaques were engraved with their names and years of service. A special award was presented to our past treasurer **Tony Crowe**, who served on the board for over 20 years. The evening ended with dancing under the stars. I am honored to have been the commodore for our 100th year. And I would like to thank the entire committee for



all of their hard work, especially **Larue Watson, Vice Commodore and Flora Digby**, member. These two attended every meeting and put forth extra effort to make sure the evening was a success. Also, thanks go to **Dwayne Digby, Rear Commodore** for building an extension to our deck.

This year **Venetian Night** was held at the new 31st Street Harbor. There were 15 boats from Jackson Park inner harbor who journeyed to 31st street for the weekend. We docked on Friday and did not leave until Sunday morning. There was enough food provided by our members that other boaters joined in with us. We had one boater **Glen** (Mo Bounce to the Ounce) to enter the parade but due to unforeseen issues he had to pull out at the last minute. Even though we could not participate in the parade we still had a wonderful time.

This year docks B, C and D decided to have one huge end of the year dock/harbor party. There was a live band and a DJ, and more food than you can imagine. Everyone in the Harbor including our **Harbor Master Nancy** joined in on the fun.

Our **monthly Steak Frys** are still a big hit. The Rear Commodore incorporated live entertainment. For the Steak Frys in July and August guests did not want to leave because everyone was having such a good time. October's Steak Frys was one for the record books as far as attendance. We have never in the history of the Steak Frys had such a large attendance for the month of October. We are already looking forward to next season.

I want to thank **Nancy and Wayne** for all of their hard work keeping the harbor together. Everyday Wayne was either cleaning, nailing or painting something. Thanks for your hard work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors. I know there was a lot put on you this year because of the 100 year celebration. Each one of you went above and beyond and I sincerely thank you. I am looking forward to working with you next season.

See you in 2013!

YOUTH SAILING AT CHICAGO YACHT CLUBS

There are many programs for junior sailing in Chicago and our Yacht Clubs present some of the most dynamic and accessible experiences for young people.

The Sailing Schools all share some common attributes such as age groups (generally 5-18), safety concerns (life jackets required, swimming expertise and safety boats on the water), and types of craft used for training (420s or similar dinghies). Experienced sailors and/or US Sailing Certified Instructors are usually employed along with support from sailing members. But the uniqueness of the individual programs is worth noting.

Burnham Park Yacht Club

has developed a program that is run much like a week-long summer camp, with additional weeks available for those die-hard kids who catch the sailing bug. The ultimate goal is “that each student will become active participants in the sport, and learn valuable lessons in self-confidence, teamwork, and respect for nature and fellow man.” While more advanced students are introduced to racing and Friday night races have become standard, the focus is really fun on the water. While **Dick Jennings**, a well-known name in Chicago sailing, was the instigator of the Sailing School at Burnham, **Dennis Bartley** has become the resident organizer. His involvement started when his children participated in the program. They are now active adults in the sailing community.

Chicago Corinthian has a youth program that grew out of the Frostbite Fleet. They have activities for youth at least once a week during the sailing season and once a month in the off-season. The program originally was just for children and grandchildren of members but now encompasses the general public with a twist. In order for youngsters to participate, they must join CCYC as Junior Fleet at a very nominal cost. In actuality, it is the parents that join for the youth, which helps get the adults involved in the children’s activities as well as the broader activities of the club. If the child continues in the sailing school in subsequent years, the parents are expected to join as CCYC crew members at a little higher, but still nominal, cost.

Corinthian offers graduated experiences for the young sailors, moving them up through fleets of boats and eventually graduating them to racing fleets. Right now, they have 7 high-school



Happy Youth on the dock at Columbia

aged sailors at Lane Tech and are exploring possibilities of competing in the high school regattas in the Chicago area and around the country. They are quick to point out, though, that the purpose of the junior program is not racing but a life-style system, creating sailors that will continue to enjoy boating throughout their lives.

The model of nominal club membership at Corinthian is unique in Chicago. It helps develop knowledgeable

youth sailors and helps to concretely support club development. The October 2012 LMSRF newsletter featured an article by **Glenn McCarthy** about the development of youth sailing into silos or groupings based on age, which do not guarantee that the youth will mature into active adult sailors. Corinthian’s approach to youth sailing involves generational interactions on the water as well as on land through club activities.

Chicago Yacht Club has one of the oldest and most active youth sailing programs in Chicago, starting with 5-year-old “Dinghy Demons,” who are paired with an experienced youth sailor for 3 half-day sessions, through summer sailing programs for multiple

Chicago YC youth race to the finish



age groups, and racing programs for the older children throughout the rest of the year. Team building and team work get heavy emphasis and is a basis for all the youth programs. While members get a discount, non-members are welcome to attend all classes and scholarships are available.

For the more experienced sailors, CYC is putting a, “greater focus on giving the sailors as many racing opportunities as possible.” During the school year, CYC sponsors 5 high school teams who race around the country. This emphasis on the competitive aspects of sailing pays off with local and national recognition. This year, CYC young sailors have taken first place honors in the Wentz Cup and the Midwest Junior Olympics both held in Illinois, the CJ Buckley National Junior Team Race Champion in Rhode Island, and the US Junior Match Race Championship for the Rose Cup in St. Petersburg. They also hosted the US Women’s Junior Singlehanded Championships and several other competitions. (For details on local races and regattas, see the Race Results section of this magazine.)

CYC is unique in offering a Safe Powerboat Handling class for juniors ages 13 -18. This is a US Coast Guard approved course. Most states recognize it as meeting requirements for a safe boating certificate, which the students earn at the end of the class.

Columbia Yacht Club has a sailing school summer day camp program that provides broad water experiences for 5 to 18 year olds. The camps are typically multiple weeks and can be booked



A former Columbia student, Bob Willis represented the US at the Olympics

sequentially for a full summer program. The summer day camps involve over 200 children in swimming as well as sailing, and all levels of skill-building are available to immerse students in the maritime history and nautical community of Chicago. The emphasis is on water sports even when weather confines classes to land. Columbia supports sailing competitions for younger students around the country and acts as organizer for 6 high school teams that don’t have sailing on campus. One of Columbia’s former students was on the 2012 US Olympic sailing team in London.

While not a fund-raiser for Columbia, the sailing school is able to pay for itself through tuitions. There are discounts for club members and for any youth signing up for multiple sessions. There are scholarships for students who need them provided through foundation support.



Girls and boys teams at Corinthian

The commitment to youth sailing at our yacht clubs is admirable, and the programs are dynamic and varied. The stated purpose at all of the clubs is to develop lifelong sailors with the hope that they will become active members of our clubs. Again according to Glenn McCarthy, junior sailors need to get on adult one-design and offshore boats to truly instill that lifelong love of sailing all of our clubs stress as a mission. The yacht clubs in Chicago are creating a rich talent bank of skilled and trained sailors with their youth programs. We should be using them.

This article was compiled with feedback from parents, sailors, and yacht club volunteers and employees, notably Dennis Bartley, Martha Pitt, Kurt Thomen, and Bruce Thompson.

2012 RACE RESULTS

BELMONT YACHT CLUB

There and Back Shorthanded Regatta

AUGUST 4

DOUBLE-HANDED

1st	Exeter	John Notch
2nd	Songline	Mike Abbey
3rd	Safir III	Robert Radway

BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB

Abe Jacobs

AUGUST 18

T-10

1st	Temerity	Douglas Baker
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Zukasky Memorial

AUGUST 19

T-10

1st	Lightning	Bob Warnecke/ Steve Karstrand
2nd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
3rd	Honey Badger	Tom Kane

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	Inferno	Phillip Dowd
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CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Spring Opener

MAY 26

T-10

1st	Wild Norwegian	Arvid Eiesland
2nd	Rover	Ken Colbert
3rd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus

PHRF-SPIN 2

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

Olympic Cup

MAY 27

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd	Honey Badger	Tom Kane

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
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BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
2nd	Vayu	Ron Buzil

Hobelman Regatta

JUNE 17

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
4th	Mutiny	John Schellenbach

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian
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Waukegan to Chicago

JUNE 24

T-10

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

J/105

1st	Here's Johnny	John Moore
2nd	Phantom	Mike Carpin

PHRF-SPIN 1

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

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
2nd	Wooton	William H Smith
3rd	Sirocco VI	Bill & Viviana Fanizzo

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Paradigm Shift	David Dickerson
2nd	Siren Song	William John Mayer
3rd	Retriever	Matthew Beer

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
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PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Geronimo	Richard Gravengood
2nd	Truant	Walter Kawula

BEN 36.7

1st	Sorcerer	Don Draper & Greg Fyksen
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J/109

1st	Slapshot	Scott Sims
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Windy City Team Race

JUNE 23-24

1st	Off All Day	Taylor Canfield, Matt Clark, Josh McCaffrey
2nd	Green	Andy Graff, Valen Smith, Mike Schroff
3rd	High Voltage	Augi Hernandez, Ben Marden, Martin Johnsson
4th	Department of Correction	Scott Eisenhardt, Rob Picken, Jacob Karlin
5th	Blue	Michael Whitford, Olin Davis, Bobby Savoi
6th	Juicy Fruit	Mel Levy, Stuart McSweeney, Andy Camarda

Gim Hobelman One Design Regatta

JULY 28-29

ETCHELLS

	Skipper	Crew
1st	Aaron Houston	Doug Baker, Andrew Mulford
2nd	Mark Teborek	Libby Teborek, Martha Pitt, Val Smith
3rd	Mike Frerker	Rosemary Matzger

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	Skipper	Crew
1st	John Huff	Mark VanderBerg
2nd	Dan Nolan	Jennifer Nolan
3rd	Bill VanderBerg	Glen Dams

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	Skipper	Crew
1st	Robert Bernstein	Carmen
2nd	Amy Neill	Tim Corkell, John Durlak
3rd	Gary Scott	John Nykaza, Rebecca Kwasinski

Vanguard 15 Thursday Night Fleet Race Series

MAY 3-AUGUST 30

	Helmsman	Crew
1st	Val Smith	Martha Pitt
2nd	Jacob Karlin	Katie Anderson
3rd	Lu Han	Erica Trejo
4th	Andy Camarda	Markell Pool
5th	Mel Levy	Liz Clemons



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Red Flannels Lightning Regatta

SEPTEMBER 22-23

	Skipper	Crew
1st	Bill Faude	Ernie Dieball, Jared Drake
2nd	Todd Wake	Kristine Wake, Doug Wake
3rd	David Stix	Steve Diaz, Amy Simonson

Rhodes 19 Championship A Series

1st	Sweet
2nd	Yahoo
3rd	Ms Julie
4th	Peter Pan

Rhodes 19 Championship B Series

1st	White
2nd	Windigo
3rd	Yahoo
4th	Ms Julie

Rhodes 19 Evening Series

1st	White
2nd	Ms Julie
3rd	Yahoo
4th	Peter Pan

Rhodes 19 Sunset Series

1st	Yahoo
2nd	Sweet
3rd	Ms Julie
4th	Peter Pan

CHICAGO MATCH RACE CENTER

Spring Invitational: LMSRF Richardson & USMRC Group E/K Qualifier, Grade Three

MAY 19-20

1st	Don Wilson, Chicago, IL
2nd	Hans Pusch, Chicago, IL
3rd	Chris Nesbitt, San Diego, CA

Eurex Match Cup - World Match Race Tour Qualifier, Grade Two

JUNE 1-3

1st	Taylor Canfield, St. Thomas, USVI
2nd	Jordan Reece, Sydney, Australia
3rd	Sally Barkow, Nashotah, WI

Chicago Match Cup - Alpari World Match Racing Tour, Grade WC

JULY 5-11

1st	Ian Williams, Team GAC Pindar (Great Britain)
2nd	Jordan Reece, Estate Master Sailing Team (AUS)
3rd	Bjorn Hansen, Mekonomen Sailing Team (SWE)

US Grand Slam Series, Grade Two

AUGUST 17-19

1st	Taylor Canfield, St. Thomas, USVI
2nd	Nicolai Sehested, Copenhagen, Denmark
3rd	Josh Junior, Wellington, NZL

Autumn A & B Invitational, Grade Three

SEPTEMBER 27-30

AUTUMN A

1st	Anna Tunnicliffe, Plantation, FL
2nd	Wataru Sakamoto, Wakayama City, Japan
3rd	Don Wilson, Chicago, IL

AUTUMN B

1st	Don Wilson, Chicago, IL
2nd	Tyler Rice, US Virgin Islands
3rd	Valen Smith, Miami, FL

100th Anniversary of the Richardson Trophy, Grade 3

OCTOBER 12-14

1st	Don Wilson, Chicago, IL
2nd	Nathan Hollerbach, Detroit, MI
3rd	Terry McLaughlin, Toronto, CAN

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

Great Lakes Championship

NOVEMBER 9-10, 2011

1st	Lake Forest High School
2nd	Minnetonka
3rd	New Trier

Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2011

1st	Wisconsin Badgers
2nd	Minnesota Gophers
3rd	Illinois (Chicago)

2011 Fall Frostbite

OCTOBER 9-NOVEMBER 20

420

1st	Jennifer Herz
2nd	Matt Nurre
3rd	Phillip Boardman
4th	Holly Futrell

LASER

1st	Rick Strilky
2nd	Roman Plutenko
3rd	Paul Wurtzebach
4th	John Dunlea

VANGUARD 15

1st	Andrew Graff
2nd	Marcella Grunert
3rd	Lu Han
4th	David Stix

SONAR

1st	Alex Curtis
2nd	Steve Dorfman
3rd	Chris McNicholas
4th	Keith Palz

Spring Frostbite

MARCH 11-APRIL 29

LASER

1st	Roman Plutenko
2nd	Rick Strilky
3rd	Andrew Aronson

VANGUARD 15

1st	Pitt/Ustach
2nd	Jacob Karlin
3rd	Lu Han

420

1st	Vivianna Fanizzo
2nd	Christ Kamberos
3rd	Mark Croll

SONAR

1st	Mark Norris
2nd	Steven Dorfman
3rd	Andrea Krasinski

RHODES 19

1st	Jennifer Wohlberg
2nd	Scott Gary
3rd	Frank Loftus

High School Ice Breaker

MARCH 31-APRIL 1

1st	Minnetonka
2nd	Oconomowoc
3rd	St. Ignatius Prep

High School Invitational

APRIL 14-15

1st	Lake Forest High School
2nd	Minnetonka
3rd	New Trier

NOOD Regatta

JUNE 8-10

BEN 36.7

1st	As You Wish	John Heaton
2nd	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
3rd	Maggie Mae	Peter/Dan Wright

BEN 40.7

1st	LaTempete	Tom Weber
2nd	Vayu	Ron Buzil
3rd	Turning Point	Dave Hardy

S2 9.1 & J 30

1st	True North	Dan Arntzen
2nd	Planxty	Dennis Bartley
3rd	Paradox	John Swanson

GREAT LAKES 36/FLYING TIGER 10

1st	Bounder	James Kelly
2nd	Tigress	George Petkovic
3rd	Surface Tension	Jeffrey Schaeffer

GREAT LAKES FARR 40

1st	Flash Gordon 5	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Heritage	Robert Hughes
3rd	Flojito Coperando	Eric Mergenthaler

GREAT LAKES 70

1st	Evolution	Peter Reichelsdorfer
2nd	Details	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Thirsty Tiger	Albert D'Ottavio

LEVEL 35

1st	Aftershock	William Newman
2nd	Bad Dog	Larry Taunt
3rd	Bozo's Circus	Bruce Metcalf

J/105

1st	Striking	Blane Shea
2nd	Vytis	Tom and Gyt Petkus
3rd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

J/109

1st	Northstar	David Gustman
2nd	Certainly	Donald Meyer
3rd	Momentum	Kevin Saedi

J/111

1st	Impulse	Miz/Dreher/Hatfield
2nd	Night Hawk	Dabrowski / Edman
3rd	Kashmir	Mike Mayer

T-10

1st	Wombat	Arthur Strilky
2nd	Blueprint	Chris Moll
3rd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob

ORR 1

1st	Talisman	Bruce Aikens
2nd	Natalie J	Philip O'Neil III
3rd	Imedi	Mark Hauf

ORR 2

1st	Eagles Wings	John Gottwald
2nd	Majic	William Hoyer
3rd	Spirit Walker	Vern McCain

ORR 3

1st	Eagle	Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Sufficient Reason	Mitchell Padnos
3rd	True	Mark Bremer

ORR 4

1st	Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
2nd	Maskwa	Donald Waller
3rd	Whisper	Thomas Barnes

DISTANCE RACE

1st	Ocean	Jim Banovitz
2nd	Hiwassee	John Bell
3rd	Paradigm Shift	Dave Dickerson

Commodores Cup Regatta

JULY 1

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Wild Norwegian	Arvid Eiesland
3rd	Temerity	Douglas Baker

ORR 2

1st	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski
2nd	Eagles Wings	John J Gottwald

U.S. Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship - Leiter Cup

JULY 6-12

1st	Hanne Weaver (Seattle YC)
2nd	Lindsey Baab (St Francis YC)
3rd	Dana Rohde (Lauderdale YC)
4th	Lola Bushnell (St Francis YC)
5th	Sophie Naughton (Eastern YC)

Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

JULY 15

1st	Koules/Rangel
2nd	Koules/White
3rd	Rangel/White

104th Race to Mackinac

JULY 20

CHICAGO-MACKINAC TROPHY

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Kutty's Ark	George Morrissey & Joe McGinnis
3rd	Odyssey	David Bohl

MACKINAC CUP

1st	Realt Na Mara	Tom Londrigan, Joe Londrigan
2nd	Northstar	David Gustman
3rd	Kashmir	Brummel/Henderson/Mayer

CRUISING DIVISION

1st	Intuition	Tom Kershner, Mark Gillespie, Chris Hynes, Bill Burns, Jenn Macainag
2nd	Blue Chip	Ulrich Noorman
3rd	Grand Cru	Bob & Donnell Mersereau
4th	Hope	Dr. Michael Leland
5th	Intangible	Tom Falck

DOUBLE HANDED DIVISION

1st	TFWB Relentless	George Petritz, Scott Petritz
2nd	Amateur II	William Fagerstrom
3rd	Jump	Hank Graziano

MULTIHULL DIVISION

1st	Triceratops	Jonathan & Lori Alvord
2nd	Caliente	Michael Steck
3rd	High Priority 2	David Shneider

BEN 36.7

1st	As You Wish	John Heaton
2nd	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
3rd	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
4th	Karma	Lou Sandoval, Martin Sandoval, Jack Buoscio

BEN 40.7

1st	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
2nd	Das Boot	Jay & Cindy Muller
3rd	Spanker	Dennis J. McDonnell, James McDonnell

CRUISING 1

1st	Comfortably Numb	Mark Miller
2nd	Freedom	James Cooper
3rd	Joint Venture	Harry D. Bush
4th	Serenity	Jack Marks & Arnold Hirsch
5th	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson
6th	Mirage	John Boyle

CRUISING 2

1st	Intuition	Tom Kershner, Mark Gillespie, Chris Hynes, Bill Burns, Jenn Macainag
2nd	Blue Chip	Ulrich Noorman
3rd	Grand Cru	Bob & Donnell Mersereau
4th	Hope	Dr. Michael Leland
5th	Intangible	Tom Falck

FARR 40

1st	Flash Gordon 6	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Hot Lips	Christopher Whitford
3rd	Heartbreaker	Robert L Hughes

J/105

1st	Buzz	Mark Gurney
2nd	Pterodactyl	Mark Symonds
3rd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

J/109

1st	Realt Na Mara	Tom Londrigan, Joe Londrigan
2nd	Northstar	David Gustman
3rd	K III	Irv Kerbel

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Mike Mayer
2nd	Velocity	Martin Roesch
3rd	Nosurprise	David Irish

J/120

1st	Night Moves	Henry E. Mistele
2nd	Perseverance	Matthew Songer
3rd	Hot Ticket	Robert E Kirkman

SECTION 01

1st	Pororoca	Gene McCarthy & Robert Zeman, Jr. Bill Martin
2nd	Stripes	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Details	

SECTION 02

1st	Tsunami	Stephen Polk
2nd	Kokomo	Wesson Schulz
3rd	Tyrant	Don M Thinschmidt & Don M Thinschmidt Jr

SECTION 03

1st	Sufficient Reason	Mitchell Padnos, Tracy Brand
2nd	Mosquito	Dave Radtke
3rd	Power Trip	Paul & James Kraft
4th	Chaos	Bernbaum, Schroeder, Amedio
5th	Peerless	Brian Torresen

SECTION 04

1st	Epic	Ray & Winnie Adams
2nd	Ticklish	Eric Landman
3rd	Temptation	Bogdan Stojkowski
4th	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
5th	Wooton	William Smith

SECTION 05

1st	Vanda III	Jack & Jim Toliver, Jim Mitchell
2nd	Sea Raider	Dirk Kruger
3rd	Crazy Diamond	Martin Crain
4th	Waka Waka	Tom King
5th	Liberty	C. David Phelps

SECTION 06

1st	Lady K	Mike Stewart
2nd	Challenge	Ray Teborek
3rd	Aftershock	William M. Newman
4th	ZippyR	Spencer Thomason
5th	Split Decision	Bruce Santerre

SECTION 07

1st	Smokum Too	Pete Mather
2nd	Fast Tango	Tim Prophit
3rd	Velero VII	J. Sammy Barbour, Jr.
4th	Cheep N Deep	Randy Kuhn, James Richter
5th	Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin

SECTION 08

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Kutty's Ark	George Morrissey, Joe McGinnis
3rd	Odyssey	David Bohl
4th	Cynthia	Andrew Grootendorst, James B DeVries
5th	Souvenir	Steve Schiller

T-10

1st	Retention	Mark & Joni Croll
2nd	Wild Norwegian	Arvid Eiesland & Rick Strilky
3rd	Erica	Brian Kaczor, Michael Kaczor
4th	Temerity	Doug Baker
5th	Liberty	Ray Douglas
6th	Yellow Mellow	Waldemar Emmerich, Jacek Zawadzki, Tomasz Citak

TURBO

1st	Imedi	Mark Hauf
2nd	Merlin	Jerome D. Sullivan
3rd	Natalie J.	Philip & Sharon O'Niel III

North American Challenge Cup

AUGUST 3-6

2.4MR

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

FREEDOM INDEPENDENCE 20

1st	Bob E. Jones
2nd	Mike Jaffe
3rd	Mike Strahle

SONAR

1st	Rick Doerr
2nd	Christopher Murphy
3rd	Sarah Everhart Skeels

North American Predicted Log Championship

AUGUST 4

1st	RipRap	Scott Strandjord
2nd	In Recess	Fred Cole
3rd	Pana See Ya	Bob Lindal
4th	Christy B	Craig Ryan
5th	Top Hatt	Bob Ehlers
6th	Lady Deltec	Hough/Vignocchi
7th	Broke-R	David Weimer
8th	Lady Liddell	Robert VanLandingham
9th	Rhonda C	Burnell Blockhus

Verve Offshore

AUGUST 10-12

FARR 40

1st	Barking Mad	James Richardson
2nd	Heartbreaker	Eric Oesterle
3rd	Nightshift	Kevin McNeil

ORR 1

1st	Evolution	Pete Reichelsdorfer
2nd	Details	Lance Smotherman
3rd	Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda

ORR 2

1st	Eagle	Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Spirit Walker	Vern McCain
3rd	Majic	William Hoyer

BEN 36.7

1st	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
2nd	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
3rd	As You Wish	John Heaton

BEN 40.7

1st	Spanker	D & J McDonnell
2nd	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
3rd	Turning Point	David Hardy

J/109

1st	Momentus	Kevin Saedi
2nd	Northstar	David Gustman
3rd	Vanda III	Jack Tolliver

J/111

1st	Lucky Dubie	Len Siegal
2nd	Mental	Paul Stahlberg
3rd	Velocity	Martin Roesch

J/105

1st	Striking	Blane Shea
2nd	The Asylum	Jon Weglarz
3rd	Here's Johnny	John Moore

T-10

1st	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
2nd	Honey Badger	Thomas Kane
3rd	Tango	Martin Plonus

FLYING TIGER 10

1st	Tigress	George Petkovic
2nd	Viper	Roger Pollack
3rd	Toy Tiger	Picknell/Wolczyk

ORR 3

1st	Touch of Grey	Larry Schell
2nd	Bozos Circus	Bruce Metcalf
3rd	Aftershock	William Newman

DISTANCE - CRUISING

1st	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
2nd	Hope	Micheal Leland
3rd	Albatross	Fernando Assens

DISTANCE - OFFSHORE 1

1st	Sirocco VI	William & Viviana Fanizzo
2nd	Regardless	Daniel Griggs
3rd	Renegade	Thomas Papoutsis

DISTANCE - OFFSHORE 2

1st	On Edge	Steve Dorfman
2nd	Och!	Brendon Docherty
3rd	Cyclone	John Madey

Verve Inshore

AUGUST 25-26

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS

1st	Jerry O'Brien
2nd	Marvin Beckmann
3rd	Shannon Bush

SHIELDS

1st	Kristian Martincic
2nd	Gary Ropski
3rd	Sam Veilleux

LUDERS 16

1st	William Simpson
2nd	Richard Winters
3rd	Lawrence Weeks

RHODES 19

1st	Vince & Carrie Camarda
2nd	Robert Bernstein
3rd	Peter Kovats

MELGES 24

1st	August Hernandez
2nd	Cate Muller
3rd	Curtis Jazwiecki

J/24

1st	Eric Charsky
2nd	Mark Soya
3rd	Richard Graef

SOLING

1st	Stephen Bobo
2nd	Ross Richards
3rd	David Crysdale

VANGUARD 15

1st	Jacob Karlin
2nd	Michael Schroff
3rd	Lem Stevens

LASER

1st	Andrew Aronson
2nd	J.P. Mull
3rd	Robert Christie

STAR

1st	Benjamin Sternberg
2nd	Jack Rickard
3rd	Donald Massey

Sheldon Clark Regatta

SEPTEMBER 8-9

FARR 40

1st	Flash Gordon 6	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Virago	Stuart Townsend
3rd	Norboy	Sigmond/Thymian

BEN 40.7

1st	Vayu	Ron Buzil
2nd	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
3rd	Turning Point	David Hardy

BEN 36.7

1st	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
2nd	FOG	Charlie Wurtzebach/Bird
3rd	Split Decision	Mark Norris

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Mike Mayer
2nd	Night Hawk	Dabrowski/Edman
3rd	Impulse	Miz/Dreher/Hatfield

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	The Asylum	Jon Weglarz
3rd	Fast Forward	Bruce Whiteway

SHIELDS

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

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd	Tango	Martin Plonus

LUDERS 16

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

ORR 1

1st	Eagle	Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Painkiller 4	Alice Martin
3rd	Imedi	Mark Hauf

ORR 2

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

DISTANCE - CRUISING

1st	Albatross	Fernando Assens
2nd	Grace Anne	Todd Woelfl
3rd	Sheet Music	Gerald Hughes

DISTANCE - OFFSHORE

1st	Sirocco VI	William & Viviana Fanizzo
2nd	Safir III	Robert Radway
3rd	On Edge	Steve Dorfman

Farr 40 Pre-Worlds

SEPTEMBER 14-15

1st	Barking Mad (USA)	James Richardon
2nd	Struntje Light (GER)	Wolfgang Schaefer
3rd	Flash Gordon 6 (USA)	Helmut Jahn

CORINTHIAN TEAMS

1st	Honour (CAN)	Alek Krstajic
2nd	Hot Lips (USA)	Christopher Whitford
3rd	Inferno (USA)	Phillip Dowd

Farr 40 World Championship

SEPTEMBER 17-20

1st	Flash Gordon 6 (USA)	Helmut Jahn
2nd	Enfant Terrible (ITA)	Alberto Rossi
3rd	Transfusion (AUS)	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis
4th	Struntje Light (GER)	Wolfgang Schaefer
5th	Groovederci (USA)	John Demourkas

CORINTHIAN TEAMS

1st	Inferno (USA)	Phillip Dowd
2nd	Honour (CAN)	Alek Krstajic
3rd	Hot Lips (USA)	Christopher Whitford

Autumn Classic Regatta

SEPTEMBER 29-30

1st	Minnetonka
2nd	St. Ignatius
3rd	Loyola Academy

Jimmy Talbot Memorial Regatta & Laser Radial Championship

SEPTEMBER 29-30

LASER FULL

1st	none	Roman Plutenko
2nd	Waterboard	Rick Strilky
3rd	laser	Adam Bowen
4th	962	David Wagner
5th	Lady Langkawi	Martin Bonsager

LASER RADIAL

1st	N/A	Kennedy Fray
2nd	Loyola Academy	Fin Elliott
3rd	Trouble	Samantha Foulston

VANGUARD 15

1st	LFHS Scouts	Malcolm Lamphere
2nd	Winging It	Jason Gilbert
3rd	1747	Otto Hansen

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

Shepherd Championship Regatta

NOVEMBER 9-10, 2011

1st	Loyola Academy
2nd	Minnetonka
3rd	New Trier

Baker Qualifier

MAY 5-6

1st	Lake Forest
2nd	New Trier
3rd	Wayzata

Colors Regatta

JUNE 2-3

DISTANCE - OFFSHORE

1st	Regardless	Daniel Griggs
2nd	Safir III	Robert E. Radway

DISTANCE - MAC CRUISING

1st	Mise en Place	Paul Thompson
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DISTANCE - JIB & MAIN

1st	Fantome	Deirdre Martin
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FARR 40

1st	Inferno	Phillip Dowd
2nd	Virago	Stuart Townsend

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Team Kashmir (Brummel, Henderson, Mayer)
2nd	MENTAL	Paul Stahlberg

BEN FIRST 40.7

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

FLYING TIGER 10

1st	007	Team 007
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ORR

1st	Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda
2nd	Eagle	Shawn/Jerry O'Neill

PHRF

1st	Defiance	Bob Warnecke, Dale Smirl
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T-10

1st	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
2nd	Erica	Brian and Mike Kaczor
3rd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
4th	Tango	Martin Plonus

J/105

1st	The Asylum	Jon Weglarz
2nd	HERE'S JOHNNY!	John Moore
3rd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

J/109

1st	Kill	Irv Kerbel
2nd	Certainly	Donald Meyer
3rd	Momentum	Kevin Saedi

BEN FIRST 36.7

1st	Maggie Mae	Peter/Dan Wright
2nd	As You Wish	John Heaton
3rd	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon

Chicago-Michigan City-Chicago

JULY 6

ORR

1st	Painkiller 4	Alice O. Martin
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T-10

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

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	defiance	Smirl,Nielson,Edman, Warnecke,USMMA
2nd	Eagles Wings	John J Gottwald

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Regardless	Team Regardless
2nd	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Slapshot	Scott Sims
2nd	Cantankerous	Lewis Noe
3rd	Michela	Miguel Gambetta

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st	Cyclone	John Madey
2nd	Cahoots	Thomas R. Vigil

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Kutty's Ark	McGinnis-Morrissey

BEN 36.7

1st	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
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Fran Byrne

AUGUST 4

T-10

1st	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach
3rd	Erica	Brian Kaczor

Chester Kuttner

AUGUST 5

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Lightning	Bob Warnecke, Steve Karstrand
3rd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus

BEN 36.7

1st	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
2nd	As You Wish	Sue Hogan, John Heaton, Grace Tsiang

BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
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Skyline Regatta/LMSRF Championship

AUGUST 9-10

CLUB 420

1st	Fresh Out the Closet	Matt Arntzen, Peter Bied
2nd	Spaghetti & Meat Balls	Megan McMahon, Elizabeth Hayes
3rd	Sheridan Shores	Brendan Kaplan, Annie Conway

LASER

1st	Pistol	Pieter van den Kieboom
2nd	Laser	Alexander Comte
3rd	N/A	Kennedy Fray

OPTIMIST - BLUE

1st	Sharkbait	Kyle Considine
2nd	Silver Bullet	Sarah Tompsidis
3rd	Torpedo	Bahda Hoang

OPTIMIST - GREEN

1st	19155	Leif Sigmond
2nd	Opti	Harry Bearrows
3rd	16441	Noah Barton

Leukemia Cup

AUGUST 25

CLASSIC YACHTS

1st	Mystic	John Leach
2nd	Babe	Peter Hastings

CRUISING SPINNAKER

1st	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson
2nd	Perico	Team Perico
3rd	Restless	Mike Lane

JAM 1

1st	Cookie Monster	Peter Goldman
2nd	Mirage	John Boyle
3rd	Hiwassee	John Bell, Ian Fisher

JAM 2

1st	Kutty's Ark	Joe McGinnis, G. Morrissey
2nd	Songline	Tammi & Mike Abbey
3rd	Tempest	Hank Kalmus

JAM 3

1st	Tails Dragon	Boyd Jarrell
2nd	Dauntless	Team Dauntless
3rd	Allegro	Mike Elmore

CATALINA 1

1st	Lite House	Matt Mattern
2nd	Doghhouse	Team Doghouse

CATALINA 2

1st	Isis	Robert Moretti
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PHRF 1

1st	Imedi	Mark and Lily Hauf
2nd	Eagles Wings	John J Gottwald
3rd	Painkiller	Alice Martin

PHRF 2

1st	Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
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J/109

1st	K III	Irv Kerbel
2nd	Certainly	Donald Meyer

BEN 36.7

1st	Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin
2nd	Fog	Charle Wurtzbeach, Mike Bird

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Talisman	Kevin Mehaffey
3rd	Retention	Mark & Joni Croll

Chicago to St. Joseph

AUGUST 31

ORR

1st	Painkiller 4	Alice O. Martin
2nd	Geronimo	Herb Philbrick
3rd	Sorcerer	Don Draper, Greg Fyksen

PHRF-CRUISING-SPIN

1st	Chateau Ste Michelle	Kelley Kerns
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T-10

1st	Wild Norwegian	Arvid Eiesland
2nd	Rover	Ken Colbert
3rd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
4th	Mutiny	John Schellenbach

J/105

1st	Vytis	Gytis & Tomas Petkus
2nd	Attitude	Stuart Boekeloo

PHRF-SPIN 1

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

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	MENTAL	Paul Stahlberg
2nd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Geronimo	Herb Philbrick
2nd	Michela	Miguel Gambetta
3rd	Rush	Jeff Alisch
4th	Captain Blood	Patrick Nelson
5th	Full Tilt	Peter Priede, Roy Stewart

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st	Dandelion	Tom Jacobs
2nd	Tenacity	Richard H O'Connell
3rd	Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Cynthia	James De Vries
2nd	Viper	F William Laslow
3rd	Kutty's Ark	McGinnis-Morrissey

BEN 36.7

1st	Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin
2nd	Split Decision	Mark D. Norris

BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
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Mayor Daley

SEPTEMBER 15

T-10

1st	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
2nd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach
3rd	Wombat	Art Strilky
4th	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
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JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

Lutz Regatta

JULY 14

T-10

1st	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
2nd	Tango	Martin & Tina Plonus
3rd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach
4th	Honey Badger	Tom Kane

J/105

1st	The Asylum	Team The Asylum
2nd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski
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BEN 40.7

1st	LaTempete	Tom Weber
2nd	Turning Point	David Hardy

Lutz Long Distance Race

JULY 14

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1st	Witch-Craft	Jim Webb
2nd	Regardless	Team Regardless

Bi State: St. Joseph to Chicago

SEPTEMBER 2

T-10

1st	Wombat	Art Strilky
2nd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
3rd	Pegasus	Andrea Krasinski

J/105

1st	Vytis	Gytis & Tomas Petkus
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PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	defiance	Smirl,Nielson,Edman, Warnecke,USMMA
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PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	MENTAL	Paul Stahlberg
2nd	Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski
3rd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd	Cahoots	Thomas R. Vigil
3rd	Truant	Walter Kawula

BEN 36.7

1st	Split Decision	Mark D. Norris
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BEN 40.7

1st	Das Boot	Jay and Cindy Muller
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Michigan City to Chicago

SEPTEMBER 3

PHRF-CRUISING-SPIN

1st	De Das Toy	T. L. Graves
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PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Big Meanie	James Prendergast
2nd	Runaway	Tom Gorey
3rd	Liberty2	Tom Blasco

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Hope	Michael Leland
2nd	Viper	F William Laslow
3rd	Kutty's Ark	McGinnis-Morrissey

South Lake Series

(with Hammond Yacht Club)

JUNE AND SEPTEMBER

OVERALL TEAM TROPHY

Jackson Park Yacht Club

SILVER CUP OUT OF HAMMOND

1st	Karizmaddie	Pat Reynolds
2nd	Siren Song	Mike Klooty
3rd	Andale'	Richard Baumann
4th	Zorina	John Aquino

HACKELL CUP REGATTA OUT OF JACKSON PARK

1st	Mischief	Dave Travis
2nd	Andale'	Richard Baumann
3rd	Pepperke 2.0	Frank Wittosch
4th	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson III

JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

Gold Coin Regatta

JULY 15

1st	Yellow Mellow	Waldemar Emmerich
2nd	Grytviken	Piotr Madrzyk
3rd	Koko-Loko	Tomasz Koko
4th	Erizo de Mar	Antony Czupryna
5th	Karolinka	Andrzej Suchodolski
6th	Dove Tail	Zenon Miklowicz

Jamboree Under Sails Regatta

AUGUST 25

GROUP I

1st	Erizo de Mar	Antony Czupryna
2nd	Yellow Mellow	Waldemar Emmerich
3rd	Koko-Loko	Tomasz Koko
4th	Grytviken	Piotr Madrzyk

GROUP II

1st	Nareja	Wojtek Niedzinski
2nd	Bella Vita	

MIDWEST OPEN RACING FLEET

UK-Halsey Sprint

MAY 26

J9

1st	Final Draft	Ed Tamminga
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1st	Exeter	John Notch
2nd	Whisper	T&J Barnes
3rd	Starship	Dick Dronsuth

Chicago to St. Joseph

JUNE 1

S4

1st	GaUCHO	M&D Bouchaert
2nd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd	Its Good	Mitch Weisman
4th	Alpha Puppy	Rick Stage

S5

1st	Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward
2nd	No Reverse	Bob Horenkamp

S6

1st	Whisper	Whisper Assoc
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Chicago to Kenosha

JUNE 22

S5

1st	Free Agent	Miles Depaepe
2nd	Tenacity	Peter Cooper
3rd	Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward
4th	Jug Band	Harry Simmon Orion Marty Finerty

S6

1st	Truant	Walter Kawula
2nd	Shoe String	Jay Grizzell
3rd	Zorina	John Aquino

S7

1st	Songline	Michael Abbey
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Long Distance From Kenosha

JUNE 24

J9

1st	A-ra-ca-ra	Ralph Krauss
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S5

1st	Tenacity	Peter Cooper
2nd	Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward

Open Series

SEPTEMBER 22-23

F1

1st	Caliente 2	Mike Steck
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J9

1st	Kahuna	Loren Thompson
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1st	Skidmarks	
2nd	Honey Badger	
3rd	Lightning	Steve Karsrand
4th	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
4th	Solitary	Jeremy Alexis

CHICAGO, COLUMBIA, JACKSON PARK

Long Distance Series

DIVISION ONE

1st	Regardless	Team Regardless
2nd	On Edge	Steve Dorfman
3rd	Safir III	Robert Radway

DIVISION TWO

1st	Hope	Dr. Michael Leland
2nd	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
3rd	Mise en Place	Paul Thompson III

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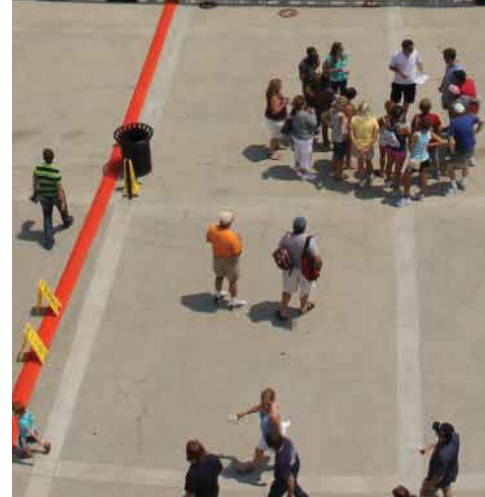


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YACHTSPERSON OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

1960	BILL WHALEN – JPYC
1961	GEORGE HARVEY – COLYC
1962	TED DUNLAP – COLYC
1965	MARTIN H. ROEFER
1966	WELDON P. CODY – CYC MARTY FRIEDMAN – CCYC ABE JACOBS – BPYC BARRY OLLER – COLYC ADRIEN WALKER – JPYC
1969	RAOUL M. ALLESEE – BPYC JOSEPH D. DAY – ILL BOATING COUNCIL MARSHALL KISSEL – COLYC
1981	HARRY “BUS” YOURELL
1984	JOHN C. CUTLER – CCYC
1985	EUGENE M. KINNEY – CYC
1986	CHESTER KUTTNER – COLYC
1987	DICK JENNINGS – CYC
1988	WILLIAM R. ROSSBERGER – CCYC
1989	EDWARD B. STEIN – COLYC
1991	RAOUL M. ALLESEE – BPYC
1992	BILL PINKNEY – BYC
1993	SUMNER N. SOLLITT – CYC
1994	WILLIAM W. PARKS – CYC
1995	ROBERT E. MURPHY – CPS
1996	RADM RANDY K. PRESCHER – USCG RET
1998	SHAWN MULLANE
1999	JERRY E. METZGER – BPYC
2000	ROBERT P. EDIDIN – BYC
2001	GRANT CROWLEY – CYC
2002	FRED W. POPPE - BPYC
2003	PETER GOLDMAN - JGASF
2004	DON GLASELL - CYC
2005	DEANE TANK, SR. - CYC
2006	GEORGE MORRISSEY - COLYC
2007	TOM W. NEILL – COLYC
2008	DON A. KOSTER – CALYC
2009	GENE MCCARTHY (SAIL) CYC & JPYC BILL TEMPLEMAN (POWER) CYC
2010	DON DRAPER (SAIL) COLYC DAVE TRUITT (POWER) JPYC
2011	RANDALL SCHMIDT (POWER) DYC JACK LYLE (SAIL) JPYC

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

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

In **August** Corinthians enjoy the warm weather boating on Lake Michigan. Our yearly fishing competition “**Fish This**” is closely followed by our Power Boat fundraiser “**Poker Run**” for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The “**After-the-Air-&Water-Show**” party is always a big hit with Corinthians.

September ushers in our annual fall regattas, the **Hobelman and the Red Flannels**. It also brings the beginning of Wednesday night “**Pursuit Races**” with earlier finish time in the shorter, cooler days of fall. For many Corinthians, this signals the end of racing season; recreational boating continues through the end of October.

In **November** we hold our “**Commodore’s Ball**” and present our new officers and directors. In **December** the **CYA celebration** signals the end of this season and the entire cycle begins anew.

The year 2012 was another great boating year despite national economic woes. With the help of numerous Corinthians, we made many Club improvements and always managed to have fun. Our all-volunteer Club could not function without the help of the many Corinthians who generously volunteer their time and skills. I thank everyone for their contributions. 2013 will present 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 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Yet this program is neither a new nor an isolated activity at CCYC. Our charter states that one of our primary goals is to promote boating in Chicago. There are other community and boating events which the club supports, like serving as independent hosts to visiting yachts from Poland, England and Great Lakes ports. Yearly, we sponsor a 6 week education series exclusively for non-boaters in the community and partner with the Chicago Power and Sail Squadron to offer free or low cost classes most of the spring season. We sponsor a Sea Explorer Ship for the Boy Scouts of America. We are often the site for the Rhodes-19 National Regatta, and yearly host a national Red Flannel Regatta for the Lightening dinghies. CCYC also sponsors fund raising competitions like a Poker Run for the Leukemia Cup and promote several fishing competitions, like Fish This.

We are very committed to our partnership with the Friends of the Park. One of my far-sighted predecessors began this program and each succeeding Commodore has supported and tried to expand the program. Our intention is simple. The lakefront is for everyone to use, protect and improve. CCYC promotes access by educational organizations to our club to assist that goal. It is fulfilling to see a child’s curiosity build, give voice to questions, and then flower into a smile of satisfaction when finding a new way to relate to the lake and the outdoor world. The membership of CCYC is committed to open our facilities and hearts for the community’s entertainment and education for many years to come.

CYA POWER BOAT OF THE YEAR PREDICTED LOG 2012

After a long sabbatical we brought predicted logging back to the Chicago water. In the fall of 2011 a couple of people who used to participate in the predicted logs decided to try to resurrect it for the 2012 season.

After such a long hiatus it was determined that we needed to go back to the basics as so many of the new power boaters had no idea what a predicted log contest was and that such an event was available to power boaters. We scheduled an educational class at the **Chicago Yacht Club** for May 31st. We had over 15 interested people attend and listen to a couple of seasoned veterans describe the basics of predicted logging.

On June 14th we ran our first predicted log out of **Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station**. We had 5 contestants participate. Four of five had previously competed in P-Logging and one was new to the sport. In addition to the 5 boats **Bob Hough** had 2 additional perspective p-loggers on board to whom he gave hands-on training. He ran the measured ½ mile with them and had each complete charting the course and turn in their predicted times. This was an excellent way to introduce new people to the sport.

The first contest was named the **Monroe Miler** and was a contest that took you along Oak Street, past North Avenue and out to the **William Dever Crib** and back to the Chicago Harbor light. This was a leisurely 12 mile run. **Bob Hough** in **Top Hatt** took the honors with **John and Peg Vignocchi** with **RipRap** took second and **Sonny Lisowski** took third with **Mirage**.

The second contest was run on Saturday June 23rd. It was the **Giovan Memorial**. This contest has extra significance to the contestants. It is in honor of a long time predicted logger **Nicholas C. Giovan**. He was known by his peers as the consummate power skipper. There is a large trophy in the case at CYC that lists all the past winners. We had five contestants for this race with one new comer. The first two places were secured by the same two boats as the **Monroe Miler** with **Bob Hough** and **John and Peg Vignocchi** taking the first and second place honors respectively. The third place finisher was just participating in a second contest of a young career, **Vitaly Slobodsky** aboard **Seagull**.

The third contest was held at **Belmont** and was the **Belmont Rocker**. This contest was a 14 mile long contest that explored the various cribs on the north side of Chicago. We had a flip flop at the top with **RipRap** edging out **Top Hatt** for first and second respectively. **Lloyd and Buff Sergent** aboard **Lady Liddell** were third.

With 2 first and 1 second **Bob Hough** aboard **Top Hatt** was crowned CYC and CYA champion. We are in the planning stages for the 2013 season. Look for the schedule of Predicted Log contests in early spring.





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