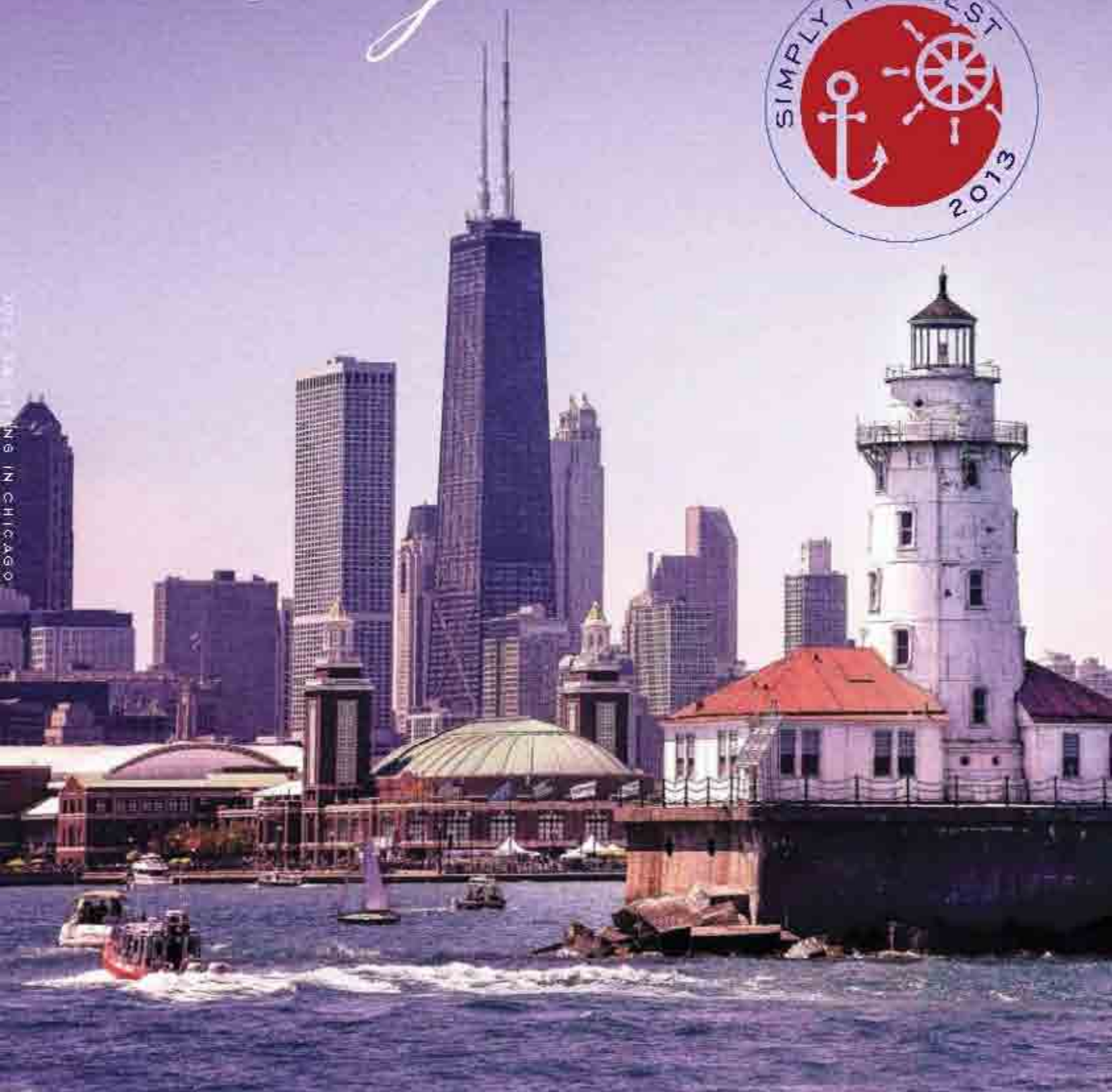


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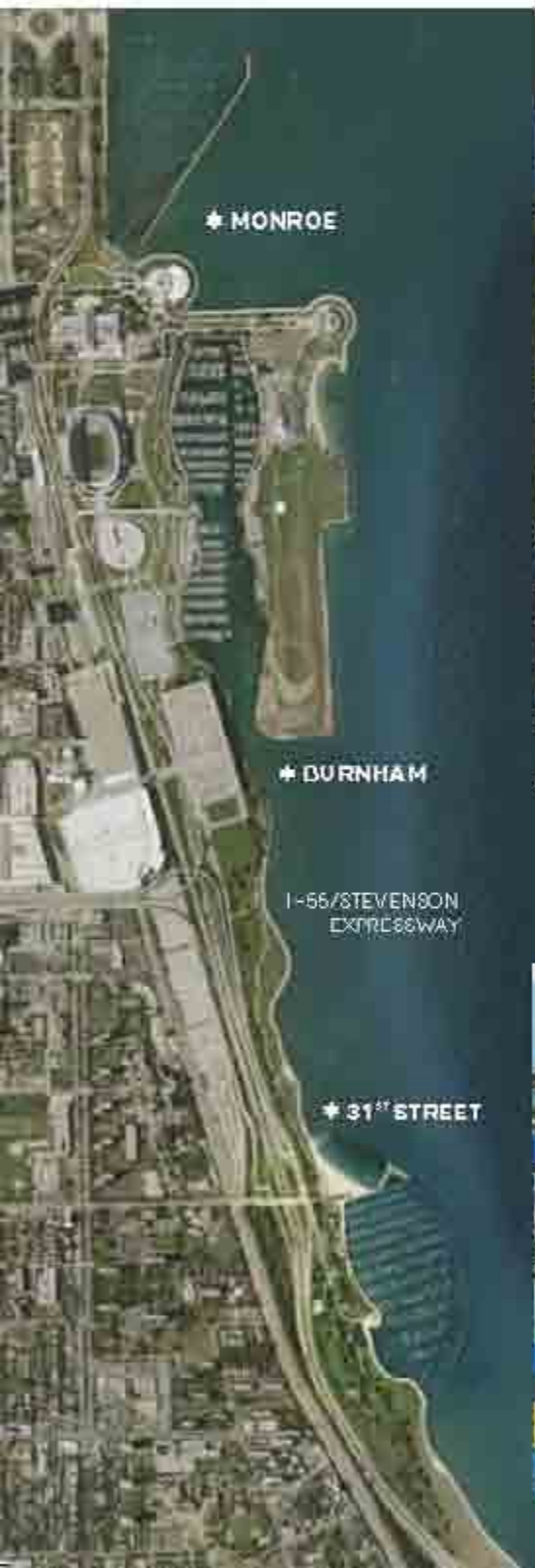
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October 7, 2013

Dear Chicago Boaters:

Thank you for another great year in the Chicago Harbors. Like me, I hope you enjoyed your time on the water and at the dock. Let me recap some significant events this past year.

Water levels for Lake Michigan reached record lows affecting hundreds of slips in our harbor system. We performed extensive dredging at Jackson Outer and 59th Street which helped boaters have access to the harbors. Fortunately, the water levels came up and we returned to the “new normal” levels of the past 10 years. Let’s hope for a cold, wet winter in Southern Canada where the bulk of our water comes from.

We went GREEN in the harbors this year. In 2013, 31st Street Harbor became the first Clean Marina in the state of Illinois. The Illinois Clean Marina Program is a collaborative effort of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Park District, Friends of the Parks, Westrec Marinas and Chicago Yachting Association to promote and encourage voluntary adoption of measures to reduce pollution from marinas and recreational boats. The purpose is to ensure clean water to protect fish, plant and wildlife habitat. Over the next few months, we hope to get several other harbors certified as Clean Marinas. We are proud to be the leader in this green initiative and thank you for your support.

We were happy to host the second annual Chicago In-Water Boat Show at 31st Street Harbor this year. Attendance for the event was excellent and dealers reported it was a successful show. If you haven’t attended the show we encourage you to do so next year! View new boat models, meet boat related vendors, see try-it-cove; a hands on demonstration of water sports equipment and enjoy food and entertainment. It’s a family friendly event sure to offer something for everyone in your group.

31st Street Harbor also hosted its second annual Venetian night! We are proud to have reinstated this event and hope to continue to do so in the future.

For the coming season, we’re working on a number of new improvements and opportunities for fun on the water. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for further updates. Have a great winter. We look forward to seeing you next spring.

Fair winds,

Scott Stevenson

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Publisher's Note

SIMPLY THE BEST

"Not a foot of the shores should be appropriated to the exclusion of the people."

Daniel Burnham

As I write this, the leaves are falling and our boats are tucked away for the winter. I realize how fortunate we all are to have our Chicago City beautiful, with 29 miles of lakefront, magnificent harbors, exceptional skyline and treasured Lake Michigan at our doorstep. Let us not ever take for granted the gift Daniel Burnham gave us with his dream.

In this issue, along with contributions from all of our esteemed Yacht Clubs celebrating the 2013 boating season, read about the next phase of the "Chicago Riverwalk on our second shoreline - The Chicago River," "The Economic Benefits of a Clean Chicago River," and how "Lower Lake Levels Impact Chicago Harbors." There is also information on ravine restoration and how you can get involved.

Congratulations to our Yachtspersons of the Year, both Sail and Power. Read about their love of boating and how they give back. Thank you to the United States Coast Guard, Chicago's Marine Police and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for keeping us in the loop regarding our safety on the water. There's a wonderful article about Don Wilson, CMRC, and all of the exciting things he has done for Chicago's racing community. Congratulations to all of the racers on their successes compiled in our Race Results section.

You will also learn about an historic yacht, the Robert Allan II built in 1936. She is believed to be one of the oldest powerboats in Chicago. Many interesting and exciting articles await you as you enjoy YACHTING IN CHICAGO - 2013!

I send my warmest wishes to you and your families for a very Happy Holiday Season!

"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood."

Daniel Burnham

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION 2013

By Commodore Scott S. Baumgartner



We started off our year at the January meeting with an excellent presentation from Thom Dammrich, President of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). Thom shared the many challenges facing the recreational boating industry. Separately, we were delighted to learn that the Chicago Park District had decided to freeze the mooring rates

at the 2012 level and a resolution was passed that a letter be sent by the CYA to the District Board applauding their decision and encouraging them to extend the freeze beyond this year.

February saw a follow-up when the CYA distributed DVD copies of Dammrich's presentation to encourage the promotion of recreational boating. We had a presentation by Jennifer Butsch representing the "Chicago River Race," an international rowing regatta planned for 2014, and we pledged our support in her efforts. In February we had the opportunity to introduce Commander Jason Neubauer, recently appointed to the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office.

In March, we had the honor of welcoming into the CYA the new Commander of the Chicago Police Marine and Helicopter Unit, Lt. Michael Shields. We also had to say goodbye to our dear friend Stan Hill, who announced that due to professional commitments, he was resigning as Vice Commodore of the CYA.

Which brings us to April when Gibby Vartan and Sonny Lisowski were sworn in as CYA Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore,



respectively. We were also happy to announce that after working with Westrec during the spring, we were able to distribute new master parking passes to the leaders of the CYA member organizations. The big news in April was that the CYA was growing as we welcomed the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation and the Boaters Political Action Committee as our newest members.

In May Michelle Woods from the Chicago DOT shared the plans for expanding the Riverwalk along the Chicago River. It was heartening to learn that the City had listened to suggestions from the CYA and that the plans included accommodations for recreational boaters. May also saw the CYA represented at the Coast Guard's roll-out of "Safe Boating Month." And finally, the CYA provided input via the NMMA to the American Boating Congress meeting in Washington, D.C., and their visits to Capitol Hill.

June opened with the fun and enjoyable "In-Water Boat Show" held at 31st Street Harbor. Congratulations to Keith Ogulnick from the NMMA for a job well done! This month the CYA became involved with and provided support to the "Swim Across Lake Michigan" organization who were organizing a swim to raise money for cancer research at Rush University Medical Center. The group ultimately raised over \$110,000 for their efforts. We finished up June with the annual "Commodore Cruise" aboard the gorgeous ROBERT ALLAN II, a 40 foot "woodie" built in 1936. Our deep appreciation goes out to Capt. Toby Lindo, owner/skipper for an enjoyable day and to RC Sonny Lisowski for organizing the event.

During the early part of July, a new advisory group was formed called the Chicago Harbor Safety Committee (CHSC), which provides input to the Coast Guard, the Marine Police and the City of Chicago regarding safety issues on Chicago Waterways, including the lakefront. As Commodore I was elected to the Board of Directors to represent recreational boaters. July included the

exciting start of the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac which several members of the CYA enjoyed watching aboard the Coast Guard Cutter ALDER. At the end of the month the CYA sponsored "Venetian Night" at 31st Street Harbor. My hat is off to PC Betty Lerner and RC Sonny Lisowski for organizing the event this year. I also want to thank Scott Stevenson from Westrec for his financial support.

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CHICAGO POLICE MARINE & HELICOPTER UNIT

The Chicago Police Marine & Helicopter Unit has another successful summer protecting the city.



As in past years the Chicago Police Marine and Helicopter Unit responded to numerous requests to help citizens in Lake Michigan and the Chicago River.

During the Air and Water Show, Officers Kevin Williams, Aramon Thomas and Darlene Reed observed a swimmer in the water in apparent distress near Diversey Harbor. Officer Thomas maneuvered the Chicago Police Department vessel near the distressed citizen. Officer Williams immediately jumped into the water and pulled the citizen back to safety assisted by Officers Thomas and Reed. The citizen was transported to a nearby hospital and released. Ironically the next day these same officers were assigned to the area near Diversey Harbor where they observed the citizen who thanked them profusely.

This was just one of the many opportunities Marine Unit personnel had to rescue and provide service to citizens in Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. The Marine Unit's seamless operations are also due to the fine work of the supervisors in the Unit, Sgt. Ed Beltran, Sgt. James VanVraken, Sgt. Karoly Hajdu, and Sgt. Robert Fitzsimmons.



The Chicago Police Marine Unit is responsible for 80 square miles of Lake Michigan, 27 miles of Lake Michigan Shore Line, 38 Miles of the Chicago River System, Wolf Lake, Lake Calumet and various ponds and lagoons. 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 over 6100 slips and moorings.

The Helicopter Unit is a Joint Task Force with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and is responsible for providing airborne law enforcement to an immense and critical area. Cook County contains 1,635 square miles with the City of Chicago consisting of 234 square miles. Within this area, there are 132 separate municipalities, over 35 miles of lakefront and a population of 5.2 million. Three major airports, the world's largest water filtration plant, six stadiums and numerous transportation conveyances (rail yards, shipyards, etc) are also found within the Unit's jurisdiction. Over 45% of the population of Illinois live within 30 miles of Chicago.

The CPD Helicopter Unit in addition to its regular duties was used extensively during the Chicago Blackhawks celebrations and the Air and Water Show. It is also used for the city's Safe Passage Program. The Unit is supervised by Sgt. Fred Harnisch and Sgt. David Hindman.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 4, 2013

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 am glad you took advantage of the unique opportunities afforded us by Lake Michigan. Now, I invite you to recount your experiences and share in the best highlights of the 2013 boating season 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,


Mayor

THE WATERING HOLE SUNDECK



THE MARINA PLAZA



CHICAGO RIVERWALK

By Michelle Woods, Project Manager, City of Chicago

THE COVE





THE RIVER THEATER



THE JETTY



The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is set to begin construction on the next phase of the Chicago Riverwalk in the fall of 2013.

The Chicago River is one of the City's greatest natural assets, but it is largely underutilized downtown as a corridor for transportation, recreation and economic development. Completion of the Riverwalk will improve pedestrian safety and promote walkable communities while at the same time supporting economic development for Chicago's local businesses.

"The Chicago River is our second shoreline, which has played such a critical role in Chicago's early history, the development of our industry and our quality of life," said Mayor Emanuel. "It is now time to celebrate this incredible waterway with the completion of the entire Riverwalk project, from Lake Michigan to the confluence of the three branches."

The City has secured \$100 million from the USDOT's Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, which will cover the vast majority of the project. Consistent with the City's public-private partnership initiatives, the City will also pursue sponsorship opportunities for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the new Riverwalk facilities.

The CDOT has been working on the Chicago Riverwalk since East-West Wacker Drive reconstruction began in the 1990s. The roadway was reconfigured to accommodate the expansion of the Riverwalk to promote a pedestrian walkway and activate the space as a public amenity. The East-West Wacker Project included utility build-outs from Michigan Avenue to Lake Street covering the entire length of the future Riverwalk.

In 2009, CDOT completed the first phase of the Riverwalk build-out between Michigan Avenue and Wabash, which was funded through Tax Increment Financing.

In 2010, CDOT issued an RFP/RFQ for the team to finalize the design of the framework plan developed through the city's Riverwalk Development Committee. In May 2011, the chosen design team of Sasaki Associates Inc., Alfred Benesch & Co., Ross Barney Architects and Jacobs/Ryan Associates began work on the design plans for the next six blocks from State to Lake.

The Riverwalk design plans include conceptual ideas for each of the six blocks from State Street west to Lake Street with distinctive identities and purpose, thematically named: The Marina (from State to Dearborn); The Cove (Dearborn to Clark); The River Theater (Clark to LaSalle); The Swimming Hole (LaSalle to Wells); The Jetty (Wells to Franklin) and The Boardwalk (Franklin to Lake).

The bridges over the river establish boundaries between each block, which allow for each to have a unique identity and landscaping. Each block will be linked by the continuous walkway along the river, beneath each bridge. The design of the blocks takes into consideration the previous feasibility studies and the changing operations of the waterway.

The Marina is designed to accommodate restaurant and retail space and public seating. The River Theater will serve as the location for the vertical access between

Upper Wacker and the Riverwalk level. The Cove may allow for human-powered watercraft to dock.

The Swimming Hole provides a great area for recreation, which may include a water feature such as a zero-depth fountain. The Jetty is a location for learning about the ecology of the river, with floating gardens and piers for fishing. The Boardwalk, still in a conceptual stage of design, will bring people from Upper Wacker down to the Riverwalk level.

The plans reflect the build-out limits and general design of the entire Riverwalk project which was agreed upon through a public development process in 1999.

The United States Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers and other waterway stakeholders – community groups, commercial operators and the recreational users of the river – continue to play an important role in shaping the development of the Riverwalk plans.

The Chicago River is undergoing a number of improvements in addition to the Riverwalk project. The Chicago Park District, with private sector partners, is constructing four new boathouses along the river. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing free technical assistance to meet new federal water quality standards as well as nearly \$1 million in grants to community partners to eradicate invasive plants and to place Chicago residents in jobs that focus on environmental cleanup.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION

The National Boating Federation, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1966 and is the largest nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations.



The Federation is composed of boating and yacht clubs and their associations representing over

2 million of America's recreational boaters.

NBF promotes safe boating through education, acts as a legislative watchdog and advocates for favorable boating legislation, regulations and best management practices.

The membership represents no commercial interests and sells no products. The Officers and Directors are all volunteers with strong backgrounds in all aspects of recreational boating. Our membership spans the continent from Canada to Mexico and from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

To give a better perspective on just how NBF represents and advocates for the recreational boaters in all aspects of the community, over the past year, we have spoken out in opposition to the proposed annual documentation fees, supported boaters in Florida and on the Great Lakes on local issues, worked with Marine Manufacturers Association on Ethanol E-15 issues for boaters, supported use of EPIRBs on offshore vessels, supported re-authorization of the Boat-Fish Act (Wallop Breault), and most recently supported recreational boaters in the Arthur Kill marina issue. Recently we have been working with the Ocean Conservancy on the spatial planning issues to do with recreational boaters. More information on issues that have been addressed can be found on the NBF website.

Additionally over the past couple of years NBF has produced public information brochures on the DSC Emergency System showing boaters why they should properly install their VHF Radios including the GPS and how to use it; and on Cell Phone Use "Only You Can Take the Search out of Search & Rescue." Both of these brochures earned the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Seal of Boating Safety, and both of them are downloadable to print. Also, there is a downloadable program on EPIRBs.

Visit the NBF website, [www: n-b-f.org](http://www.n-b-f.org), to learn more about the organization, read the latest E-Bulletin, signup for membership and request the E-Bulletin and E-Alerts (immediate notification on urgent matters). NBF is also on Facebook.



A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF A COXSWAIN ON THE CHICAGO RIVER

By Duke Jovanovich

The month of August proved to be an exceptionally busy month for this Coast Guard Auxiliary coxswain.

We started out the month doing a safety zone for the filming of a scene for the sci-fi fantasy movie "**Jupiter Ascending**" starring Channing Tatum. The scene being filmed included numerous explosions on the Lake Street Bridge where it crosses the Chicago River near Wolf Point. The camera crews were stationed on a large barge located just east of the Lake Street Bridge, on a low flying helicopter, and on top of a high crane apparatus under stadium type lighting around sunset. It was very interesting watching the filming of the numerous explosions during a scene where a pickup truck and a garbage truck collide on the Lake Street Bridge.

A few days later, we documented numerous sunken or abandoned vessels on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Chicago River. On our next patrol we identified and reported numerous bridges that had problems with their channel marker lights that were either extinguished or damaged. On our way back to our base of operations, we were informed of smoldering timbers on the north bank of the Chicago River just east of the Columbus Drive Bridge. We stood by and watched as the large Chicago Fire Department boat extinguished the timbers with their water cannon.

The next week, with the state DNR officers, we spent four days enforcing a safety zone on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal near Romeoville, Illinois. The safety zone was established at the Dispersal Barrier (electrical fish barrier) to protect the waterway and its users from the hazards associated with the testing of the fish barrier's performance. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers do their monthly performance testing in that locale.

Once we completed our fish barrier operations, we spent the next three days enforcing a safety zone for Chicago's Air and Water Show. Our mission was to work with a Coast Guard safe boat ensuring that no vessels violated the safety zone established inside the breakwall north of Navy Pier and the Chicago Harbor Light.

Before the month ended, we conducted three training missions with our new crew trainees and the recertification of some of our crew personnel, ensuring that our crew members are the best that they can be in their duties.

As September approaches, I am looking forward to a less intensive operations schedule and an opportunity to spend some quality time with my family and friends before the boating season ends.



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

By CWO3 Mark L. Stevens, Commanding Officer, USCG Station Calumet Harbor & Station Chicago



Greetings from U.S. Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor and Station Chicago. With the end of the 2013 boating season quickly approaching we would like to say thank you to the Chicago Yachting Association and its member organizations and yacht clubs, the Chicago Marine Police, Chicago Fire Department, Illinois Conservation Police and most importantly the boaters of the Chicago area who assisted us in making the waters safer for all to enjoy. The 2013 boating season saw many challenges from the early season rains and flooding, unpredictable weather, Tall Ships and Match Race Chicago to the uncertainty of the affects of sequestration on Coast Guard activities and the Chicago Air and Water Show. Through it all the boating season has come and gone so as you start to prepare for the 2014 boating season please remember these simple boating safety messages.

See Something/Say Something.

- A boater operating his or her boat while intoxicated is a danger to everyone. The Coast Guard and state and local law enforcement agencies rely on boaters to help report dangerous conditions on the water.
- In addition to helping us remove intoxicated boaters from the water, public reporting of suspicious activity, persons, or packages helps the Coast Guard keep American citizens and critical marine infrastructure safe.
- When in doubt about something you see on the water, contact the Coast Guard or local law enforcement.

Life Jackets

- All recreational boats must carry one wearable PFD (Type I, II, III or Type V PFD) for each person aboard. Any boat 16ft or longer (except canoes and kayaks) must also carry one throwable PFD (Type IV PFD).
- Donning a PFD is much harder once you're in the water, especially if you're injured. The law states you must have a PFD on board, but the Coast Guard recommends you wear your PFD at all times when boating.
- Some states require that children wear PFDs. Factors such as age, size of the boat/vessel and/or boating operations play a factor. The Coast Guard recommends ALL children wear a PFD at all time when on a boat or in the water.

Boating under the influence (BUI)

- Boating under the influence is just as dangerous as drinking and driving a motor vehicle, and just as illegal.
- Alcohol accounts for nearly 16 percent of all recreational boating fatalities.
- Alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination.
- Alcohol is even more hazardous on the water than on land. The marine environment – motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray – accelerates a drinker's impairment. These stressors cause fatigue that makes a boat operator's coordination, judgment and reaction time decline even faster when using alcohol than consuming alcohol on land.
- Alcohol can cause an inner ear disturbance that can make it impossible for a person who falls into the water to distinguish up from down.
- The penalties for BUI can include large fines, revocation of operator privileges and serious jail terms. All operators that the Coast Guard finds intoxicated on the water will be ticketed by a local, state or federal agency.

Water Safety

- Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in the United States and the second leading cause of accidental death for persons aged 5 to 44. For children in the one to two year age range, drowning is the leading cause of injury death. It has been found that for every ten children who die by drowning, 140 are treated in emergency rooms, and 36 are admitted for further treatment in hospitals. Some of these victims never fully recover.
- Swim near a lifeguard. U.S. Lifesaving Association statistics over a ten year period show that the chance of drowning at a beach without lifeguard protection is almost five times as great as drowning at a beach with lifeguards.
- Never swim alone. Never dive in unfamiliar water—underwater hazards may exist. Learn water rescue techniques. Avoid swimming in cold water for long periods of time. Never swim in rough water or in heavy surf.
- Don't fight the current. If caught in a rip current, don't fight it by trying to swim directly to shore. Instead, swim parallel to shore until you feel the current relax, then swim to shore. Most rip currents are narrow and a short swim parallel to shore will bring a swimmer to safety.
- Swim sober. Alcohol is a major factor in drowning. Alcohol can reduce body temperature and impair swimming ability. Perhaps more importantly, both alcohol and drugs impair good judgment, which may cause people to take risks they would not otherwise take.

So until we see you on the waters in 2014, be safe, wear your life jacket, drink responsibly and have a designated driver, never swim alone, swim near a lifeguard and swim sober. *By following some of these simple safety messages, your day on the water will be enjoyable and not end in a call for help to the Coast Guard.*



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New Chicago boat club makes boating fun again

Simply put, joining a boat club can make boating simple again! Anyone who has ever owned a boat knows the story about

the two best days of a boat owner's life: the day they buy and the day they sell. Well now thanks to the introduction of a new boat club in Chicago, there is a third best day in a boat owner's life: the day they join Freedom Boat Club of Chicago.

As all boat owners know, owning your own boat can be rewarding, but those rewards take a lot of work, time and money. Now there is an alternative on Lake Michigan. The introduction of Freedom Boat Club of Chicago at Montrose Harbor ushers in a new era for boating enthusiasts on Lake Michigan.

Whether you are a current boat owner looking for an alternative to owning your own boat, or new to boating and want to enjoy the benefits of boating on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River, Freedom Boat Club may be for you. Being a member could save you thousands each year. Freedom Boat Club members have embraced their love of boating, cruising and fishing without taking on the responsibility of owning an actual boat.

"Freedom Boat Club handles all of the maintenance, insurance, training and upkeep," says Freedom Boat Club of Chicago owner, Mike Ginter. "Our members really get to enjoy all of the benefits and pleasures of unlimited boating without the hassles, disappointments and cash outlay of ownership."

Freedom Boat Club was founded in 1989 in Florida and has experienced steady growth as more individuals and families discover the advantages of Freedom Boat Club membership over boat ownership. The benefits of being a Freedom Boat Club of Chicago member do not stop at cost savings alone. Members enjoy reciprocal access to over 60 other Freedom Boat Club operations and over 2,000 boats across the United States. Freedom Boat Club of Chicago members are also entitled to special discount membership in the prestigious Corinthian Yacht Club and can take advantage of special member-only events, seminars and unlimited basic training with USCG licensed instructors.

For more information on the benefits of membership in Freedom Boat Club, call 847.561.7777, or visit FreedomBoatClub.com.



CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS SHIP

Bringing Christmas Trees To Disadvantaged Families

by Captain George Lisner

Chicago's Christmas Ship is an activity of the Chicago Council, Navy League of the US drawing together people from all facets of the marine community: professional mariners, recreational boaters, governmental agencies and military. The organization was formed in 2000 with the focused purpose of affording Christmas trees to disadvantaged families who would not otherwise be able to have a Christmas tree. Now in its fourteenth

year, over 16,000 such families have received a Christmas tree through the efforts of this group.

The idea of this activity came about with the telling of the story of the legendary Christmas tree ship Rouse Simmons and her Captain Herman Schuenemann. The Rouse Simmons departed Thompson Township dock near today's Manistique, Michigan on November 22, 1912. Bound for Chicago, with its annual load of Christmas trees, the ship and all hands were lost in a storm on November 23, 1912, between Kewaunee and Two Rivers, Wisconsin. When a little girl, waiting on the dock for the ship to arrive in Chicago, heard of the tragedy she said sadly, "Without a Christmas tree there is no Christmas." These words, and the history of the captain's generosity in giving trees to those who could not afford them, became the inspiration to launch Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee.

In observance of the centennial of the Rouse Simmons sinking, Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee set out to present a significant event at the Chicago History Museum, in conjunction with the annual VIP reception. In addition to knowledgeable speakers' presentations on the subject, the event was highlighted by a special interactive theatrical presentation where the characters described their perspective of events related to the captain and his ship. An unprecedentedly extensive array of unique artifacts related to the

Rouse Simmons were brought in from a wide variety of sources and assembled for a special display for the event. Thompson Historical Advisory Committee sponsored 100 special trees, significantly cut from the very same area as those on board the Rouse Simmons when it sunk in 1912. Representatives of that organization also traveled to Chicago to participate in the student educational presentations. USCGC Mackinaw crew conducted a solemn and moving ceremony at the wreck site, with a wreath laying to commemorate the centennial of the sinking, while in transit to Chicago with a total of 1,300 trees for the year's event.

This year Chicago's Christmas Ship will officially arrive on the west wall dock of Navy Pier at 8:00 a.m. Friday, December 6 to the sounds of a brass band and media coverage. The ship will be escorted by police and fire boats. Decorating will immediately begin and there will be student groups from three schools participating in educational field trip activities. The VIP reception will be held that evening. At 10:00 am, Saturday December 7 the annual Shipmasters Memorial Ceremony at the Captain at the Helm statue at Navy Pier and presentation of trees to representative families will be held. At that time preregistered youth organizations will participate as "kids helping kids" by unloading trees from the ship and loading them onto trucks that will take them to the recipient families. Public tours of the ship will follow. The Friday arrival, and Saturday ceremonies and tours are open for all to attend.

Please visit christmasship.org to learn more about Chicago's Christmas Ship and how you may help support it.

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Friends of the Chicago River

OUR LIQUID ASSET

THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF A CLEAN CHICAGO RIVER

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

If you recently motored down the Chicago River, you might have been too busy admiring the scenery of Chicago's skyscraper canyons to consider just how much the river has improved in the past three decades. Yet, today Chicago's river is in many ways reborn, shaped by policy, advocacy, planning and significant investments in infrastructure. A new report from Friends of the Chicago River and Openlands, a partner organization, finally quantifies the value of the improvements both realized and planned for the Chicago River, proving what many already suspected: that investing in the Chicago River is good for the river and good for the region.



Historically, there has been a lack of information that quantified the specific positive return on investment in caring for the Chicago River, which hindered investing in infrastructure and policy improvements.

This report,

Our Liquid Asset: The Economic Benefits of a Clean Chicago River, underscores that improvements that address water quality, flooding, and public access to the river support the local economy by creating jobs, generating income and revenue, and improving our quality of life. It also provides economic analysis and useful information for decision makers and elected officials who want to make effective changes that benefit the river and the region.

Some of the investments, such as building the Chicago Riverwalk, are easily seen and enjoyed. Others, such as the massive storm water management system of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (aka Deep Tunnel), are less visible but significant to the region's quality

of life. Fortunately, investing in the Chicago River pays us back. The findings show that:

- ☒ A clean, accessible Chicago River is good for our economy. Investing in clean water technologies like the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), sewage effluent disinfection, green infrastructure, public parks, and other riverfront amenities generates business income, individual income, tax revenue, and jobs.
- ☒ Each dollar invested provides a 70% return through business revenue, tax revenue, and income while creating 52,400 construction jobs and 846 permanent operations and maintenance jobs.
- ☒ Finishing TARP sooner will reduce flood damage faster. Since the first TARP reservoir went on line in 1998, regionally we have avoided \$250 million in flood damage. Finishing the construction of the Thornton and McCook reservoirs will provide an additional savings of \$130 million per year.
- ☒ Removing storm water through green infrastructure saves money. Urban development and engineering decisions often direct clean rain water into pipes directed to our sewage treatment plants where we pay for its treatment. Executing a regional green infrastructure plan would reduce the load.
- ☒ New parks and public amenities increase property value and quality of life. The City of Chicago and Chicago Park District have invested millions in land acquisition, improvement, and access which has already brought thousands of people to the river. Those investments, coupled with future planned projects, will provide more and better public access, new jobs and associated revenues, and an important tourist attraction with the emerging Chicago Riverwalk.
- ☒ People want the Chicago River to be part of their lives. Ninety-five percent of stakeholders surveyed indicated that the river has a positive effect on their quality of life, including important attributes such as the quality of available water-based recreation opportunities and the scenic value of the river as a real estate amenity. This demonstrates that improvements to the Chicago River can provide significant value to people in addition to supporting jobs, business revenues, incomes, and tax revenues.

However, we are not done yet. We must continue to invest in infrastructure and ideas that will complete the Chicago River's transformation to a true community resource which serves as a natural, recreational, and economic asset. Only then can the Chicago River go beyond being more than a uniquely scenic waterway and become one of the world's greatest metropolitan rivers.

For more information about the study, visit www.chicagoriver.org.



FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

Lower Lake Levels Impact Chicago Harbors

Despite some heavy rains this spring and summer, Lake Michigan water levels are the lowest they've been in 14 years. Earlier this year, the water level of Lake Michigan reached its all-time low. It is normal for Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes water levels to fluctuate seasonally by inches and over the years they can fluctuate by several feet. However, record weather conditions over the past decade have produced higher temperatures, drought conditions, and significantly less ice cover in winter. These conditions caused increased evaporation that contributed to the low water levels.

Water levels are up in three of the Great Lakes, including in Lake Superior where the region sustained heavy precipitation earlier this year. While water from Lake Superior is flowing more freely into Lake Michigan, both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron remain 19" below their long term average. A second cause of the low levels in Lakes Michigan and Huron is thought to be the human intervention that occurred in dredging the St. Clair River in Detroit in the 1960s. Lakes Michigan and Huron are considered to be one water body connected by the Straits of Mackinac at Michigan's northern tip. Together the lakes drain into the St. Clair River in Detroit before flowing into Lake Erie and on into the Atlantic Ocean. Federal officials dredged the St. Clair River in order to provide a deeper draft for large ocean-going cargo ships plying the Great Lakes. Deepening the river's channel allowed more water to flow out at a faster rate from Lakes Michigan and Huron into Lake Erie. Federal officials acknowledge that dredging the St. Clair River dropped the long-term average of the lakes by 17 inches.



The effects of both increased evaporation and the faster flow of water through the St. Clair River have affected Chicago's lakefront and harbors. The lowering lake has created acres of beaches in Chicago. From Loyola Park on the north to Rainbow Beach Park on the south, new, extensive beaches are visible and usable by Chicagoans.

On the down side, however, the low water levels have negatively impacted recreational boating and Chicago's harbors. Some slips in various harbors were not usable. Particularly hard hit were boat marinas in Jackson Park: the Jackson Park Inner and Outer Harbors and the 59th Street Harbor. Sand silted up at the mouth of the Jackson Park Harbor and the sand build-up, along with lower water levels, prevented many boats from entering and docking in the Jackson Park Harbors this summer. In spring, Westrec dredged some of the sand accumulation from the mouth of the Jackson Park Harbor, but the dredging did not solve the problem. Multiple boats had to be moved to 31st Street Harbor or to other vacant slips at other harbors for the boating season.

Long term solutions for the harbors are complicated and very costly. Westrec has stated that it is looking into the construction of a breakwater in Lake Michigan outside of Jackson Park Outer Harbor to try to prevent sand from silting into the harbor mouth. However, this would be a multi-million dollar project and funding is not available for a new breakwater or even for extensive dredging projects. At best, boaters can hope that Mother Nature will come through with a snowy winter and more precipitation before the 2014 boating season begins.



ALLIANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES

By Susan Campbell, Communications Manager, Alliance for the Great Lakes

Ravine Rescues: Yes, in your back yard -- and all around the Great Lakes.

Twenty-five-hundred - it's the figure that sticks out in Britt Hanson-Nega's mind amid all the other numbers associated with this labor of love: the square footage, the dollars, the man-hours.

About 2,500 native plants would become the key ingredient in restoring her special niche along the wooded corridor that runs behind Britt's Fort Sheridan home, located north of Chicago and adjacent to the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve. The lush, deep, V-shaped Bartlett Ravine wends its way past other houses, other neighborhoods and, eventually, to Lake Michigan.

Planning for, planting and now tending that many plants until they're strong enough to propagate and make it on their own has been sometimes trying -- yet deeply rewarding -- for Britt and her husband, TJ Nega, who began this venture more than a year ago with help from the Alliance and its partner, Openlands.

"We get the advantage of having a beautiful native plant garden in our back yard, while helping the ecosystem and, hopefully, stabilizing the environment for years to come for our kids," Britt says.

Home to a unique and richly diverse community of plants, birds and animals, including some state-designated threatened and endangered species, Bartlett is one of 47 ravines that today represent the last stretch of Illinois coast where land and water meet to drain naturally into Lake Michigan.

And therein lies its importance.

With Lake Michigan at its heart, this winding ravine network comprises the veins that ferry the region's lifeblood. A healthy circulatory system makes for healthy lakes, but the reverse is also true. Erosion, invasive species and poor water quality are major maladies that undermine ravine health -- and they're what people like the Hanson-Negas are putting in serious sweat equity to combat.

Restoring these corridors to health is key to restoring the system's overall ability to recharge itself, especially critical with the specter of climate change looming and the additional stresses brought on by more extreme weather.

More than an environmental issue, ravine restoration is a quality of life issue for anyone who benefits from Lake Michigan water, says Alliance Coastal Program Manager Angela Larsen.

"It affects the person who uses the beach at the end of the ravine where the water goes into Lake Michigan, the person who watches birds in the ravine, and the person who relies on Lake Michigan for quality drinking water," she says. Likewise, it gives the Hanson-Negas and countless others an opportunity to play a hands-on role in bettering the Great Lakes, and not just in Illinois -- but anywhere these corridors exist.

"These ravines are running past houses and businesses and, along the way, people are getting directly involved in producing results on the ground to restore the Great Lakes," says Larsen.

Not all projects are as extensive as the Hanson-Negas which, with help from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes program allocating funds from the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, was designed to be a demonstration project. In fact, the Alliance and its partners -- Openlands, Chicago Botanical Garden, Lake County Forest Preserves, Northwater Consulting, Living Habitats, Conservation Research Institute, and Illinois Natural History Survey -- have developed a toolkit that includes a residential guide detailing ravine restoration projects that can be done in a weekend with a single trip to the local nursery.

Back on the Hanson-Negas' property, Britt says some of the roughly 70 different plant species that went in the ground last fall are already waist-high.

Openlands helped with the planting and some of the weeding this summer. Though it may seem a long way off, in about three years the garden should be virtually maintenance-free.

"It will be worth it in the end," Britt says. "And, because we put the labor in ourselves, it will have been a labor of love."

LLOYD KARZEN

By Julian Zeng

When Lloyd Karzen talks about his six grandchildren, all boys, his eyes soften with pride. As his grandkids' interest in sailing grows, so does Karzen's expectation of having them all join him on the deck of his newly purchased J-70, a family of crewmates. Perhaps they will uncover the same passion for boating that Karzen has enjoyed for nearly 60 years, the same passion that has earned him the 2013 Chicago Yachting Association's Yachtsperson of the Year.

Lloyd will receive the award on December 6, 2013. Initiated in 1960, recipients of the Yachtsperson of the Year award will have "performed deeds and/or services of an exceptional nature, which have directly benefited the Chicago Yachting Association."

First introduced to sailing in high school, Karzen began his experience with an all-wood 1939 Islander. Owned by his wife's aunt, the sailboat piqued Karzen's curiosity. "I didn't know anything about sailing at all," Karzen said. "I was green, and they taught me how to sail." He went on to start racing Luders and L-16s, followed by five or six years spent on a Vanguard 33.

Karzen's next venture was racing on a C&C Custom 43 for 12 years, the owner of which was in Toronto. "We had to go up through the Welland Canal to get the boat," Karzen said, "and then we sailed it all the way back to Chicago over a few weeks. We had a good time."

His most notable racing accomplishment is his 25 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac regattas. As a competitor, Karzen commented that conditions are not always favorable, a sentiment with which any other sailor would agree. "You have good times and bad times. Then you usually get up in the morning to solitude." Though Karzen mentioned how the latest tracking technology has made everyone visible, he is of an old-fashioned mindset. "See, some of the old-timers like me, you don't want anyone to know where you are," Karzen said. "We want to go where we want to go and that's that."

Despite wanting to stay off the grid on the water, Karzen has made a very visible mark with countless boating committees and organizations off the water. A 25-year member and past commodore of the Heritage Boat Club, member of the Sea Scouts of the Chicago Area Council and past chairman of the Sea Scouts Dinner and chairman of the Chicago Yachting Association's Christmas Ship Committee, to name a few, Karzen has a history of contributions to the Chicagoland boating community.

His most important project is arguably the Christmas Ship Committee, on which he has served as chairman since 2010. Founded in 2000, Chicago's Christmas Ship is the city's largest all-volunteer charitable support program for inner city youth and their families during Christmastime. The Christmas Ship Committee is a good group," Karzen said. "Our only purpose is to give away trees to disadvantaged families. We're non-political – every dollar we raise goes towards a tree. When the committee wants to do other things, we do it out of pocket ourselves. We don't want to be politically tied to anybody; we want to be honest."



His involvement in the Chicagoland boating community has been a rewarding experience, one that has given him lasting friendships and a true sense of belonging, especially as a member of the Chicago Yacht Club, where Karzen is now on the Mac Committee and has been the Island Coordinator since 2000. Karzen said, "I enjoy getting up to the Island, meeting the people and setting everything up." His Yacht Club membership has been important over the years. "In the club and with the camaraderie, you find that you have more friends here and around the sailing community. It's a nice thing to do."

Now, as his sailing life continues, Karzen has more family with which to share the water, as he looks forward to his grandsons' sailing development. "I'm enjoying my grandkids getting involved and seeing progression as they get more excited about sailing," Karzen said. "I'm looking forward to getting them all involved on my boat."

His best advice to them and to all others with a passion for sailing? "Just go out and have fun, enjoy it," Karzen said. "Turn your engine off and all you have up there is the wind god."

JANE MCMILLAN



Did you grow up around boats?

The first boating experience I remember was on Lake Okoboji, one of the Iowa Great Lakes, where we vacationed when I was a child. We would run an aluminum fishing boat with a 25 hp outboard around full tilt. I learned to ski behind that boat. Much of my youth was spent water skiing there and on a 3-acre lake created by back water off the Missouri River in Nebraska where I grew up. In fact, I got good enough to compete in both district and national water ski tournaments and skied professionally in shows around the Midwest .

After moving to Chicago, I owned a sailboat for a couple of years. Then a power boater from Southern Shore Yacht Club convinced me there really was an active power fleet in Chicago. So, I bought a 19' Steury named **No Billy T** and was assigned to a spot in Belmont Harbor. I have been in Belmont ever since with **Knot II Shabby**, a 22' Cruisers modified cruiser, and now **Independence**, a 26' Carver cabin cruiser.

My first Yacht Club was Southern Shore where I was introduced to Predicted Log, a competition for power boaters. I learned about sailboat racing from Race Committee on P-Logs, and one year I was asked to be a mark set boat for the NOOD. It was raining the day of the event and I was sure it would be cancelled, but when I got to the harbor, I began to understand a big difference between sailors and power boaters.

What is your career?

While working my way through grad school, I started teaching high school for the Chicago Public Schools where I stayed for over 30 years. At one point, I managed The Very Special Arts Program, a national program for people with disabilities started by the Kennedy Center. CPS was their local affiliate. When personal computers first became available, I got hooked, and technology became my next pursuit. My last years with CPS were spent in the Office of Technology Services where I helped connect and bring Internet access to 600 schools and train teachers to employ the new technologies. My husband, Bill and I now do consulting work which allows us to stay active in our professions and still travel extensively.

What is your favorite thing about boating?

As I said, I love Predicted Log, but it is not very popular in Chicago. I still like to cruise and get to do that occasionally on **Independence** and in the Caribbean and other parts of the world thanks to good friends like John Finn and Mary Lou Kissner from Columbia Yacht Club, among others.

Working on **Independence** and running sailboat races takes much of my time in the summer. I work with Chicago Yacht Club as a US Sailing Certified Club Race Officer and recently have been heading up the CYC Belmont Beer Can races. For several years, I have been honored to work as an assistant race officer to Janet Crabb on the Race to Mackinac. It has been a most demanding, instructive, and enlightening experience.

My favorite job on RC, though, is running a mark boat, and I am a proud member of BIMBOS (Brotherhood of International Mark Boat Operators). It is really exciting to be in the midst of a race course and see up close what sailboat racing is all about. I have been mark set for several yacht clubs and races in Chicago.

What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of finding my life's partner. Bill has supported me in all things, even when I am spending day after day on the water. One of my crew, John Knoepke nicknamed my husband St. Bill. It is true that I am blessed. My family is a prime inspiration and strength for me, and the grandkids love the boat!

I am proud to be past commodore of Belmont Yacht Club and of helping to establish an annual short-handed long distance regatta for them. I am proud to be involved with the Chicago Yachting Association, most recently as the chair of the Steering Committee, an experience greatly enhanced by fantastic team members. And I am proud to work on the Yachting in Chicago magazine and pleased at what a beautiful publication it is thanks to Betty Lerner and Kaye Durham.

Right now I am proud to be the first woman to be named as a Yachtsperson of the Year. I have known many great women boaters over the years. It is humbling to be the first woman boater to be honored in this way.

CYA HELPS SWIMMERS CROSS LAKE MICHIGAN

Mark Hauser, SALM

SWIM ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN (SALM) RAISES \$115,000 FOR THE CANCER CENTER AT RUSH

It started innocently enough. At a party for a local swim group, on a Chicago rooftop deck looking east out over the wonder that is Lake Michigan, the idea was hatched to swim across the Lake. The group decided then and there, drinks in hand, that they had both the swimming ability and professional contacts to make the crossing happen. Normally this is where the story would end. When the camaraderie, warm summer breeze and party atmosphere are over, the memories of enthusiastic ideas and commitments can fade. Instead, enthusiastic people attended planning meetings and Swim Across Lake Michigan (SALM) formed to team up with Swim Across America (SAA). SAA raises money for cancer research across the United States via swimming events. In Chicago each year a series of swims (half mile to 3 miles) are held at Ohio Street Beach. This partnership gave the SALM swimmers a humanitarian focus beyond the challenge of the swim and it dangled a new carrot for SAA's long-time and experienced swimmers.



Once the broad idea began crystallizing, it became clear that the endeavor was a much bigger undertaking than first thought – significant boat support was needed. The SALM team had a couple of experienced boaters who found that recruiting experienced captains with the right craft became a challenge. SALM and SAA reached out to Scott Baumgartner, Commodore of the Chicago Yachting Association (CYA). Scott saw an opportunity for the CYA to contribute both to Chicago and to promote a greater awareness for the treasure that we call Lake Michigan.

The concept continued to emerge around a relay format with 3 teams with legs varying according to the conditions and time of day. The departure point was in Chicago around dusk. Rather than making this a race, the focus was to get across the lake efficiently, but together and safely. The nighttime leg generated the most questions from both the swimmers and boating team. Each swimmer had a strobe light attached to their goggles that emitted a color which matched their team color. They also had glow sticks fixed to their sides and reflective tape on their arms or back. Despite some pre-testing, it wasn't clear how these visibility measures would work, but even with the light swells, the swimmers could be seen for hundreds of yards.

The excitement was building and participants were all set for a departure on July 19th – the Lake, however, had other ideas. Despite a week of dead calm conditions, a very strong northerly wind blew up the day before, creating 6 foot waves by the scheduled departure time. There was no choice but to postpone the swim. This was tough for the swimmers who up to that point had raised \$85,000 and had many hours of training and logistical preparation. It was also tough for the Boat Captains who had to make a

correct but difficult decision. With a short turnaround and with significant help from Walter Lisowski and Scott Baumgartner from the CYA, Ryan Foley, Bruce Fleischer, and George Prescott from the Chicago Power Squadron and New Buffalo Yacht Club, a nautical team was assembled for a second attempt on the evening of August 16th. The water temperatures were excellent but days were becoming shorter, so a third date was probably not possible. With great relief, the push-off was made at dusk on Friday, August 16th, with Sonny Lisowski and his crew member Cathy Van Dorpe in the lead.

Once open water was reached, the nautical formation had to be switched. The relatively slow swimmer speed made it difficult for the Flotilla Leader, Sonny Lisowski's *Mirage*, to track a course with the side swells. After a short team conference, Ryan Foley's *Tried & True*, a 37 foot sailboat was placed in the lead with the other boats around the swimmers to offer some protection. The swim had begun!

The first leg included David Sims, an Olympian who grew up spending summers on the beach in Michiana. He had dreamed of such an adventure as a child. Leg 8 included Stephanie Felber, who had only concluded treatment for cancer a few months prior.

Despite moderate conditions, the swells began to come at the swimmer's faces from the east and there were significant side currents. This put everyone behind schedule and, while it wasn't a race, the swimmers found themselves in a race with the sun as all wanted to avoid the risks of swimming into shore after dark. With a big push and some shorter rotations, the finish was reached in 23 hours, just before dusk.

Many swimmers have expressed interest in attempting this challenge again next year. There are discussions underway between the CYA and SALM about how to make this an ongoing effort to raise funds for cancer research. Perhaps the finish of the 2013 SALM was just the beginning.



BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME:

A SAILING PROFILE OF DON WILSON

As a trader, Don Wilson's success has been made in developing the strategies and tactics necessary to understand and out-manuever others in the highly competitive financial markets. So it's no wonder Wilson has also found success in his life-long passion for competitive sailing, where these concepts are also in constant use, especially so in match race sailing. This most aggressive form of the sport resembles gladiatorial combat, where two teams in command of equally matched boats face off against each other in a head-to-head struggle to win at all costs...because in this contest there is no second place.

To fuel his interest in the adrenaline rush of match racing, Wilson helped to found the Chicago Match Race Center, located in Belmont Harbor. For the past five years this center has become an important part of the infrastructure that has given hundreds of sailors from the Great Lakes region and around the world the opportunity to hone their skills at this most intense and exciting form of sailing.

And the results are impressive: in only five years Chicago has not only hosted dozens of match race regattas ranging from local contests to world-class televised prize money events, it has also helped initiate a new wave of interest at other match race centers started throughout the US. Fifteen American match racers now rank within the top 100 and, for the first time in nearly a decade, the top-ranked match racer in the world is not from Europe, New Zealand or Australia, but from the US Virgin Islands: Taylor Canfield, who calls Chicago home. Wilson himself at 23rd in the world has climbed



the rankings to be the top-ranked match race skipper from the USA.

Wilson's continued support for CMRC's activities has also helped attract interest in sailing as an exciting yet eco-friendly activity on Chicago's waterfront. The prominence given the CMRC's signature event – the Chicago Match Cup – has shown tens of thousands of non-sailors, through its venue at Navy Pier, the beauty and excitement of competitive sailing in action. In only five days, this year's event attracted over 90,000 spectators in what is being widely recognized as one of the ideal venues in the US for "stadium sailing."

This spectator-friendly public use of the waterfront for sailing is an idea Wilson has long supported, including a few years ago

in the planning and development phases of Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympic Games. Even though the bid was unsuccessful, the ideas are used regularly at CMRC to bring more people to the waterfront and into sailing. Besides being a host and organizer of events, CMRC is also a facility dedicated to training its members in the art and craft of match race sailing through weekly training sessions.

By being pro-active and disciplined in his training, Wilson has earned himself prestigious match race victories including the 2011 & 2012 Richardson Trophy in addition to the 2010 Canada's Cup. Wilson and his Convexity Racing Team have applied these skills in fleet racing as well, winning the 2009 Farr 40 Verve Cup and 2010 J/105 North American Championship. In fact, one of his goals for the 2014 season is to get back into the class he first raced in Chicago and win their North American Championship as well: the infamous Tartan 10s.

"Competitive sailing in Chicago has had a great heritage, but there is also a great future ahead," says Wilson. "With our easy access to the waterfront, and the enthusiasm, interests and resources of this great city, these elements can all come together to produce a truly world class center of excellence for this sport, at all levels."



EVENT

IN MEMORIAM

John C. Cutler

1930 - 2013



John Cutler, who served as the 8th Commodore of the Chicago Yachting Association in 1968, passed away in March. He is best remembered as the long-running general chairman of Venetian Night, having served in that position for 26 of the 54 year history of the event.

Venetian Night began in 1958 under Mayor Richard J. Daley. John, serving under the first Mayor Daley and 4 other mayors, including the second Mayor Daley, helped expand the popular boat parade into a week-long festival featuring boat and swim races, dances and concerts, and a land parade with King Neptune rising from the Chicago River!

After John graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in international relations, he entered the U. S. Navy. He trained and was commissioned at the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island. John served with amphibious forces in the Western Pacific, 1953-1956, and during the Korean War he participated in the evacuation of nationals and expatriates from French Indochina (now Vietnam). Subsequently, John graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago Kent College of Law, and practiced law in Chicago for many years.

John's first boat was a Lightning, a third- or fourth-hand and one of the first built. After racing two more second-hand Lightnings, he and a few other one-design sailors started the Rhodes 19 and Frostbite Fleets in Montrose Harbor. These fleets are still active at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, where John was a life-long member and Past Commodore.

Eventually, John became interested in cruising sailboats and purchased a Catalina 25. Throughout the years he owned an Ericson 29, and finally a Beneteau named Cheers. He was a member of the Cruising Sail Fleet of Chicago Yacht Club for 45 years. His sailing buddy and wife of 55 years, Marilyn, is still a member at CYC and CCYC.

John's Venetian Night legacy is exemplary, boasting 26 years of service to Chicago and the yachting community. His involvement and support of sailboat racing lives on through the fleets at Chicago Corinthian while his love of cruising sail boats is fondly remembered at Chicago Yacht Club. The Chicago Yachting Association is honored to have benefited from his leadership.

William R. Rossberger



As a sailor, past commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club and the Chicago Yachting Association, lakefront activist and protector of the Chicago River, Bill Rossberger was passionate about Chicago maritime matters. But it is his role as historian that will leave a lasting imprint on the narrative of Chicago as a world-class port city long after his passing in December 2012 at age 82.

As a long-time board member of the Chicago Maritime Museum, Bill Rossberger's insatiable quest to uncover, verify and correct Chicago's maritime history led him on searches from the stacks at Newberry Library to South Side industrial docks. In the 1990s, for example, the intrepid historian doggedly tracked down the remains of the *Half Moon*, a schooner owned by Franklin D. Roosevelt, which ended up in Chicago. Bill generously donated the boat's compass to the Chicago Maritime Museum. "His specialty was as an historian and keeper of stories, not only about maritime history, but about local politics and people in Chicago," said Jerry Thomas, the museum's current president.

Throughout his many years of maritime research, Bill Rossberger would uncover and purchase rare maps and books, which he often donated to the museum. But some artifacts, including rocks, shells, nautical charts, dozens of silver cups and sailing trophies, he claimed for his own, and they remain in a makeshift rec-room museum in his lakefront apartment in Rogers Park. "Bill was goal-oriented from the day I met him," says Bonnie, his wife of 48 years, as we gaze over a sun-dappled Lake Michigan from the bay windows of her living room.

"He knew he wanted to live on the lakefront when he was a teen, and by his mid-thirties, we had found our perfect home on the lake."

From his near north side neighborhood, Bill was drawn to Chicago's lakefront as a young boy. When he was nine years old, he and his neighborhood friends built their own boat out of scrap lumber and took it to Diversey Harbor, where it promptly sank. Some members of the Lincoln Park Boat Club saw the boys and invited them aboard one of their better-built vessels. Thus began a life-long love of sailing. More than casual recreational boaters, Bill and Bonnie purchased several sailboats until they progressed to their 30-foot Scampi Sloop, which they sailed for more than 25 years.

A long-time member and past commodore of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club based in Montrose Harbor, Bill was the club's go-to guy for lively events like the annual Christmas party where Santa Claus would zoom across the harbor in a dinghy with Bill at the helm, greeting children on the dock with a sack of gifts. For many years, Bill also organized the club's "Frost Bite Regattas" held between October and May, in which participants navigate single sail dinghies on a tight, triangular course in Chicago's unforgiving winter weather. Rossberger, who first got involved with Corinthian in the 1970s, was a long-time leader in the club. "He was always a mentor for other commodores and a huge proponent of youth sailing, donating both time and money," says current club commodore, Mary Kovats.

Bill was a staunch promoter of Venetian Night, a popular summer tradition in Chicago. The colorful parade of boats and fireworks drew nearly three quarters

of a million people to the lakefront in its later years. He played a role every year in Venetian Night festivities, either as a contestant, a planner or, in 1979 as the Commodore of the Chicago Yachting Association when he appeared as the green-faced King Neptune who rises out of the water to greet the mayor. "Venetian Night tells the world Chicago saved its lakefront," Bill told the Chicago Tribune in 2002. "Here you sail into downtown, go over to Berghoff's and have a beer and a bratwurst. How many cities in the world can say that?"

Bill Rossberger never stopped promoting maritime history in Chicago. He was a strong proponent for a highly visible permanent home for the Chicago Maritime Museum, an effort that continues today. "Bill was one of the prime pushers to try to make that happen," says Jerry Thomas, citing Rossberger's lobbying efforts with Chicago elected officials, with whom he always stressed the importance of Chicago's maritime history.

Rossberger's thirst for maritime knowledge exceeded the boundaries of Chicago. Bonnie and Bill spent much of their retirement years cruising the great rivers of the world and touring their cities. When the tours became too staid and textbook, Bill would look for an English-speaking cab driver who could guide them to more authentic neighborhoods. "Bill was a people person," says Bonnie. "Everywhere we travelled, he wanted to learn about the real people. Anyone who sat next to him felt like they were his new best friend by the time they parted. In a nutshell, Bill loved life, Chicago, people, learning and the waterways' histories."



CYA FROSTBITE REGATTA

On October 27th Burnham Yacht Club hosted the 2012 CYA Frostbite Regatta. Unfortunately only 2 clubs participated with 3 of the club's 420s on the water. The temperature was chilly but it was a sunny day so the chill was not much of a factor. The clubs participating were Burnham Yacht Club (with two teams) and Jackson Park Yacht Club. The races took place in the main channel between the east docks in front of the yacht club and the west docks in front of Soldier Field. It was a windward-leeward course, 2 laps for each race with a downwind mark just beyond the finish line requiring a turn for an upwind finish.

Eight races were completed between 11am and 2pm. Only 3 races had to be abandoned due to harbor traffic on the course. The racers and the race committee came into the club after those races to get warmed up, and the racers decided that was enough racing for the day. I think the chill was catching up with them, and one of the JPYC

crew had another event that afternoon. The next hour was spent putting the equipment away for the winter prior to retiring to the club for beer, chili, hotdogs, potato salad, and chips—and of course to get updated and watch the afternoon football games. The official Regatta trophy was on the bar for the day. I do not know who brought it—but a big thank you goes to that person. The regatta winner was BPYC who was first in every race.

A new recognition was added this year - a bottle of rum to the best team from a participating Yacht Club. The selected team was Chad Miles and Gerry Sansone from the Kahuna big boat crew representing BPYC. They were first in all eight races.

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BELMONT YACHT CLUB

By Charlotte Mullen



“Welcome to the Belmont Yacht Club!”
That’s a phrase heard here often as we greet friends and neighbors.

The appeal of our little club is EASE. The club is available to all members at all hours. (Of course, Park District rules apply.) Belmont Yacht Club provides an economical and easy way to enjoy Chicago’s wonderful lakefront and skyline.

During the boating season, we have a full schedule of events including many educational offerings. For the sixth 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 classic cars.

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. After the beautiful parade of boats, the members and visitors returned to the yacht club for a harbor-wide open house featuring a great live band with an excellent female vocalist.

Belmont Yacht Club has made a special commitment to educational and informational classes. BYC has provided members and guests with the US Coast Guard “Suddenly in Command” course taught by a USCG Captain. Another course on first aid was provided by two of our physician members. We also offered a meteorological class about thunderstorms and weather planning on Lake Michigan provided by one of our members who is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Meteorologist.

Our Member Meetings include dinner and special presentations geared to marine interests. For the annual spring members meeting, we hosted Jenn Gibbons, who rowed around the perimeter of Lake Michigan to raise funds and awareness for “Recovery on Water.” ROW gives breast cancer survivors the opportunity to become active participants in their recovery through exercise and interaction with fellow survivors.

Venetian Night 2013 was a blast for the BYC! With live music and vocals, lots of hard (but fun) work, we were honored to take home the Best Overall Prize! We are already looking forward to next year’s fun!

This year we added several new **“meet and greet” events** geared toward fostering a stronger, safer harbor and boating community. We hosted a series of Friday Night Happy Hours, all with their own themes and special cocktails. We also hosted an Air & Water Show Post Party during which we made many new friends.

Since having fun is an important part of the BYC, we encourage it by having several game nights. These events are usually potluck, or steaks on the grill! Games range from bean bag toss to shooting hoops among others. Since we added the new TV last year, we also have Sunday night football parties and other sporting event viewings.

One of our most enjoyable events for the BYC is the **progressive dinner with 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 desserts and more cocktails at the club ship. This year it was an ice cream sundae bar.

The first weekend in August marks the annual **There & Back Regatta** organized by the BYC. Sailors gather from around the area to compete in a long distance race with both single- and double-handed sections.

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 the fireworks. Stop in to enjoy a cold drink and warm conversation!

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THE BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB

By Commodore Judi A. McInerney

Honoring our past and building our future as we embark on our next 75 years.



The Burnham Park Yacht Club's history began 75 years ago, as members of the Gage Park Nautical Association brought the small, one design dinghies they built to Burnham Harbor. Papers of incorporation for the club were filed on September 14, 1938. On September 14, 2013, the Burnham Park Yacht Club celebrated our founding with a tremendous Casino Night Gala themed Diamonds Are Forever. The Yacht Club is poised to enter the next 75

years with an expanding membership and, as Daniel Burnham would say, no small plans!

The Club's original objectives were: "... to provide social pleasure and entertainment, to provide racing competition, and to foster, develop, and encourage Corinthian yachting on the Great Lakes and tributaries thereto in the USA." The Yacht Club has been the setting for many club functions and family and members' business events. We have a thriving Junior Sailing program, a number of members who compete in the Chicago to Mackinac Race, an active Beer Can fleet, and we run 3 Area III regattas.

One of the Area III regattas is the Zukasky Memorial, named after the 1943 Commodore, Kathy A. Zukasky, who was our principal Race Officer and Beer Can Chairman for years. She was a great sailor and friend who always helped the Club in any way she was able. Tragically, she succumbed to cancer at an early age, but her legacy to the BPYC lives on in the KAZ Regatta for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Our Power fleet is active with an annual rendezvous, and since it is following the MAC Race, some sailors on their way back to Chicago join in on the fun. This year, our Power Fleet Captain, Brij Bharteey organized the Rendezvous to South Haven, put together a great opening day ceremony and also organized a Coast Guard Safety lecture and an emergency flare demonstration with hands-on practice.

This has been a year of changes for the Yacht Club, with the re-design of the Northerly Island music pavilion into a much larger venue. We are the closest neighbors and braced ourselves for several huge events last summer. The music venue is not the only change, as the Chicago Park District has been implementing a comprehensive plan for transforming the island into what Daniel Burnham had originally envisioned. We hope to remain great neighbors for the Island's new look, while exploring the new habitats the Island will feature.

Our Rear Commodore, Janet McCarthy has been working with our Bar and Galley Director, Jim Gentile, to upgrade our menu selections and streamline yacht club operations. Our Chef, Tony Mangano, has already impressed us with his culinary skills. We have a full service bar and galley during the boating season and are open for dinner on weekends from October 16 to May 14th. The Yacht Club also hosts some Club events in the off season. Our New Year's Eve party last year provided an affordable, elegant evening, with complimentary transfers between the McCormick Place Hyatt where we had a block of rooms, and the Yacht Club.

Each season we welcome a number of speakers to the Club. This year we had presentations from the Chicago Match Race Center and a presentation about a sailor's first solo Mac Race. We were also happy to co-sponsor, with the Catalina 21 Fleet, a program about lessons learned from the WingNuts tragedy from the 2011 Mac.

The BPYC Auxiliary has been taking care of logo-wear at the Club, which features a new design thank to members Chuck and Mary Beth Cybul. Under the leadership of Auxiliary President, Lynn Rosenberg, the organization continued to oversee social events and design improvements as they have for many years. The Yacht Club has benefitted greatly by their fundraising and involvement in special projects.

Since the Burnham Park Yacht Club seems to be the "best kept secret" in Burnham Harbor, our Publicity Director, Keith Moore and his wife Sonya have put in many hours to spread the word about our Club. Sonya is the editor for our monthly newsletter, and Keith has developed a weekly email as they endeavor to keep us all informed of Club events. They have also been instrumental in our social network presence, encouraging members to post photos and comments on our Facebook Page, The Official Burnham Park Yacht Club. Courtney Johnston has been tweeting on our behalf, and she can be followed via Twitter @BPYC75.

As we head into an energetic future, our fund raising committee, headed by PC Joann Murphy, put together the wonderful gala, where we were able to put on the Ritz and celebrate the achievements of the Flag officers, Boards of Directors and members who came before us. At the gala we were pleased to host 10 Past Commodores. We express our gratitude to them and all the Commodores and members for their dedication to the ongoing success and future of the Burnham Park Yacht Club.



CHICAGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Cdr Steven J Hopkins, JN, Chicago Sail & Power Squadron

The Chicago Sail & Power Squadron was founded in 1945 and is one of over 400 squadrons across the United States.

Our members build boating knowledge by taking classes in topics ranging from coastal and offshore navigation to marine electronics and weather. Once proficiency is achieved, they give back to the boating community by teaching these classes to members and non-members alike. We also enjoy a number of social events each year including dinners, cruises and parties.



The national organization celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014. Over those 100 years, they grew adept at developing the textbooks, presentation materials and competency tests that deliver the highest level of quality in boating education. Input from industry experts and governmental agencies further assures our gold standard in marine education.

All boaters are invited to take classes that satisfy their specific interests. Twenty-three new 2 hour seminars are available in topics including GPS, VHF Radio, Basic Weather & Forecasting,

Emergencies on Board, Practical On The Water Training, Sail Trim & Rig Tuning, and Anchoring, to name a few. Traditional 6 to 10 week classes are also offered which provide a deeper understanding of one subject. Lake Michigan boaters are especially interested in traditional classes covering the coastal navigation skills required to safely pilot from port to port and across the lake. Marine Weather is another popular full length class in

the Chicago area. 2013 was the second year we offered Practical On The Water Training in powerboat handling at Wolf Lake.

Check our website at CSPSboating.org to learn more about classes, vessel safety checks and squadron social events. We welcome new members interested in broadening their boating knowledge and sharing that knowledge with fellow boaters.

COMMODORE LETTER ...

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August was busy attending regattas, supporting CYA member Chicago Match Race Center as they held an international competition off of Navy Pier in conjunction with the Tall Ships Festival, and generally enjoying our sport. It was not all fun however, as several meetings were held by the CHSC to address safety issues with human-powered craft on the Chicago River creating problems for recreational boaters and passenger/commercial vessels.

September became a time for taking care of business within the CYA, as we acted on changes to our By-Laws. During the month we also found ourselves involved with gathering and communicating information regarding pending legislation to require "Mandatory Boater Education" and that also places age limits on those who may operate a "watercraft."

October has seen the 2013 boating season gradually come to a close, but not before the CYA "Frostbite Regatta," which was held at Burnham Harbor. Thanks to Loren Thompson for organizing this event again this year. We now look forward to our annual CYA Yachting Celebration held in early December, during which we bestow the prestigious CYA awards.

In closing, I want to recognize and thank several people for their support. They include the Bridge Officers VC Gibby Vartan, RC Sonny Lisowski, Secretary Joann Murphy, Treasurer/Membership Chair Casey Chlebek, and IPC Rich Lauric, who all made my job much easier! I want to particularly thank Kaye Durham, our Administrative Assistant for all her hard work. I would be remiss if I did not thank Barry Lewis, Judge Advocate; Jerry Metzger, Awards Committee Chair; Jane McMillan, Steering Committee Chair; and Betty Lerner, **Yachting In Chicago** for their dedication and support. Finally, a big thank you goes out to my wife Dr. Mary Lee for putting up with me these past two years while I served as your Commodore.

It has been a fun ride.



CALUMET YACHT CLUB

By Rich Nore



Sixty-three years ago, a southeast side group of friends and neighbors with a shared interest in boating got together on lake front property, then owned by the Falstaff Brewing Company, to form what was to become the Calumet Yacht Club. The Club continues today on that same property now owned by the Chicago Park District and leased to the Club.

This initial group, made up mostly of blue collar workers from the mills and local construction companies, probably didn't anticipate the success and longevity of the Club. Over the years, they constructed a harbor and "safe haven" for the membership and those in need or distress at the far south end of the lake. The Club continues today as a family oriented, "working" club, where the members perform most of the duties associated with the operation and maintenance of a yacht club.

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, everyone shares the work load that includes harbor installation, repair & removal, bartending, cleaning and grounds maintenance.

The prime boating season is celebrated with the hosting of four **monthly dinners** (the 3rd Saturday of each of the months of June, July, August & September) and recently spontaneous **Friday night theme menus at the outdoor Patio Bar**.

Lake sailors and crews are welcome to attend any or all of these functions. When traveling by boat, we are located on the north side of the State Line Generating Plant and its landmarked candy cane stacks. There may not always be a food special on Friday nights, but the bar is always open to enjoy a cocktail or beer and meet some of the members.

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 Fran Finn, Vice-Commodore Don Koster, Rear Commodore Jim Williams, Past Commodore Jeff Sadula, Treasurer Dale Roberts and Secretary Rich Nore.

Within the Club is the other club, the **Calumet Harbor Sport Fishermen**; it is open to Yacht Club members and non-members alike and meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The membership promotes ecology, fishing and conservation activities throughout the year. The annual **Fish Boil** (this year, 9/28/2013) 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.

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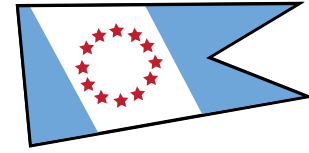
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THE CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Greetings from the Northside and Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, located in Montrose Harbor.

Founded in 1934, CCYC is an all volunteer organization that supports boating and community. The **Corinthian Spirit** is evident in the inviting social atmosphere and camaraderie of members representing all walks of life. The club hosts a wide range of educational, boating and social activities that meet the diverse interests of our members and community.

The 2013 season began a long-term plan for **club renovations**. New windows, spruced up furniture and a fresh coat of paint brightened up the club, while the volunteer gardeners greatly improved the club landscaping. Plans are to continue the renovations in the coming years. The mission is to keep the club fresh and up to date while maintaining a volunteer spirit and an affordable, family-friendly environment unified by the love of boating.

For many years, CCYC has been honored to partner with **Friends of the Park** and Mr. Colin Taylor to host Nature Along the Lake field trips. Chicago Public School children meet at CCYC for a lesson on shoreline ecology and lunch in the galley. Students then enjoy nature hikes and scavenger hunts at the Magic Hedge, shoreline dunes and Montrose Beach. More than 800 students experience this program yearly. The wonderment beaming from the children's faces reminds us to appreciate our fragile lakefront and beautiful club.

CCYC Crew School is a 6 week interactive course that teaches newcomers about sailing and racing. It culminates with a graduation pizza party where CCYC racing skippers come to recruit new crew. CCYC's commitment to education continues through the winter months with Saturday Racing Seminars hosted by our Tartan 10 and Offshore Fleets. Topics include racing rules, sail trim and boat maintenance.

CCYC was proud to host the **Chicago Maritime Museum's panel discussion on low lake levels**. Panelists included Dr. Drew Groenwald, PhD, NOAA; Lt. Col. James Schreiner, Army Corps of Engineers; Elizabeth Brackett, WTTW; Dave Knight, Great Lakes Commission; and Grant Crowley and Dick Lohan from the Chicago Maritime Museum. More than ninety guests came to hear discussion about the causes, consequences, and implications of low Great Lakes water levels.

When they are not focused on boating, Corinthians appreciate a wide range of **social events**. This season's parties included New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, After the 4th Fireworks, After the Air Show parties, a Chili Cook-off, a Crawfish Boil, and a Big Kidz and children's holiday celebrations. In the off-season, there were casual get togethers including Trivia Nights, Open Mic Nights, Potluck Dinners and Movie Nights.

The annual sport fishing event, **Fish This**, was a highlight of the season again this year. Despite the rough waters, fishermen returned to CCYC with more than 90 pounds of fish. The fish drop-off and weigh-in drew an eager crowd on the embarcadero. The fish were cleaned and filleted by the event organizers and donated to A Just Harvest, a community organization that has provided healthy meals to Chicagoans in need for more than 30 years.

CCYC continued its commitment to community with sponsorship of the **Leukemia Cup Poker Run**. This annual event raises money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the fight against blood cancers. This year's Poker Run was bigger and better than ever. Boats from all over Chicagoland revved up just outside Montrose and raced to 4 harbors where they collected cards while enjoying a glorious day on the lakefront. Volunteers, sponsors, and generous donations turned fun into fundraising for a great cause.

This year marked the **79th year of racing** at CCYC. We have 6 active racing fleets including Lasers, Lightnings, Offshore boats, Rhodes 19s, Tartan 10s, and Vanguard 15s. The season kicked off with the Rossberger Regatta on Memorial Day weekend and finished with the Red Flannels and Hairy Scary Regattas in October. CCYC had 15 competitors in this year's Race to Mackinac with 4 boats placing in their sections. Wednesday beer can races and Thursday night one-design races keep the clubhouse hopping midweek.

In spring, CCYC hosted the first **Annual Laser Racing Clinic**. This 4-day event was an opportunity for adults and junior competitors to hone their skills on the water. The coaches were Olympians Zach Railey, Paige Railey, and Brendan Casey. Coaches worked with the participants in the classroom and on the water.

Another welcome addition to the CCYC racing program was **The Star District Championship** held in July. The Great Lakes Star Championship was last held in Chicago in 1984.

CCYC's commitment to the future of boating is evident in its thriving **Junior Fleet** who sail 420s and Optimists and race on Rhodes 19 and Offshore boats. The Juniors, numbering more than 40 this year, acted as color guard at the Memorial Day and Independence Day festivities.

Looking back at 2013, it was a great season. With the help of CCYC members, the club looks fresh, the membership is stable and the calendar is full. We want to thank all our members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, directors and officers for the hard work and dedicated service. The members make the club, and through them CCYC will prosper for years to come.



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For 2013, CMRC has had great success in both areas. It has also experienced growth in its corporate and pro-am sailing programs.

This year, starting in May and lasting through the end of September, CMRC organized nine events. These events included five two-day regional-level ISAF Grade 3 match race regattas, two international-level three-day Grade 2 events, the US Women's Match Race Championship, and the five-day Chicago Match Cup, an ISAF World Championship event. All but the Chicago Match Cup were held from the CMRC's recently-upgraded facilities at Belmont Harbor, where there are eight TOM 28-class keelboats used for racing and training, several umpire and support boats used for race management and support, and maintenance and storage facilities to keep all these assets operational during its busy season.

Among CMRC's assets in Belmont is its unique 80-foot 2-story houseboat that serves as its mobile regatta support facility. In the limited space available in Chicago's harbor venues, this is CMRC's clever solution to creating a yacht club environment. It provides such essential support services as locker rooms, on-site catering, administrative support, spectator and meeting space, and even wi-fi internet access, all on a moveable platform that can be transported to the racing area.

One of the nine events in CMRC's season was its signature event, the 2013 Chicago Match Cup. It was, once again, the only US stop on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour (AWMRT). Held again at Chicago's world-famous Navy Pier, twelve international teams from seven nations competed for five days for their share of the \$100,000 prize money purse in addition to valuable points on the ISAF World Match Race Rankings list and the AWMRT leaderboard, part of the ISAF World Match Race Championship.

This year the event was able to expand its reach even more by partnering with Tall Ships Chicago. This partnership provided spectators the opportunity to not only witness firsthand Grand Prix sailing being played at its highest level, but also to appreciate the history and grandeur of the 14 Tall Ships participating in the event. For four days the two combined events brought in over 90,000 paying spectators to visit and watch all the action at the east end of Navy Pier.

CMRC's prominence and reputation as a breeding ground for talent also got a significant boost this year with the multiple honors and awards won by its staff. US Virgin Islands-based Sailing Director, Taylor Canfield, was invited to join the AWMRT. Competing with his Team USone, Canfield not only won the Chicago Match Cup but also, in so doing, displaced reigning World Champion Ian Williams from Great Britain as the top-ranked match race sailor in the world. MRC founder Don Wilson also met with great success and reached a ranking of 24th in the world, the highest of any skipper in the US. Don's sister Jennifer Wilson won the US Women's Championship in June, and her runner-up, CMRC's Stephanie Roble, won the Stena Match Cup Women's Trophy in Marstrand, Sweden, in July.

Canfield, Roble and other members of the CMRC staff use those award winning skills to help CMRC's members learn not only the art of match race sailing, but also how to improve their basic racing sailing skills in training programs in boat handling, helming, sail trim, and tactics.

For next year CMRC expects another active year of events, with the Chicago Match Cup being once again the centerpiece of the 2014 schedule.



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CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

By Gerald F. Bober, Commodore

New officers began their respective terms of office in 2013: Commodore Jerry Bober, Vice Commodore Greg Miarecki, Rear Commodore Leif Sigmond, Treasurer Arch Van Meter and Secretary Steve Salk. Chicago Yacht Club's 138th year was marked by world-class regattas, a variety of fun activities that foster great friendships, all aided by the launch of our new website – www.chicagoyachtclub.org. Club membership growth was especially noteworthy in 2013, welcoming the most new members in over 20 years.

We started the season in January at **Strictly Sail Chicago, winning Best Booth in Show for the second year in a row** thanks to our member and staff volunteers. While our Monroe Station was spruced up, club members enjoyed activities at our Belmont Station. Our Cruising Sail Fleet, under the direction of Dwain Lutzow and John Zienda, arranged another fantastic **"Dancing with the Cruising Sail Fleet Stars"** event. The fleet also hosted a number of other well-attended parties and cruises this year.

Our **Power Fleet**, led by Pat Marek and Nick Berberian, was also extremely active, with dock parties and other fun events, not to mention several cruises around Lake Michigan. The fleet also organized the second annual **In-Water Power Yacht Technology Show at Monroe Station** and welcomed power enthusiasts to a memorable afternoon on the docks. In addition, our Power Fleet hosted its annual Special Needs Cruise and the Cruise for the Sight-Impaired.

Our fleet of **Sonar sailboats**, available for rental by Club members, was sold out most weekends from early March to early May.

In late June over 100 members from all fleets cruised, raced, or drove by car to Racine, Wisconsin to take part in the first **Chicago Yacht Club Annual Cruise and Offshore Regatta**. The event, which was held at the Racine Yacht Club, featured a predicted log, a Kringle tour, bike rides, an awards dinner and many more fun activities.

It was a great time on the race course this year. Our Offshore Committee and Racing Yacht Fleet Committees, led by Ken Colbert and Sam Veilleux, organized a stellar series of races for offshore and inshore

boats on our Belmont Station's racing circle. Our Mackinac Committee, led by Chairman Lou Sandoval, staged a safe and very successful **105th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, presented by Veuve Clicquot**. Mac Week featured ideal weather and wonderful parties in both Chicago and Mackinac Island. We also joined for the second year with Michigan Avenue Magazine to host **Ashore Thing, the Official Parade of Boats Viewing Party at Navy Pier**. This event, which brought out over 2,500 people, gave the public a chance to take part in the start of the Race to Mackinac.

In other exciting Race to Mackinac news, the historic regatta was chosen to be part of a CNN docu-series named **"CHICAGOLAND," narrated by Robert Redford**.

Filming took place at the Club and during on-the-water activities at the race start at the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse. "CHICAGOLAND" is an unscripted series produced by Redford and Laura Michalchyshyn of Sundance Productions, and Marc Levin and Mark Benjamin of BCTV. The eight-part series is set to debut in 2014 and represents a creative exploration of stories relevant to Chicago and the people behind those stories.

Less than three weeks post-Mac, Martin Sandoval and his **Verve Cup Regatta** Committee staged a great set of buoy races and post-race parties. This year's Verve Cup Inshore welcomed to the course for the first time ever a brand new J/70s class (featuring 20 of the 86 overall entries), as well as a Colgate 26 fleet. And we were privileged to host two additional sailing events this summer – the J/111 North American Championship and the Beneteau 36.7 North American Championship.

Thanks to Janet Baxter and the world-class Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee for running over 100 regattas and giving us terrific racing all season!

Equally as important as sailboat racing is the need to give people the opportunity to learn the sport and to participate in it. Our Sailing School, centered at our Belmont Station, is staffed with instructors who are certified by the nationally chartered organization, US Sailing, and we offer regular educational programs for those interested in learning about the sailing arts and boating safety. The **Chicago Yacht Club Sailing School** is ranked as one of the top sailing schools in the country. The immaculate fleet of boats allows us to teach over 300 sailors annually.

Sailors ages 5-18 have the opportunity to try sailing on the beautiful Lake Michigan. The nationally-recognized race teams compete coast to coast.

2013 also featured important outreach to our friends and neighbors via our **Chicago Yacht Club Foundation**, led by Past Commodore Gibby Vartan.

The Foundation continues its programs of civic outreach as well as its main area of concentration, which is youth-related activities. One of our strongest and most popular programs is our educational outreach. We offer around **20 nautical-themed lectures**. We cover everything from early Chicago maritime history, through a thorough discussion of the history of piracy up to a program on marine law. Almost all of these programs take place within our club properties. In 2012, we served over 1,000 students of elementary and high school age and will exceed this number this year. We also present these lectures at such venues as Strictly Sail and the Chicago Maritime Festival.

Now in its third year of presentation, the **CYC Foundation Neill Advanced Sailing Clinic** (NASC) has moved into national prominence. Each June, we hold a five-day clinic for advanced junior sailors selected by resume. We provide six of the top U.S. collegiate sailing coaches to provide intensive training for the period of the clinic. We have had participants from 19 states and been favorably mentioned by US Sailing.

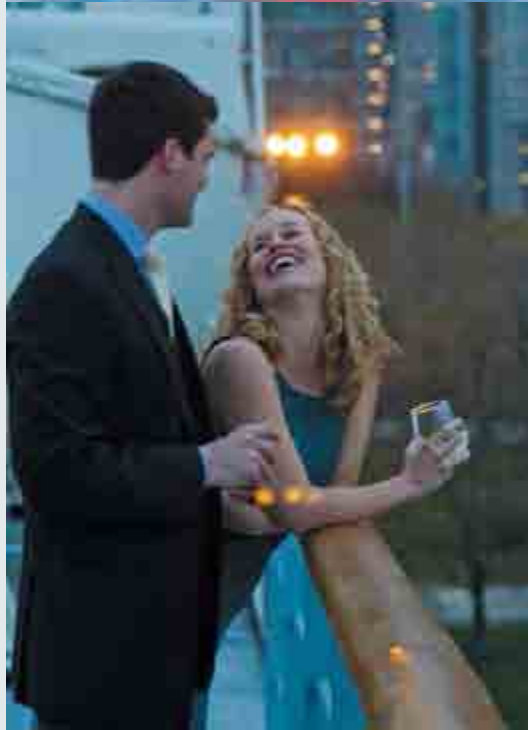
We have a myriad of other programs and will continue our vigorous community outreach efforts to provide appreciation and awareness of nautical history, arts and traditions. **To learn more about the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, see the club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org.**

The Chicago Yacht Club is proud of its long-standing "Tradition of Yachting Excellence." Since its founding in 1875, the Club has continued to be one of the preeminent organizers and hosts of regattas, races and predicted log contests in the United States. We welcome you to take part in one of our many on-the-water events and experience for yourself what we offer our members and the lakefront community.

It has been a great 2013. We look forward to seeing you in 2014!

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As sailors, we are well aware that our sport is suffering from a generation gap. After Junior and College Sailing, how do we encourage youth to follow through with the sport? How do we bridge the gap between our seasoned sailors and the sailors of tomorrow?

Make the transition fun

Our Skipjacks learn-to-sail course introduced a record class of 100 newbies to the sailing world this Spring. Under the charge of Robin Scrofani, Columbia's members pulled together to accommodate such a large class. The Skipjacks were introduced to upwards of 20 different boats and graduated with the comfort and ability to climb aboard any boat for cruising or racing. Shortly after the first weeks of on-the-water training, several Skipjacks were seen on the Beer Can course racing for the first time.

Make it accessible

It was a year of change for our membership. While ringing in 2013, we rolled out a new membership dues structure to make membership at Columbia more affordable for the younger generations. An influx of crew and water-lovers joined the Columbia family, and they have brought some new toys to the Club...

Be open to new ideas

Why restrict ourselves to sailing? Stand up paddleboarding has been one of the fastest growing sports on the water in recent years; it's time to embrace it. That's exactly what the Leukemia Cup did with the Inaugural Stand Up Against Blood Cancers event. All levels of paddlers were invited to join us for a relay race around the dock complete with costumes and libations.

Throw a Party

Welcome to the Goose Island COLORS Regatta! What is the makeup of a successful regatta? Good racing, good people and a great party. We welcomed a new fleet to the courses as well - the Viper 640s. These hot little sportboats buzzed around the course with the T-10s, Beneteaus, Farr 40s and PHRF fleets.

Teach

For the second year in a row, Columbia Sailing School was elected the number one sailing school by the Chicago Reader. With a record number of 275 students going through the summer programs, the junior programs are bringing in a new batch of racers for the fall season.

Have an idea to support the growth of the boating community?

Join the conversation. Join Columbia Yacht Club.



CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION

Commodores Cruise 2013

Coordinator, Rear Commodore Captain Walter "Sonny" Lisowski

Photos by Betty Lerner

The tradition of the Chicago Yachting Association Commodores Cruise helps promote camaraderie and unity among member yacht clubs.



The cruise provides an opportunity for clubs to appreciate each other's history and uniqueness. It is on these cruises that bonds are formed, allowing us all to work together for the betterment of yachting in our area. While it is only possible to visit half of the clubs each year, all Commodores and yacht clubs are represented on the cruise. This year the northern clubs were visited.

For CYA, 2013 was one of its best Commodore Cruises ever. The weather was great, and the CYA gained a new friend in Captain Tobi Lindo. Captain Tobi let us use his historic boat, ROBERT ALLAN II, and he piloted it for us, as well. Tobi had such a great time doing the cruise, that he offered his yacht for next year as well. The ROBERT ALLAN II handled all of the Commodores with room to spare and it was an honor and privilege to tour Chicago's northern shores aboard a vessel with so much history behind her.

We all met at Burnham Park Yacht Club, which just celebrated its 75th anniversary, to start the day. With its position on Northerly Island in the heart of Chicago's Museum Campus, Burnham Park offers one of the most spectacular views of the city. After enjoying some delicious pastries, coffee, juice and mimosas, we headed down to the dock to board the ROBERT ALLAN II.

Our next stop was the Chicago Yacht Club, the oldest club in the area. Commodore Gerald Bober welcomed us to the only downtown building east of Lake Shore Drive. While CYC is preeminent in sailboat racing, hosting over 150 races each year, it is also a lovely location for non-boating activities.

The next club we visited was Columbia Yacht Club, the second oldest club in Chicago. Boarding the Columbia club ship always bestows a great feeling. It is like being in another world. The Abegweit is an ice-breaker launched in Canada in 1946. When entering her, one has to

make his way through steel passageways and wooden staircases. It is definitely a great experience, and, yes, in the right conditions, one can feel her swaying.

Once again, we headed out to sea for our next stop. Fortunately the ROBERT ALLAN II was able to clear the Lakeshore Drive Bridge to allow us to get to Diversey Yacht Club, founded in 1935. Their oldest harbor system member gave us a wonderful and historic overview about boating on Chicago's lakefront. It was hard to get away and move on with such an historian in our presence.

Clearing the bridge and leaving this quaint harbor, we set off to visit another club ship, the Belmont Yacht Club vessel. BYC is one of the newest yacht clubs, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. It is also one of the smallest yacht clubs but the biggest when it comes to being inviting and friendly. The club has a wonderful deck that is the site for many parties, as well as CYA meetings.

As we entered Montrose harbor, Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club was awaiting us with open arms, with a great supply of more food and drink. Here we were at yet another historic club, founded in 1934. It is an all volunteer organization, and unlike other clubs, it is restricted by its agreement with the Park District to boat owners in Montrose Harbor. Their commitment to small boat handling has helped promote the development of many fleets over the years.

It was amazing, how we could have been so lucky to have such a wonderful day on the water on the historic ROBERT ALLAN II. While enjoying the great weather, the wonderful camaraderie, and the touring itself, we also learned a great part of the history of Chicago's northern yacht clubs. We had much to appreciate as we headed back to Burnham Park Yacht Club aboard the beautiful ROBERT ALLAN II.





Photo credit: Peter Niedzinski

MOST CREATIVE:

HUDOR (DRAGON BOAT)

Hudor is a human powered fire breathing dragon, made entirely by hand, capable of supporting 3 tons and speeds well in excess of 1/2 knot. Her draft is less than 18 inches, and she's nearly 40 feet from snout to tail. She is supported by 7 Styrofoam-filled pontoons, her skin is fire retardant muslin, and she has more than 1,000 scales made from restaurant takeout lids. Yes, she ate all the leftovers . . . and a few of the restaurants.

She can be seen plying the waters of the Midwest from here in Lake Michigan to the Chicago River and as far away as Muskegon, Michigan, at Lakes-Of-Fire. On a good day, she can breathe 10 foot flames. Hudor's mission is to open people's eyes to the possibilities our waterways have to offer and to bring a little magic into our lives.

She wants people to be engaged in our lakes and our rivers, to inspire us all to want better, cleaner more accessible waterways.

Find Hudor the Dragon on Facebook to see what's next . . . Captain Neil Verplank and Crew.

It was a perfect night for Venetian Night at the new 31st Street Harbor with Joseph Conrad Yacht Club's new Club Ship as our headquarters and the Tropical Experience Reggae Band on the top deck. Many thanks to Commodore Gregory Golabek, Vice Commodore Anna Grochowska, JCYC Past Commodore and CYA

ROCKIN' IN THE HARBOR

Treasurer Casey Chlebek, CYA Secretary Joann Murphy, and CYA Commodore Scott Baumgartner for streamlining the activities and professionally staging the pier. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated Kaye Durham for her excellent script support and judging management. We also send a special thank you to Peter Niedzinski for his beautiful photos of the evening.

To the United States Coast Guard, Chicago Police Marine Unit and the Chicago Fire Department – thank you for watching over us and keeping us safe! We all loved the CFD boat's fountain of colored water shooting into the sky heralding the beginning of our parade. Keeping us in line and also safe was 31st Street Harbor Master Mark Dryden and Bob Hough from the Chicago Yacht Club. Thanks to the Sea Scouts for all of their help, too!

We were honored to have Tony Camarillo, Navy Pier Director of Sales and Services; Michelle Woods, Project Manager for the City of Chicago Department of Transportation; and Carl Blackwell, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, National Marine Manufacturers Association as our esteemed judges. One very special thank you goes to Jerry Metzger for being our Master of Ceremonies; he always keeps the crowd entertained and informed. We extend our deepest gratitude to Scott Stevenson, Executive Vice President, and Westrec Marinas for their continued sponsorship which made the Venetian Night evening possible.

MOST IMPORTANTLY! THANK YOU BOATERS!

Betty Lerner and Captain Sonny Lisowski
Co-Chairs, Venetian Night 2013



Photo credit: Peter Niedzinski

1ST PLACE : GET 7 - BOAT #15

GET 7 celebrates the Chicago Blackhawks' Championship by Rockin' in the Harbor with a tribute to the Stanley Cup. Rock and Roll's historic roots lie in a fusion of several musical genres that are heard during all Blackhawks' games. Captain Jim Butler and Crew.

BEST OVER ALL:

IT'S YOUR TIME - BOAT #5

It's Your Time is a 37 foot Jeanneau captained by Norm Zable representing Belmont Yacht Club and the Chicago Yacht Share. **Blues Rock Chicago** featured musician Jeanie B of Jeanie B and the Angel Paints singing Sweet Home Chicago.



Photo credit: Peter Niedzinski

VENETIAN NIGHT 2013



Photo credit: Betty Lerner

2ND PLACE: THIRTY SOMETHING - BOAT #14

Keith & Sonya Moore and BPYC present **Santa Goes South** on **Thirty Something**, proudly sponsoring the US Coast Guard Christmas Tree Ship this year. Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee is an all-volunteer, not for profit organization that donates Christmas trees to deserving inner city families. It is dedicated to the betterment of the Christmas Season for families. (See page 13 for further information)



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3RD PLACE: CLOSE ENOUGH - BOAT #6

On **Close Enough**, Captain Tony Franzen and crew present the **Saturday Night Fever** boat with the Village People dancing on the deck.



LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA COMBINES FUN AND FUNDRAISING

The Chicago boating community once again came out in force the weekend of August 23-24 to race and raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).

EVENT

The 17th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta (LCR), proudly hosted by Columbia Yacht Club, provided a full weekend of fun for all participants. Fundraising for this year is not yet complete, but we have hopes of retaining our title of the second-highest fundraiser in the nation. The Chicago yachting community should take a well-deserved bow for coming together in the true Corinthian spirit to support a cause bigger and more important than any one of us.

In what has become known as one of the best parties of the summer on the lake, Friday night kicked off the festivities with Red Sky Night on August 23. More than 250 guests, including members of all area yacht clubs, long-time Leukemia & Lymphoma Society supporters, and those simply willing to raise a glass in the fight against blood cancers, enjoyed amazing food, generous complimentary pours and a fantastic night of fun. A silent auction featuring many unique experiences intrigued bidders into fierce competition, and the in-home wine dinner was once again the highlight of the live auction.

Noted Tracy Howard, LCR Organizing Committee Chair, "We're always working to make the night and the auction bigger and better than the year before. And every year, we are overwhelmed by the generosity and big-hearted spirit shown by yacht club members, LLS supporters and guests at Red Sky Night."

If Friday night was perfect for a party, Saturday has to go down as one of the best race days on record. Good breeze, plenty of sun and fun competition on three circles delivered a perfect day for everyone on the course.

"We've made an effort to provide a race that is challenging for experienced racers and accessible for cruisers supporting the cause," said Race Chair Tom Barnes. "Our race committee did a super job of running the day, and we had more than 70 boats compete."

The weekend's revelry continued after the race, with boats rafting off three-deep for a post-race dock party and awards ceremony at Columbia. After the brag flags were handed out, the big moment arrived, and the Chicago yachting community presented a check to LLS for \$338,500, surpassing the \$2 million mark in funds raised since 2007.



Team Mystic placed first in the Classic section



Auction Tables



Auction Tables



The Club Ship Abegweit decked out for Red Sky Night



Mike and Carol Elmore's Allegro out on the racecourse



Columbia's docks were rafted 3-deep for the Leukemia Cup Regatta post race party on August 24



POKER RUN



SNOW ON THE GROUND FOR THE POKER RUN?

Well, actually it was on the ground when the Poker Run Committee met in March of this year to start planning for this year's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Poker Run to raise funds to fight blood cancers. As the final numbers for this year's event were tallied up, that effort paid off in spades!

On August 10th the 3rd Annual Poker Run & After Party took place at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club where captains and their crew gathered to gear up for a fun day on the water and an evening under the stars. The Poker Run, which is the daytime portion of our event, began at noon as we welcomed boaters and participants from all over the Chicago land area. A captains meeting followed and then we were off! The captains and their crew went full speed ahead (in most cases) to make their way on Lake Michigan to 4 different harbors to pick up a random poker card at each stop. This year the Columbia Yacht Club co-hosted the event by allowing a place for captains to dock, to grab a drink and some food, and to have full use of their facilities. Upon returning to the Corinthian Yacht Club, Captains received their 5th and final card to form a Poker Hand. Cash prizes were given for the top three hands with \$300 going to the winning hand.

Following the Poker Run was our "After-Party" which featured live music from Marlon Longji and his band. The tent, tiki torches, and decorated white cloth-covered tables helped to set the stage for a special evening with a great view of the Chicago skyline from the grounds of the Corinthian Yacht Club. The dinner featured the talents of celebrity chefs Dean Eliacostas and Phil Thomen. A special thanks to both chefs as they were able to get the majority of their food donated, which helped more of our ticket price go towards our cause. Baby lamb chops, a prime rib carving station, and wild mushroom ravioli were just a few of the gourmet items offered on the buffet. The icing on the cake, or pie for that matter, was provided by the American Pie Council as they delivered over 30 specialty pies for our guests. As people danced the night away an appetite developed and was taken care of by a late night special delivery of 25 pizzas from local favorite Michael's Pizza & Tavern.

The evening also featured: a Silent Auction with over 60 items, a Heads & Tails event that was a crowd favorite, and the introduction of our 2013 Honored Hero, Vince Patrevito who shared his story of Survival with those in attendance.

In years past we awarded prizes for the top 3 poker hands. In addition, this year we added a new category to recognize captains that set up fundraising teams to compete in raising dollars for the event.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS GO TO OUR TOP 3 FUNDRAISERS & POKER HANDS FOR 2013:

Carl Blackwell Top Poker Hand	\$3,175
Team Ross/Patrevito/Cicccone 2nd Place Poker Hand	\$2,228
Susan Nilsson 3rd Place Poker Hand	\$2,125

Last year we had 24 boats register and over 150 people participate in the Poker Run and its related activities. Aside from two corporate sponsors, the captains and their teams raised \$40,000. This year we had 44 boats register, over 230 people attend the event, and the captains and their teams raised \$73,000 for the cause.

As the momentum continues to grow for our event, a special thank you goes out to the Poker Run Committee for their dedication and hard work: Dante Cicccone, Natalie Holliday, Lysa Hoskins, Greg Johnson, Susan Nilsson, Joe Patrevito, Justin Ross, Miranda Wassef, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society liaisons Chuck Bricker and Regina Belloti. This event would not have taken place and achieved our level of success without their combined efforts and love.

This year we exceeded our goal; next year we are looking forward to breaking all records thus far and to continuing to make a difference to raise funds for and awareness about leukemia and all blood related cancers! Thank you to our corporate sponsors, captains, crews, party attendees, and volunteers. **Keep an eye out and join us in early August at the Corinthian Yacht Club for Poker Run 2014!!**



JUDD GOLDMAN ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM

By Robert Lang



John T. Jackson Traveling Team in Newport, RI



Quad Chair



Lake Forest Open House

This was an exciting year for the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program (JGASP), an award-winning, learn-to-sail program for the physically disabled. The mission at JGASP is to provide individuals the opportunity to achieve self-esteem and independence. Celebrating our 24th season, we jointly announced with the City of Lake Forest the opening of the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program, Lake Forest, serving the north shore and northern Illinois. Former JGASP instructor, Hunter Ratliff manages the program.

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. The specially designed sailboats allow participants, no matter what their disability, the opportunity to "take the helm" rather than just be passengers. Today, the fleet numbers twenty boats in three classes, in addition to several support/safety boats. Over 1,000 people annually experience the joy and thrill of sailing with JGASP.

The Program, supported by the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF), is a unique 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 season kick-off was on June 1st with the 24th Annual Open House, attended by over 350 people. New sailors were able to meet the instructors, take a short sail and enjoy a complimentary lunch, assisted by JGASP volunteers. Our new "Quad Chair," designed

for people who have cervical spinal cord injuries and those with limited use of their hands, was introduced at the event.

During the summer, the program provided a wide range of activities. These included learn-to-sail instruction, racing clinics, regattas and cruises. For example, participants were able to enjoy popular cruises to other Chicago harbors. JGASP offers individual lessons as well as group sails. Groups such as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, World Sports Chicago and the Wounded Warrior Project participated in the sailing program. Racing has always been a draw to those sailors with a competitive spirit. The Jackson Park Yacht Club's Freedom Cup and the annual Goldman Cup are part of the five-regatta Season Championship Series. This year, the John T. Jackson Foundation sponsored a traveling team comprised of JGASP racers. The team competed in disabled sailing regattas in Miami, Newport and Milwaukee. The cost of airfare, lodging, food, boat chartering, coaching and team uniforms were included in this generous donation.

The 23rd Annual Independence Gala was held on July 26th at The Shedd Aquarium. Partially underwritten by the Jerome Mirza Foundation, it was attended by over 400 supporters. The very popular raffle and silent auction featured fantastic trips throughout the U.S., Caribbean islands and Europe. Stefan Holt of NBC 5 Chicago was the Master of Ceremonies. Jennifer French, 2012 Paralympic sailing silver medalist, Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year and author, captivated the crowd with her account of the highlights of her rise to the top level of disabled sailing. She was introduced by Betsy Alison, five-time Yachtswoman of the Year and U.S. Paralympic Sailing Coach.

A very creative video, a "sketch video," engaged the audience with drawings that depicted what the JGASP is all about.

JGASF again invited all the North American Challenge Cup (NACC) sailors with disabilities to be our guests at the annual gala. The NACC, celebrating its 21st anniversary, has become one of the most prominent disabled sailing events in the world. Among the many sponsors are American Airlines and Cook-Illinois Corporation.

In addition to 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 Humboldt and Garfield Park lagoons, more than 200 enthusiastic children sail each year in ten JGJSP pram sailboats. The concept is unique because it brings the program to the neighborhood rather than the neighborhood to the program. Like the adaptive program, the goal is to help develop self-esteem and independence.

The new Program in Lake Forest, the creation of the Jackson Traveling Team and the Quad Chair all were significant accomplishments this year. Our success is due in part to the dedicated staff led by Sailing Director Joe Harris. In addition, we are thankful to have devoted and caring volunteers. We ask all of you to join us in continuing to generously support this unique Chicago charitable foundation that teaches the physically disabled as well as inner-city youth the joy of sailing.

Visit www.juddgoldmansailing.org to learn more about us.

CATALINA FLEET 21 CHICAGO REGION

A Sailing Club for Catalina Sailboat Owners

By Dave DeAre, Past Commodore Fleet 21



Celebrating 40 Years of Sailing

Catalina Fleet 21 celebrated 40 years of providing camaraderie, sailing education, racing and fun to Chicago Area Catalina sailboat owners. Forty years ago this summer, a letter went out to customers of Chalet Marine who had purchased Catalina 22s asking if they would like to attend a meeting to discuss organizing a Catalina 22 Owners Club or Fleet. An initial meeting was held with over a dozen owners, and Catalina Fleet 21 was founded.

In the past 40 years, boats have gotten bigger, sailors have gotten older, harbors have changed and Chalet Marine is long gone. However, Catalina Yachts is still going strong and so is Catalina Fleet 21. The focus of the group remains the same: family-oriented sailing, socializing, racing, educating, and all with safety in mind. The Fleet celebrated 40 years by gathering at the Lake Michigan home of Past Commodores Fred and Shirley Collins for a patio and beach party with great views of the Chicago Skyline, great weather, great live band, great food and fantastic camaraderie.

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 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 programs for sailors, including guest speakers covering topics like heavy weather, engine winterizing, safety concerns, 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. 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, and 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 Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance held in November, the highlight of our year.

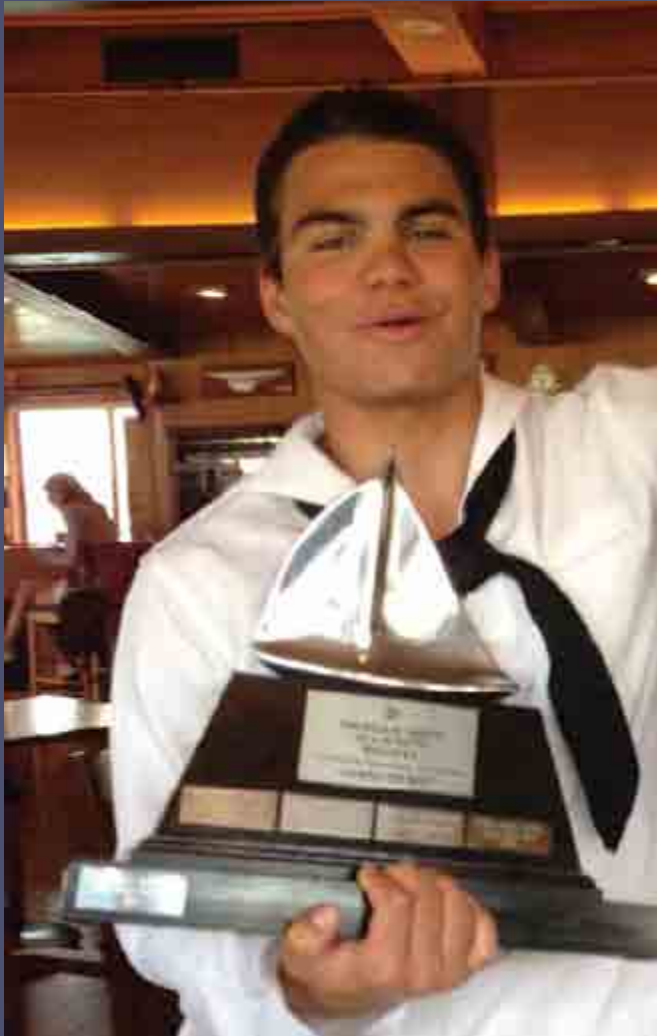
Web Site and Publications

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.

CYA SEA SCOUT OF THE YEAR: CHARLIE KOULES



Skipper Charlie Koules receiving the 1st place trophy for the Smith Regatta

Charlie Koules is being honored as the Sea Scout of the Year for 2013.

Charlie is well-known and respected as an active member and strong leader in Sea Scout Ship 5870, sponsored by the Chicago Yacht Club. Charlie has gained maturity as he developed his organizational, leadership and seamanship skills through practical application in the Sea Scouts.

Charlie has achieved the rank of Eagle as a Boy Scout and was elected by his fellow shipmates as Boatswain, a Sea Scouts Chief Petty Officer position. He teaches younger Scouts sailing skills, and has been instrumental in recruiting new Sea Scouts. Charlie has volunteered for the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing program, including volunteering without hesitation and sailing as crew during the North American Challenge Cup. He has also recruited others and volunteered himself to assist with the Christmas Tree Ship distribution of trees to Chicago's under-served families.

For 4 years, Charlie has competed in the Thomas R Smith Regatta, winning first place the past two years. The winner of the Smith Regatta automatically qualifies for the Koch International Sea Scouts Cup, and Charlie has plans to attend the 2014 Koch.

Chicago Yacht Club has recognized Charlie 2 years in a row with sailing recognition awards. They are for dedication and most improved and for conduct on and off the water. He has been recognized for leading by example when sailing and displaying good sportsmanship. He is always the first to arrive and the last to leave. He knows the sailing rules and can sail properly. Charlie placed 1st in a US Sailing Junior Olympic Laser event. He was chosen to crew aboard three international class keel boats in three separate events including the FARR 40 pre-Worlds and the J/109 Nationals. Currently, Charlie is working on getting his captain's license, which he began during his senior year at New Trier High School.

The next step for Charlie will be as a freshman at Lake Forest College where he will pursue a double major in business and business law. Charlie is the recipient of two Lake Forest academic-based scholarships and will be living on a select dorm floor for campus leaders. He eventually plans to attend law school.

It is with great pride that the Chicago Yachting Association recognizes Charlie Koules as the 2013 Sea Scout of the Year.



SEA SCOUT SHIPS AND THEIR VESSELS

by Marty Bernstein

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 has many adult leaders.

The Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America owns three sailing vessels, which are maintained by individual SHIPS, but may be used by any qualified unit.

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception High School, Skipper Mark Jenkins' SHIP 5926 expanded the Sea Scout regatta experience this year by regularly participating in Corinthian's Wednesday night races aboard the Chicago Area Council's J35, **Bretwalda**. Two of the SHIP's Scouts participated in a Long Cruise, helping return a Ben 36.7 from Mackinac Island following the race. Another young woman took part in the life-changing experience, Sisters Under Sail, a week aboard a tall ship on the Great Lakes.

In addition to sailing, SHIP 5926 also took on a new level of vessel maintenance this year. They prepared and painted the bottoms of two of the Council's vessels in preparation for this year's season. This work is not just an example of "sweat equity" young people are expected to expend in the maintenance of "their" fleet, it also represents a training opportunity on the safe handling of materials, personal protective equipment and ladder safety. All of this training was incorporated into this project.

Since the vessels may be used by any SHIP in the Council, **Bretwalda** also saw duty with Skipper Bill Luksha's ever-growing SHIP 2008, sponsored by the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. Besides the fun of sailing to events like the Air & Water Show, they learned engine mechanics, safety procedures, and the fine points of boat handling. Off-season plans include the Christmas Ship project, a ski trip, Strictly Sail and the Chicago Maritime Festival.

The most active SHIP in the Council "fleet" remains Skipper Marty Bernstein's SHIP 5111, chartered by Columbia Yacht Club. With five new members this season, the SHIP maintains its stature. As older members age out or go off to college, new recruits join for the fun, adventure, leadership and new skills that are all a part of Sea Scouting.

Regular sail training, racing, fundraising and advancement programs are all part of the SHIP 5111 activities. Again this year, three Sea Scouts were chosen to join the Mac Race crew aboard the Scouts' sailing vessel **Nautilus** as part of an annual hire agreement now in its sixth season. The donation from Team Nautilus, namely Russell Salzman, Neal Mehlman, David Brown, Jessica Marcus, Steve Purze and Brian Koloms, helps defray expenses for mooring, storage, insurance and maintenance. The charter group's support of Sea Scouting goes way beyond the donation, as they regularly participate as consultants in training

these eager young sailors.

A Long Cruise to deliver the boat back to Chicago is always an adventure, with seven crew and five adults helping on two or more of the five-leg return. A second Long Cruise to Holland and Muskegon took place in August, with camping in a yurt at the Muskegon State Park. And finally, to cap off a very busy and rewarding sailing season, SHIP 5111 took the JAM 1 Beer Can Race championship down to the wire, winning the last race and the season series.

Adding scuba diving to the list of skills has been a dream for Skipper Bernstein for several years; it is now a dream come true. In March, seven boys and two girls were joined by two adult leaders and three family members for textbook, DVD and pool training toward PADI Certification. Then during summer and fall, they completed their four open water dives. The reward for this hard work will be a trip to the Scouts' Florida Sea Base at the end of the year for an eight-day live aboard scuba high adventure, sailing on a 57-foot schooner, doing 15 dives in all environments of the reefs of the Florida Keys, including 3 night dives. Dreams do come true.

The third vessel of the Sea Scout fleet is **Reflections III**, which is moored in Jackson Park Harbor. **Reflections III**, along with **Bretwalda** and **Nautilus**, are available to all of the seven SHIPS in the greater Chicago area. All Sea Scouts have opportunities to learn about sailing and seamanship while developing fellowship by working together toward common goals.

The camaraderie, lifetime friendships, skills and leadership experiences make this program rewarding for these young women and men, as well as for their mentors and leaders. The support of the yacht clubs, suppliers, boating community, and the countless volunteers and professionals is greatly appreciated. Their support keeps the SHIPS and vessels afloat and on course. As Sea Scouts say, BRAVO ZULU, job well done.

ROBERT ALLAN II HISTORIC YACHT

ROBERT ALLAN II is believed to be one of the oldest powerboats in Chicago.



The Robert Allan II was designed and built at Chicago's Grebe Boat Yard in 1936. Grebe-built designs were famous for style and quality, and the yard had many famous customers, including the US Navy and the Chicago Police Marine Unit. Boaters who have plied the North Branch of the Chicago River may remember Grebe & Company on the west side of the river just north of the Belmont Bridge. It built its last boat in 1970, but did not finally close until 1994. The site is now occupied by the Belmont River Club townhouse complex.

Originally built for Mrs. Grebe by her husband, Henry, ROBERT ALLAN II is a beamy 40' sedan cruiser, powered by twin Chrysler crowns. With a top speed of 17 knots, she cruises comfortably at 10 knots. The yacht comfortably accommodates up to ten guests in her forward and aft cockpit seats. She sleeps 4 and has a galley with refrigerator, sink and microwave. Moored on E Dock in Montrose Harbor, she is the oldest Grebe afloat.

Built of mahogany on oak frames, the ROBERT ALLAN II has undergone continuous



restoration including rebuilding of both engines and transmissions, replacement of the stem, and, in 2013, replacement of the original teak deck (aft cockpit sole) and steel fuel tanks.

She was owned by the Katz family from the mid-40s to the early 80s and was moored throughout that time in Belmont Harbor. Mr. Solomon Katz named the boat after his two boys, Robert and Allan. Allan Katz has been a member of Chicago Yacht Club since 1974, where he continues as a social member.

During the entire time the boat was owned by the Katz family, Dutch, a paid Captain, skippered her. A well-known fixture of the Chicago yachting scene, Dutch, according to legend, founded a yacht captain's union

in the late 1940s, which consisted solely of Republicans, and meetings were confined to taverns. As far as is known, they never did call a strike.

Acquired by a group of boaters from Action Marine after ten years in dry dock, ROBERT ALLAN II was launched once again on May 31, 1995, the last day of operation for Action Marine.

Several years ago, Captain Tobi Lindo took on the difficult task of restoring her to her original condition. He continues to update ROBERT ALLAN II while maintaining his commitment to her historic past. She is ideal for cruising the Chicago River, and along with Geoffrey Baer, was the star of the 2005 WTTW - Channel 11 documentary, Chicago by Boat.

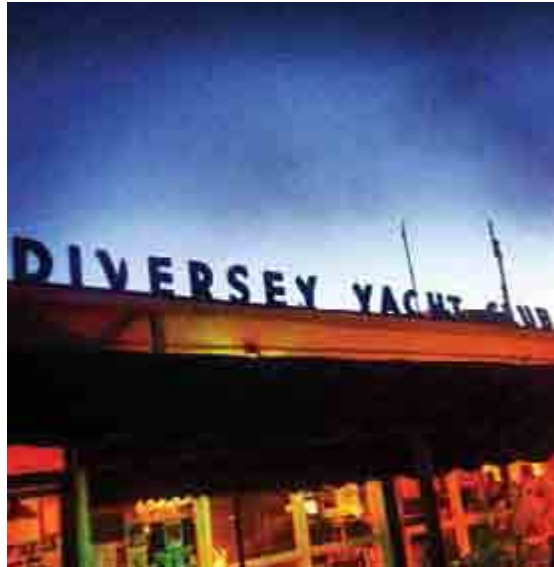
If you want to turn back the clock, there is one side of Chicago which is pretty much as it was 77 years ago - the east side: water then and now. When you are on the Lake in the ROBERT ALLAN II, you have, for a moment, stopped time.



DIVERSEY YACHT

By Kathy Abdul, Rear Commodore and Rob Martucci, Vice Commodore

Diversey Yacht Club had a very eventful boating season this year just like every other yacht club on Lake Michigan.



Once again our annual **Steak Frys** were held from November to March on the 2nd Friday of each month. Boating friends from many of our neighboring harbors drove down Fullerton Ave. to Cannon Drive to join us. Your presence was appreciated and everyone should consider attending a Diversey Yacht Club Steak Fry this year as this is an excellent opportunity to keep our boating spirit alive during our colder months.

Because our Steak Frys became so popular, our board decided to spread the fun to the boating season. **Grill nights** began this year in April and these events have been well received by our members and their guests. Just as in the off season, the 2nd Friday of each month our outside grills are fired up and our members and their guests enjoy good food, good conversation and the beautiful view of Diversey Harbor and the skyline of Chicago.

Lively entertainment filled our yacht club every Saturday and Sunday this season. Our members enjoyed our fun activities, and we shared a strong sense of community involvement. This past winter, Sharon Minoso headed up our Toys for Tots toy drive; additionally we held a food and clothing drive for Cornerstone Community Outreach in Uptown. Our 2013-14 charitable effort will support **Sarah's Circle** as we will be coordinating an event with this women's shelter, Toys for Tots, and St. Thomas Parish.

Our harbor also received some attention this spring with our annual **harbor clean up day**. The Chicago Park District, Westrec, the Chicago Fire Department Scuba Team and several certified divers spent a cold day pulling out debris from the harbor bottom. Additionally, our four flower beds were raked, mulched and replanted in spring, lending the colors of spring and summer to our facility.

Fleet cruises took our members to three harbors on Lake Michigan. Hammond, Indiana, Racine, Wisconsin and Benton Harbor, Michigan were the designated destinations this season. Fleet cruises are a fun way to meet boaters around our lake. Where are we going next year? You will have to check our website in spring for details.

Several **theme parties** are scheduled throughout the year including the Lobster Love, Superbowl, St. Patrick's Day and Kentucky Derby theme parties. The annual Children's Party is one of the favorite events where we 'dunk' our commodore, children eat hot dogs, get their faces painted, bound in the bouncing pit and splash down the waterslide. This event entertains not only the children, but members as well. The **Air and Water Show** is an August favorite as the planes and jets fly right over the harbor giving everyone a unique perspective of the show.

Special thanks go out to our Bridge and Board of Directors for their ideas and efforts in helping Diversey Yacht Club continue to grow and improve. These individuals keep the fun going all year round.

To keep up with all of our activities, visit our website and check us out - diverseyyachtclub.com

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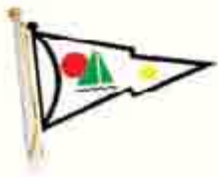
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HAMMOND YACHT CLUB

By John Botich, Commodore

The summer of 2013 sure took a long time to arrive in northwest Indiana.

Regardless, the membership at the Hammond Yacht Club continued to move forward enjoying the days that kept many of us in or near the harbor. Since Hammond Marina is protected by a large break wall about a mile out into Lake Michigan, a submerged wall just outside the marina, and finally the marina break wall, the beach was sometimes our best option considering all those days of north and northeast winds. Our membership made the best of the weather with many activities in and around the marina thanks to events coordinated by Susan Tabers of the Hammond Port Authority and the Flag Officers and Directors of the Hammond Yacht Club.

The 2013 season welcomed Daniel and Raul Vasquez from the popular local restaurant **Grillers** located in nearby Whiting, Indiana. Grillers took over our kitchen duties and made some changes which turned out to be a plus for the Hammond Yacht Club. The menu Daniel brought in consisted of a much healthier way of eating with less fried food and more grilling for our members to enjoy. It seems as though this is

what our membership was looking for since our revenue took a turn for the better. Now that our members are eating more in the club and slip holders are calling for orders to go, our club has seen an upswing in the right direction. Thank you to our Bar Manager Joan Klodnicki, Grillers, the HYC staff, and the Hammond Port Authority for a job well done making for a successful 2013 season.

The Hammond Marina was named the first **Clean Green Marina in the State of Indiana in 2010**. The marina continues that status. Most recently, the Director of the Hammond Port Authority, Milan Kruszyński was given the **2013 State Trail Worker Award** for the State of Indiana. Milan handles the operations and maintenance of eight miles of trails that lead to the Hammond Marina. Milan's main concern has always been the environment surrounding the Hammond Marina. I have been to numerous Port Authority meetings and have witnessed the actual concern that Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. and the Hammond Port Authority have regarding the environment surrounding our jewel on the lake, the Hammond Marina.

Stop by for a visit; we welcome you.





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Post-holiday sales aren't the only deals to be found during the winter months. Starting in January, and running all winter-long, boat shows take place across the country. They offer some of the best pricing and incentives of the year – a major draw for the 88 million Americans who take to the water each year. For those ready to plan their summer fun, Chicago's boat shows are the place to start.

The **Progressive Insurance Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show and Progressive Insurance Strictly Sail Chicago** each offer a different appeal and sales on everything for boating, sailing, fishing, RV, and outdoor enthusiasts, plus a variety of attractions and education to engage visitors in the boating and outdoor lifestyles, indoors!

Discover Boating, the national awareness program to help get people on the water, offers the following tips to make your dreams of owning a boat a reality:

- Do that nautical homework. Before attending the Progressive Insurance Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show or Strictly Sail Chicago, do a little research and have a plan. Spend time on DiscoverBoating.com to research different types of boats that fit your budget and lifestyle with a new boat selector tool or use the loan calculator to estimate monthly payments. You can also pre-shop each show by visiting www.chicagoboatshow.com and www.strictlysailchicago.com.
- Try out the Chicago boating lifestyle. Boat shows are a great place for beginners to not only learn about the boat buying process but also about everything the boating lifestyle has to offer. Discover Boating's "Welcome to the Water Center" is offered at both shows and gives unbiased advice for boating information and how to make the most of your time on the water. They also offer boater education – from getting a captain's license to learning how to dock a boat, as well as displays of boats that can be financed for \$250 a month or less.

SHOW INFORMATION:

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www.ChicagoBoatShow.com

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www.StrictlySailChicago.com

- Get your feet wet. Chicago's boat shows bring the great outdoors indoors, creating an environment to enjoy the sights and sounds of summer. Whether it's power boats, RVs or sailboats you're looking for, both shows offer affordable admission prices and an array of activities (often at no additional cost) including: scuba diving, fishing for kids, a remote controlled sailing pond, paddle sports, a life-size pirate ship, sailing simulators, educational seminars, giveaways and much more. Plus, it's a great place to meet other boaters as many make their local boat show a winter rendezvous.
- Look for the seal of approval. Keep an eye out for a few key "seals of approval" when shopping the show. Marine Five Star Certified Dealers are retailers who have made a commitment to making the buying and maintenance of a boat both pleasant experiences. Boats marked NMMA Certified have met strict industry product quality standards.

If you're ready to buy that boat or RV, be sure to pre-shop the show by visiting www.ChicagoBoatShow.com and www.StrictlySailChicago.com, where you can plan ahead and browse the greatest deals on hundreds of brands and models, in addition to scheduling dealer appointments onsite or at the dealership.

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JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

This year marks the 117th season of the Jackson Park Yacht Club and although the season got off to a rocky start, it has shaped up to be a great year and an important turning point for our Club.

Record low water levels and a two year hiatus from dredging had us wondering if the harbor was going to be accessible by any sailing vessel this season. The Club also lost its new Commodore to a dream job down state. It seemed uncertainty was our course, but in the spirit of any rough crossing, we pressed on with our eyes fixed on the horizon. In the spring, the dredging began and so did the rain - and then more rain. I suppose an apology is in order. While many yachtsmen cursed the rainy spring weather, we at JPYC continued our "Rain Dance" with the hope it would save our season, and it did. As the saying goes "a rising tide floats all boats." It also floated our docks, easing their near vertical catwalks but, more importantly, raising our spirits. The new JPYC Bridge was soon in place and we were ready for opening day. This year's ceremony had a special tribute to an extraordinary member, Wendy Adelson, whose contributions to our Club will not soon be forgotten.

Jackson Park Yacht Club was host to several great events this year. We kicked things off with the Island Party in mid-June featuring Jasper Stone and the Caribbean Kings. In July, a new venue at 31st Street Harbor made the Blues Fest a night to remember. We danced under the stars on J dock with the backdrop of the shimmering city, while Fernando Jones gave us a healthy dose of Chicago blues. In August, Joan Collaso brought down a full house with her jazz stylings on the Club lawn. September ushered in the first annual Clam Bake on Flamingo Beach where bon fires and The Beach Boys set the mood as we dined on a melody of clams, mussels, shrimp and lobster. October Fest was a true taste of Bavaria with bratwursts, kraut, German potato salad, and a difficult to pronounce assortment of beers. Finally, we wrapped it all up with our annual Halloween Party followed by the flotilla of late season sailors on a Sunday morning river cruise.

The longstanding tradition of racing was alive and well this season. The JPYC Wednesday night beer can races saw increased participation and competitive spirit. Jackson Park also hosted the annual Lutz Race out of 31st Street Harbor. Racers had the option of an Olympic style up-wind down-wind or long distance course. The annual Raske Race from Michigan City provided a fast and friendly port to port on a spectacular Sunday morning. The South Lake Series' Hackel Cup was again retained by the JPYC through a fierce match up with the Hammond Yacht Club. Labor Day weekend gave JPYC the chance to bring Tristate racers home from St. Joseph on Sunday and Michigan City on Monday. All of this was made possible by our Fleet Captain Janet Hansen and the dedicated Race Committee members who managed all the Club races and many other circles this summer throughout Area III.

Members and guests enjoyed a host of services and amenities this season. The galley extended the weekend brunch services until mid-October and continued Saturday night dinners through September. New to the Club this year, Skyline Sailing School offered sailing

lessons for groups and individuals both in the classroom and on the water. Seasoned skippers had access to several Club boats including our new 25 foot O'Day, and Club bicycles provided opportunities to enjoy the lakefront and stay fit as well. As always, mast stepping and a fully outfitted tool shed served our membership with convenience and support to keep them on the water and sailing fast.

By all accounts it was a great season. We welcomed many new members and hosted many new activities and events. The Club continues to be a destination where great people come to have a great time. In as much as things may change at our Club and in yachting across the country, we stand on a simple tradition of Corinthian Spirit, which was perfectly articulated 75 years ago in the forward of our Club Manual:

"The Jackson Park Yacht Club was incorporated June 3, 1896 and is now entering upon its 44th year with enviable tradition and a long record of service to yachtsmen. It owes no man anything. Its officers have served without compensation and with high regard for its welfare. The cooperation of all members is necessary to provide the greatest good for the greatest number. May the Jackson Park Yacht Club live long and honorably continue its traditions and service to yachting and to the Nation."

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THE JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

Albert Niedzinski, Past Commodore

At the end of the 2012 season, Gregory Golabek, at that time our Vice Commodore, convinced the membership that the time had come for the Joseph Conrad Yacht Club to relocate to a new home on the lakefront.

This dream had been pursued by many Past Commodores without success. Greg spearheaded a lengthy search for a suitable houseboat, taking him and Past Commodore Al Niedzinski as far as southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Finally, a houseboat was found in ...Fox Lake. By that time Gregory was elected as our new Commodore. Greg and several members worked tirelessly during the early spring months, putting in hundreds if not thousands of man-hours, gutting and rebuilding the interior, electrical and mechanicals. Numerous other members, too many to list, donated their money, time, or both. Finally in June, the Club ship, aptly named **Konrad**, was launched at Larsen Marine and motored down to its new berth at the 31st Street Harbor. Westrec and the Harbormaster, Mark Dryder, provided a very friendly reception and a wonderful location for our new home. Thanks to our Commodore's vision, drive and truly tremendous personal effort, both in time and money, the Joseph Conrad Yacht Club, after nearly 44 years, finally has a home on the lakefront.

On July 6th we held an official christening ceremony at the 31st Street Harbor, attended by well over 200 members, families and well-wishers. We were thrilled that the Polish Consul General in Chicago, the Honorable Paulina Kapuscinska agreed to be the sponsor of Konrad, and formally christened our new headquarters with a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne. The party was a great success and went on well into the night. Once again, sailors proved they're a hardy bunch - all were ready for the next morning's event, the first race of the season - the Regatta for the Commodore's Gold Button. The event was well attended, with several boats competing for the coveted prize.

Our next club event was held on the 24th of August, the Joseph Conrad Yacht Club's Regatta for the Ambassador's Cup. The trophy was funded by His Excellency Ryszard Schnepf, the Ambassador of the Republic



of Poland, who came from Washington to view our regatta and present the trophy to the winner. This regatta was particularly well attended, with around 15 boats racing, from Grand Prix boats to cruisers. The competition was fierce, and much fun was had by all. Due to the success of these events we were able to increase our membership roster by over 20 new members, and we hope the new club ship will serve as an inducement for many more new members to join.

There were many other activities in which JCYC members were involved. Several members of the club participated in this year's Mac and Nood Regattas. We held our annual Old Boys Cruise in September, where, as the name implies, many senior members of the club, including several Past Commodores participated. The weather cooperated and it was a wonderful event. As in past years, some members' boats were used in fundraising efforts by "Stokrotki," a Polish not-for-profit for breast cancer research.

We were honored to host the committee for this year's Venetian Night. We hope CYA and the committee found our humble club ship adequate, and we would be very happy to

serve in the same capacity if Venetian Night is held at the 31st Street Harbor next year.

As usual, some Club members started their season in the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands; while others toiled away on cold early spring days in the yards, preparing boats for the coming season. Of note, our Past Commodore, Kris Kaminski, had an excellent racing season. His Grand

Prix 50 boat, **Husaria**, a Farr 47, and its crew acquitted themselves extremely well. They participated in the St. Thomas 40th Anniversary International Rolex Regatta, where they took third place overall. In a series of 5 races, they placed 3rd in the first three races and 2nd in the last two races. The boat was sailed to Chicago up the East Coast to St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. Before arriving in Chicago, they took part in the Ontario 300 Regatta, where they took line honors. Next, they raced in the Tristate Regatta where they came in fourth over the line on the Chicago to St. Joseph leg. **Husaria** performed even better during the second and third legs; they were the first monohull across the line in both races. Kris plans to keep the boat in Chicago next season and to participate in the major regattas, such as the Mac, Verve, Nood, etc.

The Club will hold its annual end of the season banquet in November which will be the start of several fundraising events during the winter to help defray the costs of our new headquarters. Coming up next year is the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Club. This will be the centerpiece of next year's social calendar.

JCYC would like to use this opportunity to thank the Chicago Yachting Association and Scott Stevenson of Westrec for their support and guidance in the process of placing our new club ship at the 31st Street Harbor.

Southern Shore Yacht Club Celebrating our 101st Year



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MUSEUM SHORES YACHT CLUB

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Commodore Hardy White.

Museum Shores Yacht Club is the little club with a big heart that believes in giving back to their neighbors and the community. Tucked away behind the Museum of Science and Industry this special boating club welcomes all who enter with wonderful food, camaraderie and fabulous music!

The sound of smooth jazz can be heard on summer nights coming from the harbor hosting live jazz sets weekly. Other events take place, some scheduled and others spontaneous, that support the Club and the community.

Museum Shores is one of the Clubs that has suffered the most with the low lake levels. Many of the boats were stuck in the harbor in the fall of 2012. The distress in the harbor was really surprising considering that all boats in 59th Street are power

boats due to the bridged entrance. They had to wait for an east wind to bring enough water in so they could exit the harbor. Spring did not bring enough relief, and several boats had to be relocated to other harbors. Dredging has helped, but Museum Shores is still at the whim of Mother Nature.

Thank you Museum Shores Yacht Club for your contribution to Chicago boating and the Jackson Park community. A special thank you goes to Hardy White for stepping up as Commodore once again.

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- 2010 DON DRAPER (SAIL) COLYC
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SOUTHERN SHORE YACHT CLUB

By Kerry V. Isom, Commodore



I am writing this article for the last time as Commodore of Southern Shore Yacht Club (SSYC).

I've served this club for the last three years. I must say, I've enjoyed every moment of serving as Commodore of SSYC. There have been a few issues, but my board and club members helped to tackle all. If I had not served as Commodore, I would not have met so many wonderful individuals and developed such great personal friendships. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Southern Shore Yacht Club as well as the members of the Chicago Yachting Association for making my tenure a very pleasant one.

In 2012 Southern Shore Yacht Club celebrated 100 years of existence. Wow, how many Commodores can say that? I am thankful that I was a part of that celebration. I would like to thank Vice Commodore Larue Watson for his hard work to make the event successful.

Mother Nature was not too kind to us this past boating season, but we still managed to have a good time. This year brought new boaters to the Jackson Park Inner Harbor whose previous home was 59th Street. We are happy to have them as a part of the Southern Shore Yacht Club family.

Of course, the second Tuesday of each month (April – October) is our famous Steak Fry. Dwayne Digby, the Rear Commodore, did an excellent job as each month we were entertained and enjoyed a delicious meal. One month it may have been a reggae band, the next month it may have been a calypso band or a blues band; whatever the case, our members and guests danced the night away.

As in past years, each dock hosted individual dock parties. The club hosted our annual NFC/AFC Chili cook off, as well as a boxing fight party. A good time was had by all who attended, and when they left everyone was asking when the next event would be.

On a very sad note, I must mention the untimely death of two very close friends to our harbor; Wayne Gordan and Orville Maclin. Wayne Gordan was the assistant to our Harbor Master Nancy David. Wayne always had a smile on his face and was always willing to help in whatever capacity. Wayne's friendly face and kind heart will truly be missed at the SSYC Club for years to come.

Orville Maclin was a member of our club for 8 years. He served as membership director and entertainment director. Orville made new friends wherever he went. People were drawn to Orville's broad smile and sense of humor. Orville was a true friend to all and his loving heart will be missed by all who knew him. I had the honor and privilege of working alongside Orville on the board and truly am grateful for the time I spent in his company.

On October 20th, 2013, Southern Shore Yacht Club installed a new board of directors:

Commodore - Larue Watson

Vice Commodore - Dwayne Digby

Rear Commodore - George McGuire

Treasurer - Joe Dimatoc

Secretary - Tanya Ridgeway

Directors: Eschol Hall, Fred Davis, Glen Foster, and Donnie Simmons.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Commodore Watson and the Board of Directors a very successful year.

Lastly I would like to thank Past Commodores Ray Grana, Roland Wright, and Sandra Smith for being there when I needed them. At times, my Past Commodores didn't think I was listening to ALL of their advice, but I always valued their experience. I took the wisdom they shared with me into consideration whenever there was an issue I couldn't resolve. I am proud to say that with the help of my Past Commodores the club is strong and striving. As a result of new ideas from Past Commodores and current members, our overall membership has increased over the last year. I am very happy to now be a part of the Past Commodore Club. I will sit back, relax and do what all Past Commodores do in continuing to assist the club.

Again, I've enjoyed being Commodore over the past three years. I've experienced good times and not so good times, but I can honestly say the good times far outweigh the not so good times. I am looking forward to seeing the new administration at work.

See you on the docks.

MIDWEST OPEN RACING FLEET

By Peter Cooper

Chicago's Midwest Open Racing Fleet (MORF), in its 55th season, is an all-volunteer organization of members donating their time to organize and run races and a social program for themselves.

Chicago's Midwest Open Racing Fleet (MORF), in its 55th season, is an all-volunteer organization of members donating their time to organize and run races and to manage and arrange a social program for themselves.

The racing model is one fee per season. All the sailors have to do is just show up and race. Boats are placed in an appropriate PHRF fleet based on PHRF ratings from 48 to over 200. The average PHRF rating is just over 100, but it is dropping each year as the MORF fleet gets faster. There are divisions for jib and main, spinnaker and multi-hulls. Unlike racing nationwide, MORF membership and participation have been stable over the last 5 seasons with a fleet of 60 boats and 400 participants in the more than 30 MORF run races each season. MORF also participates in Wednesday night Beer Can racing with about one third of all racers scored in MORF in addition to their yacht clubs.

In March, before the racing season began, MORF held a sail repair workshop run by and held at the UK Halsey sail loft. The event was well attended and appreciated by MORF racers, and we are planning something similar for next season. The painful bit, for me, was watching my very old #2 being cut-up for hands on repair practice. (Yes, UK had already built me a new one.)

The six-race MORF Long Distance Series was run this season largely together with Area III. MORF ran Area III races around a 20 mile course, to and from St Joseph in June, and was a section of the Michigan City Yacht Club's Area III PHRF races to and from Michigan City in August, where MORF comprised half of the fleet. All races were dual scored for Area III and MORF. The result was a larger fleet and more competition for everyone. We hope to expand this next season.

Two Flying Tigers are now racing in MORF when the weather cooperates for them. Together with our longtime Columbia 30 in MORF this makes for an interesting mixed fleet of sport-boats and lead-mines. Early results seem to show that when we have San Diego weather the "cats" can't be caught but when the wind really blows, lead is good. MORF instituted an experimental division this season to allow newer boats (e.g., J/70s and similar boats) to race around the buoys without meeting all of the offshore equipment requirements.

The final race of the five race Lady Skipper Series is in September. These races require a woman at the helm from warning to finish. Eleven boats have raced in this series including two trimarans and one boat that joined MORF this season specifically for this series. More are welcome.

As I write this, the MORF's September sailing frenzy is beginning with 11 races scheduled in the month. (It's going to be a long winter!) The MORF Commodore's Cup, a three race weekend and party, will have its qualifiers determined in the last four point races in early September. The MORF Open, our traditional season ending three race weekend and party for all MORF and Area III racers, is very late this season due to the calendar. Hopefully the weather will encourage boats to stay in the water to race in the last days of September.

For over a half century, MORF has maintained a vibrant and winning combination of member involvement, competition, social and network interactions, and more is coming as we plan our 56th season. Additional information can be found at www.morfracing.org.



2013 RACE RESULTS

BELMONT YACHT CLUB

There and Back Shorthanded Regatta

AUGUST 4

SINGLE-HANDED

1st Compensable Jeffrey Stack

DOUBLE-HANDED

1st Songline Mike Abbey
2nd Ratty David C. Brezina
3rd Jahazi Frank Giampoli

BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB

Zukasky Memorial

AUGUST 19

T-10

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

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Spring Opener

MAY 25

T-10

1st Lightning Bob Warnecke/
Steve Karstrand
2nd Winnebago Tim Rathbun
3rd Cheap Thrill Nancy + Tim
Snyder

FLEET-PHRF

1st Wooton William H. Smith
2nd Full Tilt Peter Priede &
Roy Stewart
3rd Vayu Ron Buzil

BEN 40.7

1st Vayu Ron Buzil

Olympic Cup

MAY 26

T-10

1st Out of the Blue Brian Kennalley,
Ed Mui,
Craig Roehl
2nd Winnebago Tim Rathbun
3rd Skidmarks Lou Jacob

FLEET PHRF

1st Mutiny John Schellenbach
2nd Eleanor Rigby Rick, Bobby &
Kelly Jean Reed
3rd Imedi Mark Hauf

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st Imedi Mark Hauf

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st Eagle Jerry &
Shawn O'Neill

Hobelman Regatta

JUNE 16

T-10

1st Retention Mark Croll
2nd Mutiny John
Schellenbach
3rd Skidmarks Lou Jacob

FLEET PHRF

1st Retention Mark Croll
2nd Mutiny John
Schellenbach
3rd Lightning Bob Warnecke/
Steve Karstrand

Windy City Team Race

JUNE 22-23

1st Red Nate Hollerbach,
Conor Corgard,
Ian Hollerbach
2nd Black Ned Turney,
Michael Whitford,
Dustin Domer
3rd Ubuntu Jacob Karlin,
Ben Marden,
Andy Graff
4th Nagawicka Burmese
All-Stars Lu Han, Steve
Anderson, Ryan
Grosch
5th My Couch Pulls Out,
But I Don't Andy Camarda,
Scott Eisenhardt,
Brendan Kopp

Waukegan to Chicago

JUNE 23

T-10

1st Wombat Art Strilky
2nd Mutiny John
Schellenbach
3rd Grytviken Piotr Madrzyk

J/105

1st Y-not Ginny Waskel

PHRF-SPIN 1

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

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st Scout Dorsey Ruley
2nd Eagles Wings John J. Gottwald
3rd Renegade Thomas Papoutsis

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st Northstar David Gustman
2nd Regardless Team Regardless
3rd Liberty2 Tom & Ginny
Blasco

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st Radiance Benjamin White

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st Lugnuts Tom Dickson
2nd Encore Peter Schwarzbach

BEN 40.7

1st Turning Point David Hardy
2nd Wired Brian Angioletti

District 4 Star Championship

JULY 26-28

Skipper

1st Tom Londrigan
2nd Donny Massey
3rd Greg Smith

Crew

Steve Cutting
Isao Toyama
Kelly Belco

Tschudy Women's Regatta

JULY 27

1st Yahoo Carrie Camarda
2nd White Dominique Z.
3rd Sweet Liz Johnson

Gim Hobelman One Design Regatta

AUGUST 17-18

RHODES 19

1st WWIT John Durlak
2nd Sweet John Walter
3rd Peter Pan Peter Kovats

Kaczmarek Cup

AUGUST 25

T-10

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

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st Inferno Phillip Dowd

BEN 40.7

1st Vayu Ron Buzil
2nd LaTempete Tom Weber

Red Flannels Lightning Regatta

SEPTEMBER 21-22

LIGHTNING FLEET 5

Skipper	Crew
1st Todd Wake	Kristine Wake, Doug Wake
2nd Bill Faude	Mary Corkell, Jared Drake
3rd Richard Walsh	Alex Cox, Ben Vannieowenhuizen

J/70 OVERALL RESULTS

Skipper	Crew
1st Martin Johnsson	Jorgen Johnsson, August Hernandez, Sue O'Neil
2nd Amy Neil	John Baxter, Dave Scott, Michael Whitford
3rd Andrea Krasinski	Todd Handen, Erica Trejo, Kyle

Wednesday Evening A Series

MAY 22 - JUNE 19

SPINNAKER SECTION 7

1st Gremlin	Haugen
2nd No Problem	Deutsch
3rd Circus	Calto

SPINNAKER SECTION 6

1st Vayu	Buzil
2nd Messy Jessy	Candea
3rd Y-Not	Waskel

T-10

1st Odyssey	Beitel
2nd Yellow Mellow	Emmerich

Wednesday Evening B Series

JUNE 26 - JULY 24

SPINNAKER SECTION 7

1st Gremlin	Haugen
2nd No Problem	Deutsch
3rd Saucy	Lewis

SPINNAKER SECTION 6

1st Messy Jessy	Candea
2nd Y-Not	Waskel

T-10

1st Honey Badger	Kane
2nd Sassafras	Barch

Wednesday Evening C Series

JULY 31 - AUGUST 28

SPINNAKER SECTION 7

1st Ying Yang	Soya
2nd No Problem	Deutsch
3rd Saucy	Lewis

SPINNAKER SECTION 6

1st Wooton	Candea
2nd Vayu	Buzil
3rd Bandit	Eiesland
4th Radiance	White

T-10

1st Yellow Mellow	Emmerich
2nd Mash	Kallen
3rd Sassafras	Barch

Hobelman Moonlight Series

SEPTEMBER 4 - 25

1st Radiance	White
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Pursuit Series

SEPTEMBER 7 - 28

1st Bandit	Eiesland
2nd Honey Badger	Kane
3rd Yellow Mellow	Emmerich
4th Radiance	White

Rhodes 19 Championship A Series

MAY - JULY

1st White	Bob Bernstein
2nd Yahoo	Vince Camarda
3rd Sweet	John Walter

Rhodes 19 Championship B Series

JULY - SEPTEMBER

1st Yahoo	Vince Camarda
2nd White	Bob Bernstein
3rd Sweet	John Walter

Rhodes 19 Evening Series

MAY - JULY

1st White	Bob Bernstein
2nd Yahoo	Vince Camarda
3rd Peter Pan	Peter Kovats

Rhodes 19 Sunset Series

JULY - AUGUST

1st White	Bob Bernstein
2nd Sweet	John Walter
3rd Yahoo	Vince Camarda

CHICAGO MATCH RACE CENTER

Spring Invitational, Grade Three

MAY 18 - 19

1st	Ryan Davidson - San Diego, CA
2nd	Don Wilson - Chicago, IL
3rd	Will Cyr - Detroit, MI
4th	Nathan Hollerbach - Detroit, MI
5th	Val Smith - Chicago, IL
6th	Clinton Hayes - San Francisco, CA
7th	Hans Pusch - Chicago, IL
8th	Dierk Polzin - Madison, WI
9th	Lars Hansen - Wayzata, MN
10th	Ned Turney - Chicago, IL

US Women's Match Racing Championship, Grade Three

JUNE 13 - 16

1st	Jen Wilson - Chicago, IL
2nd	Stephanie Roble - Chicago, IL
3rd	Katie Maxim - Napa, CA
4th	Sandy Hayes - Scituate, MA
5th	Madeline Gill - Oyster Bay, NY
6th	Shala Lawrence - San Diego, CA
7th	Rachel Austin - OH, USA
8th	Clerc Cooper - New Orleans, LA

July Double-header A, Grade Three

JULY 18 - 19

1st	Don Wilson - Chicago, IL
2nd	Peter Holz - Wilmette, IL
3rd	Brendan Kopp - Chicago, IL
4th	David Storrs - Southport, CT
5th	Lance Fraser - Bermuda
6th	Magnus Sandberg - Ontario, CAN
7th	Mark Johnson - Madison, WI
8th	Michael Whitford - Chicago, IL
9th	Jonathan Hammond - Oyster Bay, NY

July Double-header B, Grade Three

JULY 20-21

1st	Don Wilson - Chicago, IL
2nd	Magnus Sandberg - Ontario, CAN
3rd	David Storrs - Southport, CT
4th	Lance Fraser - Bermuda
5th	Steven Lowery - Chicago, IL
6th	Brendan Kopp - Chicago, IL
7th	Peter Holz - Wilmette, IL
8th	David Niemann - Madison, WI
9th	Jonathan Hammond - Oyster Bay, NY
10th	Phil Morely - Madison, WI

August Grand Slam, Grade Two

AUGUST 16 - 18

1st	Taylor Canfield - St. Thomas, USVI
2nd	Chris Steele - Auckland, NZL
3rd	Tim Coltman - Wellington, NZL
4th	Niulai Sehested - Copenhagen, DK
5th	David Storrs - Southport, CT
6th	Dustin Durant - Long Beach, CA
7th	Ashlen Rooklyn - Sydney, AUS
8th	Chris Poole - Marblehead, MA
9th	David Gilmour - Perth, AUS
10th	Stephanie Roble - Chicago, IL
11th	Peter Holz - Wilmette, IL
12th	Magnus Sandberg - Ontario, CAN

Alpari World Match Race Tour, Chicago Match Cup

AUGUST 6 - 11

1st	Taylor Canfield – USVI
2nd	Keith Swinton – AUS
3rd	Bjorn Hansen – SWE
4th	Ian Williams – GBR
5th	Pierre Antoine Morvan – FRA
6th	Phil Robertson – NZL
7th	Adam Minoprio – NZL
8th	William Tiller – NZL
9th	Johnie Berntsson – SWE
10th	Gavin Brady – USA
11th	Don Wilson – USA
12th	Jordan Reece – AUS

September Double-header A, Grade Three

SEPTEMBER 26 - 27

1st	David Chapman – Sydney, Australia
2nd	David Storrs – Southport, CT
3rd	Maximillian Soh – Singapore
4th	Brendan Kopp – Chicago, IL
5th	Judge Ryan – San Diego, CA
6th	Matthew Graham – Ann Arbor, MI
7th	Chantal Hearst – Ontario, CAN
8th	Jonathan Hammond – Oyster Bay, NY

September Double-header B, Grade Three

SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

1st	Maximillian Soh – Singapore
2nd	Don Wilson – Chicago, IL
3rd	Nathan Hollerbach – Chicago, IL
4th	David Storrs – Southport, CT
5th	Tyler Rice – St. Thomas, USVI
6th	Brendan Kopp – Chicago, IL
7th	Jonathan Hammond – Oyster Bay, NY
8th	Matthew Graham – Ann Arbor, MI
9th	Peter Holz – Wilmette, IL
10th	Chantal Hearst – Ontario, CAN

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

Great Lakes Championship

NOVEMBER 10 - 11, 2012

1st	Minnetonka
2nd	Oconomowoc
3rd	Lake Forest High School

Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta

NOVEMBER 19 - 20, 2012

A DIVISION

1st	Wisconsin
2nd	Minnesota
3rd	Michigan

B DIVISION

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

2012 Fall Frostbite

OCTOBER 7 - NOVEMBER 18

VANGUARD 15

1st	Val Smith
2nd	Lu Han
3rd	Andy Camarda

420

1st	Bill Mercer
2nd	John Schellenbach
3rd	Greg Tabb

LASER

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

SONAR

1st	Stan Mehaffey, Steve Dorfman
2nd	Molly McMahon, Tim Snyder

Spring Frostbite

MARCH 10 - APRIL 28

LASER

1st	Rick Strilky
2nd	Andrew Aronson
3rd	Robert Christie

VANGUARD 15

1st	Val Smith
2nd	Lu Han
3rd	Andy Camarda

420

1st	Charlie Koules
2nd	David Imrem
3rd	Phil Boardman

SONAR AM

1st	Michael Reagan
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SONAR PM

1st	Molly McMahon / Tim Snyder
2nd	Andrea Krasinski / Ted Towey
3rd	Steve Dorfman / Stan Mehaffey

High School Ice Breaker

MARCH 23 - 24

1st	New Trier
2nd	Minnetonka Blue
3rd	Mahtomedi

High School Invitational

APRIL 6 - 7

1st	Minnetonka
2nd	Lake Forest
3rd	New Trier Green

Vlad Kobal Regatta

MAY 4 - 5

LASER

1st	Matt Woodworth
2nd	Roman Plutenko
3rd	Rick Strilky

VANGUARD 15

1st	Jacob Karlin
2nd	Lu Han
3rd	Andy Camarda

Mallory Championship

MAY 11 - 12

1st	Antilles School
2nd	Cape Cod Academy
3rd	Hotchkiss School

Commodore's Cup

MAY 19

T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Mutiny	John Schellenbach

FLEET PHRF

1st	Mutiny	John Schellenbach
2nd	Imedi	Mark Hauf
3rd	Lightning	Bob Warnecke/ Steve Karstrand

BEN 36.7

1st	Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon
2nd	Split Decision	Mark D. Norris

NOOD Regatta

JUNE 7 - 9

BEN 36.7

1st	Shamrock	Mark Davis
2nd	As You Wish	John Heaton
3rd	Maggie Mae	Peter/Dan Wright

BEN 40.7

1st	Spanker	D & J McDonnell
2nd	La Tempete	Thomas Weber
3rd	Sociable	Robert Arzbaecher

GREAT LAKES 36/FLYING TIGER 10

1st	Surface Tension	Jeffrey Schaefer
2nd	China Buffet	Team All U Can Eat
3rd	Painkiller	Joel Carroll

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	Striking	Michael Tuman
3rd	Here's Johnny	John Moore

J/109

1st	Momentum	Kevin Saedi
2nd	Vanda III	Jack Toliver
3rd	Full Tilt	Peter Priede

J/111

1st	Kashmir	Karl Brummel, Steve Henderson, Mike Mayer
2nd	Wooton	William Smith
3rd	Night Hawk	Dabrowski/Edman

T-10

1st	Honey Badger	Thomas Kane
2nd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
3rd	Norboy	Leif Sigmond

ORR 1

1st	Details	Lance Smotherman
2nd	Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda
3rd	Thirsty Tiger	Bert D'Ottavio

ORR 2

1st	Eagle	Shawn/Jerry O'Neill
2nd	Inferno	Phillip Dowd
3rd	Painkiller 4	Alice Martin

PHRF 1

1st Scout	Dorsey Ruley
2nd Majic	Bill Hoyer
3rd Spirit Walker	Vern McCain

PHRF 2

1st Bad Dog	Larry Taunt
2nd Standard Deviation	Carl Hanssen
3rd Spitfire	James Hellquist

PHRF 3

1st True North	Dan Arntzen
2nd Measure For Measure	Brian Tobin
3rd Planxy	Kate/Dennis Bartley

RHODES 19

1st White	Bob Bernstein
2nd Bozo's Circus	Chris Metcalf
3rd Uno Mas	Gary Scott

VIPER 640

1st Widespread Panic	Tom Peterson
2nd Black Sheep	Darren Gilbert / Steve Gilbert
3rd Preflight	Anthony Bowker

DISTANCE - ORR OFFSHORE

1st Providence	Greg Miarecki
2nd Joie De Vie	Donna Hastings
3rd Regardless	Daniel Griggs

DISTANCE - ORR CRUISING

1st Sheet Music	Gerald Hughes
2nd No Reverse	Bob Horenkamp
3rd Barracuda	David Hughes

DISTANCE - PHRF OFFSHORE

1st Mise En Place	Paul Thompson
2nd Liberty 2	Thomas & Virginia Blasco
3rd Madrugada	Rich Corbett

Melges Gold Cup

JUNE 21 - 23

1st Hoodlum Racing	Paul Hulsey
2nd Rock N Roll	Argyle Campbell
3rd Hedgehog	Alec Cutler

Hamilton Club Trophy

JUNE 28

ORR 1

1st Impeccable	Steve Szczepanski
2nd Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian
3rd Pororoca	Gene McCarthy

ORR 2

1st Sirocco VI	William & Viviana Fanizzo
2nd Painkiller 4	Alice Martin
3rd Slapshot	Scott Sims

ORR 3

1st Rover	Ken Colbert
2nd Providence	Greg Miarecki
3rd On Edge	Steven Dorfman

Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

JUNE 30

1st	Charlie Koules/Kelly Kachidurian
2nd	Eamonn Austin/Meg Kachidurian
3rd	Christian Koules/Kilian White

105th Race to Mackinac

JULY 12 - JULY 16

CHICAGO-MACKINAC TROPHY

Sufficient Reason	Mitchell Padnos & Tracy Brand
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MACKINAC CUP

Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
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ROYONO TROPHY

Windquest	Dick & Doug DeVos
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ILE AUX GALETS CUP

Infinite Diversion	Joseph Haas
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MANITOU PASSAGE TROPHY

Lucky Strike	Fred Ball
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HAROLD L. ASHTON TROPHY

Safir III	Robert E. Radway
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BEN 36.7

1st As You Wish	John Heaton
2nd Maggie Mae	Dan & Peter Wright
3rd Tried & True	Robert K Foley
4th Karma	Lou & Martin Sandoval

BEN 40.7

1st Spanker	Dennis J McDonnell, James McDonnell
2nd Das Boot	Jay & Cindy Muller
3rd Vayu	Ron Buzil
4th Flyswatter	Mark Pirie

CRUISING 1

1st Infinite Diversion	Joseph S Haas
2nd Jug Band	Harry Simmon
3rd Roxy	Don Condit
4th Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
5th Mirage	John Boyle
6th Shoe String	Jay Grizzell

CRUISING 2

1st Intangible	Tom Falck
2nd Elysium 2	Frederick Bally
3rd Hope	Dr. Michael Leland
4th Patriot	Laura Studders
5th Jasmin	David Ormesher, Ted Anderson, Jon Sawyer

DOUBLEHANDED

1st Safir III	Robert E. Radway
2nd TFWB Relentless	George Petritz, Scott Petritz
3rd Loose Shoes	Jonathan & Joan Jacobs, Mark & Grace Thomsen

J105

1st Pterodactyl	Mark Symonds
2nd Striking	Michael Tuman
3rd Sealark	Clark Pellett

J109

1st Realt Na Mara	Tom Londrigan, Joe Londrigan
2nd Vanda III	Jack & Jim Toliver
3rd Northstar	David Gustman

J111

1st Hobgoblin	Richard Hobbs
2nd Nosurprise	David Irish
3rd Wooton	William Smith

LEVEL 35

1st Bozos Circus	Bruce Metcalf
2nd Bad Dog	J. Lawrence Taunt
3rd Captain Blood	Patrick Nelson

MULTIHULL

1st Lucky Strike	Fred Ball
2nd Cheeky	Frederick M. Warner IV
3rd Nelda Ray	Pete Pattullo

SECTION 01

1st Pororoca	Gene McCarthy
2nd Stripes	Bill Martin
3rd Talisman	Bruce Aikens

SECTION 02

1st Kokomo	Wesson Schulz
2nd Hot Lips	Christopher Whitford
3rd Pendragon	Scott Jackman
4th Vortices	Chris Saxton

SECTION 03

1st Spirit Walker	Vern McCain & Bob Hillier
2nd Scout	Dorsey Ruley
3rd Hiwassee	John Bell & Ian Fisher
4th Chaos	Hank Bernbaum & Dr. Keith Schrode

SECTION 04

1st Sufficient Reason	Mitchell Padnos & Tracy Bran
2nd Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
3rd Perseverance	Matthew Songer
4th Mrs Jones	Michael R Jones

SECTION 05

1st Quick Silver	Gintaras Karaitis
2nd Spitfire	James K Hellquist & Erik Hellquist
3rd Bulldog	William Moe
4th Runaway	Tom Gorey

SECTION 06

1st Lady K	Mike Stewart
2nd Absolute	Donald A. Hinckfoot & Art Mason
3rd Tide The Knot	Robert/Connie Metzen
4th Retriever	Matthew W. Beer

SECTION 07

1st Fast Tango	Tim Prophant
2nd Dandelion	Tom Jacobs
3rd Cahoots	Ciechanowski, Schermerhorn, Edmonds
4th Geronimo	Richard Gravengood

SECTION 08

1st Providence	Jerry & Greg Miarecki
2nd Odyssey	David Bohl
3rd Souvenir	Steve Schiller
4th Truant	Walter & Holly Kawula

TARTAN 10

1st Erica	Brian Kaczor & Michael Kaczor
2nd Talisman	Kevin Mehaffey, Brian Mehaffey,
3rd Temerity	Doug Baker
4th Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder
5th Rover	Ken Colbert

TURBO

1st Windquest	Dick & Doug DeVos
2nd Equation	Bill Alcott / Ed Palm / Tom Anderson
3rd Il Mostro	Peter Thornton
4th Denali	Rick Hennig

North American Challenge Cup

JULY 26 - 29

2.4MR

1st Charles Rosenfield
2nd Joseph Hill
3rd Tim Ripley

SONAR

1st Andrew Fisher/Mike Hersey
2nd Jennifer French/Tim French/Scott Ford
3rd Sara Everhart Skeels/Brenda Hopkin/ Brian Skeels

FREEDOM INDEPENDENCE 20

1st Robert E Jones/Ken Kelly
2nd Bridget Bodo/Larry Campbell
3rd Chris Murphy/Donna Demarest

Verve Offshore

AUGUST 9 - 11

J109

1st Storm	Rick Lyall
2nd Hamburg	Albrecht Goethe
3rd Northstar	David Gustman

J111

1st Fleetwing	Henry Brauer
2nd Velocity	Martin Roesch
3rd Lucky Dubie	Len Siegal

GL36/FT10

1st Solitary	Jeremy Alexis
2nd China Buffet	Team All U Can Eat
3rd Rogue	Peter Engel

FARR40

1st Norboy	Leif Sigmond / Marcus Thymian
2nd Inferno	Philip Dowd
3rd Hot Lips	Christopher Whitford

BEN 40.7

1st Vayu	Ron Buzil
2nd La Tempete	Thomas Weber
3rd Spanker	D & J McDonnell

ORR 1

1st Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda
2nd Blue Riptide	Michael Schoendorf
3rd Imedi	Mark Hauf

ORR 2

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

J 105

1st Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd Vytis	Tom & Gyt Petkus
3rd Here's Johnny	John Moore

T-10

1st Honey Badger	Thomas Kane
2nd Retention	Mark Croll
3rd Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

BEN 36.7

1st Shamrock	J. Mark Davis
2nd Tried & True	Robert K. Foley
3rd Maggie Mae	Peter/Dan Wright

ORR 3

1st Bozos Circus	Bruce Metcalf
2nd Big Meanie	James Prendergast
3rd Planxy	Kate/Dennis Bartley

DISTANCE - ORR 1

1st Liberty2	Thomas & Virginia Blasco
2nd Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd Paradigm Shift	Dave Dickerson

DISTANCE - ORR 2

1st On Edge	Steve Dorfman
2nd Radiance	Benjamin White
3rd Och!	Brendon Docherty

DISTANCE - ORR 3

1st Providence	Greg Miarecki
2nd Rover	Ken Colbert
3rd Cyclone	John Madey

J111 North Americans

AUGUST 14 - 18

1st Windczar	Richard Lehmann
2nd Lucky Dubie	Len Siegal
3rd MENTAL	Paul Stahlberg

Verve Inshore

AUGUST 23 - 25

ETCHELLS

1st Lucky	Bryon Ehrhart
2nd Pyrate	Donald Maxwell
3rd Resolute	Mark Teborek

J70

1st Extreme	Dan Cheresh
2nd Catapult	Joel Ronning
3rd CloudSourced	Ronald Copfer

LUDERS 16

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

SHIELDS

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

SOLING

1st Katherine	Steve Dolan
2nd Touch of Gray	John Kennedy
3rd Freia	Stephen Bobo

J24

1st 2XS	Mark Soya
2nd Don't Panic	Richard Graef
3rd Goldrush	Daniel Walsh

COLGATE 26

1st Recess	Nicholas Petrovits
2nd Eclipse	Adam Collins
3rd Meridian	Robert Cohen

LASER

1st USA 196151	Roman Plutenko
2nd Hand Off	Paul Wurtzbech
3rd Water Board	Rick Strilky

VANGUARD 15

1st Condor	Jacob Karlin
2nd USA 1069	Val Smith
3rd Dixie Wrecked	Christopher LaBorde

RHODES 19

1st YAHOO	Vince & Carrie Camarda
2nd Bozo	Chris Metcalf
3rd Rhubarb	Stanley Knapczyk

BEN 36.7 Nationals

SEPTEMBER 4 - 7

1st Grizzly	Charles Bayer
2nd Maggie Mae	Peter/Dan Wright
3rd Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon

Sheldon Clark Regatta

SEPTEMBER 14

ETCHELLS

1st Hokule'a	Richard Sidell
2nd Ve-la	Donald Basler
3rd Free Spirit	Douglas Anderson

LUDERS 16

1st Clipper	William F. Simpson
2nd Away	Mike Cvengros
3rd Wild Irish	Lawrence Weeks

J70

1st Empeiria	John Heaton
2nd Taipan	Lloyd Karzen
3rd Lost Boys	Gary Scott

T 10

1st Honey Badger	Tom Kane
2nd Erica	Brian Kaczor
3rd Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

FARR 40

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

BEN 40.7

1st Das Boot	Jay Muller
2nd Sociable	Robert Arzbacher
3rd LaTempete	Tom Weber

J105

1st Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd Striking	Michael Tuman
3rd The Asylum	Jon Weglarz

ORR 1

1st Eagle	Shawn & Jerry O'Neill
2nd Kashmir	Karl Brummel
3rd Wooton	William Smith

DISTANCE - ORR 1

1st On Edge	Steve Dorfman
2nd Providence	Greg Miarecki
3rd Sirocco VI	William & Viviana Fanizzo

DISTANCE - ORR 2

1st Slapshot	Scott Sims
2nd Northstar	David Gustman
3rd Tequila Mockingbird	Chris Duhon

Talbot Regatta

SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

LASER

1st Rick Strilky
2nd Robert Christie
3rd David Wagner

LASER RADIALS

1st Bruce Martinson
2nd Andrew Aronson
3rd Lawson Levine

VANGUARD 15

1st Mel Levy / Liz Clemons

Autumn Classic

SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

1st Loyola Academy
2nd Arrowhead
3rd Latin

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

Colors Regatta

JUNE 1 - 2

DISTANCE - OFFSHORE

1st Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
2nd Renegade	Thomas Papoutsis

DISTANCE - MAC CRUISING

1st JUG BAND	Harry Simmon
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T-10

1st Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
2nd Erica	Brian & Mike Kaczor
3rd Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder

J/105

1st Striking	Michael Tuman
2nd The Asylum	Jon Weglarz
3rd Sealark	Clark Pellett

J/109

1st Certainly	Donald Meyer
2nd Momentus	Kevin Saedi

J/111

1st Kashmir	Karl Brummel, Steve Henderson, Mike Mayer
2nd Night Hawk	Team Nighthawk Dabrowski/Edman

BEN 36.7

1st FOG	Charlie Wurtzebach/ Mike Bird
2nd Tried & True	Robert K. Foley

BEN 40.7

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

VIPER 640

1st Preflight	Anthony Bowker
1st Eagle	Shawn/Jerry O'Neill
2nd Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda
3rd Painkiller 4	Alice Martin

PHRF

1st Inferno	Phillip Dowd
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Chicago-Michigan City-Chicago

JUNE 28

T-10

1st Wombat	Art Strilky
2nd Out of the Blue	Brian Kennalley, Ed Mui, Craig Roehl

FLEET-PHRF

1st Night Hawk	Edman Dabrowski
2nd JUG BAND	Harry Simmon
3rd Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
4th Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
5th Maskwa	Don Waller
6th Badge	Daniel Koules

PHRF-SPIN 2

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

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st JUG BAND	Harry Simmon
2nd Maskwa	Don Waller
3rd Regardless	Team Regardless

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st Cantankerous	Lewis Noe
2nd Cyclone	John Madey

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
2nd Kuttys Ark	McGinnis-Morrissey
3rd Dobiehouse	Kevin Lynch

BEN 36.7

1st Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin
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Fran Byrne

AUGUST 3

T-10

1st Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
2nd Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
3rd Wombat	Art Strilky

J/105

1st Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd Here's Johnny	John Moore
BEN 40.7	
1st LaTempete	Tom Weber
2nd Turning Point	David Hardy

Chester Kuttner

AUGUST 4

T-10

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

BEN 36.7

1st Tried and True	Robert K. Foley
2nd As You Wish	Sue Hogan, John Heaton, Grace Tsiang

Leukemia Cup

AUGUST 24

JAM 3

1st Allegro	Cary Elmore
2nd Tail's Dragon	Boyd Jarrell
3rd Trident	Jeff, Michele Janicek

JAM 2

1st Kuttys Ark	Joseph McGinnis
2nd Tempest	Hank Kalmus

JAM 1

1st Scout	William Bishop
2nd Mirage	John Boyle
3rd Samba	Travis Wilhite

CATALINA

1st Lite House	Matt Mattern
2nd Karizmaddie	Pat Reynolds
3rd Isis	Bob Moretti

CRUISING SPINNAKER

1st Perico	Ryan Johnson
2nd No Reverse	Bob Horenkamp
3rd Mise En Place	Paul Thompson

CLASSIC

1st Mystic	Carl Buck
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T-10

1st Winnebago	Molly McMahon
2nd Retention	Mark Croll

PHRF 3

1st Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin
2nd Sorcerer	Lori Henderson
3rd Measure For Measure	Brian Tobin

PHRF 2

1st Full Tilt	Pete & Pam Priede
2nd K III	Irv Kerbel
3rd Vanda III	Jack Toliver

PHRF 1

1st Imedi	Alan Yates
2nd Painkiller 4	Alice Martin

Chicago to St. Joseph

AUGUST 30

OVERALL ORR TOTAL

1st Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian
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PHRF-CRUISE-SPIN

1st	Chateau Ste Michelle	Kelley Kerns
2nd	Perico	Ryan Johnson
T-10		
1st	Cheap Thrill	Nancy + Tim Snyder
2nd	Wombat	Art Strilky
3rd	Out of the Blue	Brian Kennalley, Ed Mui, Craig Roehl

J/105

1st	Striking	Michael Tuman
2nd	Sealark	Clark Pellett

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	Caliente	Mark Steck
2nd	defiance	Smirl,Nielson,Edman, Warnecke,USMMA

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
2nd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd	Scout	Dorsey Ruley

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Princess M	Carl Chaleff
2nd	Geronimo	Herb Philbrick
3rd	Maskwa	Don Waller

PHRF-SPIN 4

1st	Silk	Jud Brown
2nd	Dandelion	Tom Jacobs
3rd	Rush	Jeff Alisch

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Cynthia	James De Vries
2nd	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
3rd	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson
4th	Circus	John Calto

BEN 40.7

1st	Turning Point	David Hardy
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Mayor Daley

SEPTEMBER 22

T-10

1st	Honey Badger	Tom Kane
2nd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd	Out of the Blue	Brian Kennalley, Ed Mui, Craig Roehl

Wednesday Beer Cans

MAY 22 - SEPTEMBER 11

JAM 2

1st	Tail's Dragon	Boyd Jarrell
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JAM 1

1st	Cookie Monster	Peter Goldman
2nd	Nautilus	Sea Scouts/ Martin Bernstein
3rd	Irish Rover	Judith McLean

T-10

1st	Terminal Velocity	Simon Beemsterboer
2nd	Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun

SPIN 3

1st	Whisper	Thomas Barnes
2nd	Measure For Measure	Brian Tobin
3rd	Cahoots	Scott Ciechanowski

SPIN 2

1st	Striking	Michael Tuman
2nd	Sorcerer	Don Draper
3rd	It's Good	Mitchell Weisman

SPIN 1

1st	Renegade	Tom Papoutsis
2nd	Caliente	Michael Steck
3rd	Jahazi	Frank Giampoli

NEWBIES

1st	Eclipse	Robert Cohen
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JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB

Lutz Regatta

JULY 6

T-10

1st	Honey Badger	Tom Kane
2nd	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
3rd	Erica	Brian Kaczor

Lutz Long Distance Race

JULY 6

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Andale	Richard Baumann
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34th Raske Memorial Race

AUGUST 5

1st	Mischief	Dave Travis
2nd	Nightwatch	Jack Lyle, Jim Lett, Jim Valek
3rd	December's Child	Dennis Hansen

Bi State: St. Joseph to Chicago

SEPTEMBER 1

OVERALL ORR A-B

1st	Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian
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T-10

1st	Winnebago	Tim Rathbun
2nd	Wombat	Art Strilky
3rd	Cheap Thrill	Nancy & Tim Snyder

J/105

1st	Sealark	Clark Pellett
2nd	Here's Johnny	John Moore

PHRF-SPIN 1

1st	defiance	Smirl,Nielson,Edman, Warnecke,USMMA
2nd	Norboy	Leif Sigmond & Marcus Thymian

PHRF-SPIN 2

1st	Scout	Dorsey Ruley
2nd	Eagle	Jerry & Shawn O'Neill
3rd	Renegade	Thomas Papoutsis

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Big Meanie	James Prendergast
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PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Truant	Walter Kawula
2nd	GAUCHO III	Kirk Kessler

BEN 40.7

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

SEPTEMBER 2

PHRF-SPIN 3

1st	Maskwa	Don Waller
2nd	Runaway	Tom Gorey

PHRF-SPIN 5

1st	Lugnuts	Tom Dickson
2nd	Hope	Michael Leland
3rd	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson

South Lake Series (with Hammond Yacht Club)

JUNE AND SEPTEMBER

OVERALL TEAM TROPHY

Jackson Park Yacht Club

Silver Cup Out Of Hammond

JUNE 29

1st	De Da's Toy	Ted Graves, JPYC
2nd	Siren Song	Mike Klootwk, HYC
3rd	Mr. J.J.	Jerry Leasak, JPYC
4th	Escape	Tom Mikos, HYC

Hackel Cup Regatta Out Of Jackson Park

SEPTEMBER 21

1st	Andale'	Dick Bauman, JPYC
2nd	Mischief	Dave Travis, JPYC
3rd	Mise En Place	Paul Thompson III, JPYC
4th	Karizmaddie	Pat Reynolds, HYC

JOSEPH CONRAD YACHT CLUB

Commodore's Gold Button

JULY 7

1st	Koko-Loko	Tomasz Koko
2nd	Yellow Mellow	Waldemar Emmerich
3rd	Nareja	W & M Niedzinski
4th	Karolinka	Andrzej Suchodolski
5th	Olenka	Marek Wojda

Ambassador's Cup

AUGUST 24

1st	Yellow Mellow	Emmerich / Citak
2nd	Shellma	Bogdan Musialkiewicz
3rd	Grytviken	Piotr Madrzyk

MIDWEST OPEN RACING FLEET

Crowley's Sprints

JUNE 1

JIB AND MAIN

1st	Starship	Dick Dronsuth
2nd	Final Draft	Ed Tamminga

SECTION 5

1st	Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
2nd	Tenacity	Peter Cooper
2nd	Whisper	T&J Barnes

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
2nd Truant	W&H Kawula
2nd Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar

UK-Halsey Sprint

JUNE 29

JIB AND MAIN

1st Final Draft	Ed Tamminga
1st Starship	Dick Dronsuth

SECTION 5

1st 007	George Petkovic
2nd Whisper	T&J Barnes
3rd Tenacity	Peter Cooper

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
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Weathermark Regatta

AUGUST 4

JIB AND MAIN

1st Kahuna	Loren Thompson
1st Starship	Dick Dronsuth

SECTION 5

1st 007	George Petkovic
1st Solitary	Jeremy Alexis
3rd Whisper	T&J Barnes

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
1st Tempest	Hank Kalmus

SECTION 7

1st whisper	Whisper Assoc
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Dominic Marano

AUGUST 25

SECTION 5

1st Solitary	Jeremy Alexis
2nd Orion	Marty Finerty

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
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SECTION 7

1st Songline	Michael Abbey
1st whisper	Whisper Assoc

Commodore's Cup

SEPTEMBER 14 - 15

JIB AND MAIN

1st Final Draft	Ed Tamminga
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SECTION 4-7

1st Solitary	Jeremy Alexis
2nd Planxy	K&D Bartley
3rd Tempest	Hank Kalmus

Goose Island Open

SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

JIB AND MAIN

1st Tempest	Hank Kalmus
2nd Kahuna	Loren Thompson
3rd Irish Rover	R&J McLean

SECTION 0

1st Honey Badger	Thomas Kane
2nd Skidmarks	Lou Jacob
3rd Mutiny	John Schellenbach

SECTION 4

1st Maskwa	Don Waller
2nd Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
3rd It's Good	Mitch Weisman

SECTION 5

1st Tenacity	Peter Cooper
2nd Whisper	T&J Barnes

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
2nd Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar

SECTION 7

1st Za Zen	Bill Van Emburg
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Performance Series

MAY - JULY

JIB AND MAIN

1st Starship	Dick Dronsuth
2nd Final Draft	Ed Tamminga
3rd Irish Rover	R&J McLean

SECTION 5

1st Tenacity	Peter Cooper
2nd Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
3rd Whisper	T&J Barnes

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
2nd Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar
3rd Zorina	John Aquino

SECTION 7

1st Songline	Michael Abbey
2nd whisper	Whisper Assoc

Lady Skipper Series

MAY - SEPTEMBER

FLEET 1

1st Noor	M&B Mallchok
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JIB AND MAIN

1st Irish Rover	R&J McLean
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SECTION 4

1st Gaucho	M&D Bouchaert
1st Liberty 2	Ginny Blasco

SECTION 6

1st Truant	W&H Kawula
2nd Zorina	John Aquino

Beer Can Series

MAY - SEPTEMBER

BEER JAM

1st Tempest	Hank Kalmus
2nd Warp Drive	Carl Stineman
3rd Za Zen	Bill Van Emburg

BEER SECTION 4

1st Jahazi	Frank Giampoli
2nd Sorcerer	Don Ray Draper
3rd Striking	Michael Tuman

BEER SECTION 5

1st Whisper	T&J Barnes
2nd Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin

BEER SECTION 6

1st Erica	M&B Kaczor
2nd Planxy	K&D Bartley
3rd True North	Dan Arntzen

Long Distance Series

JUNE - SEPTEMBER

JIB AND MAIN

1st Dionysus	Ed Valente
1st Zorina	John Aquino

SECTION 5

1st Tenacity	Peter Cooper
2nd Gaucho	M&D Bouchaert
3rd It's Good	Mitch Weisman

SECTION 6

1st Shoe String	Jay Grizzell
2nd Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar
3rd Exeter	John Notch

SECTION 7

1st whisper	Whisper Assoc
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PHRF Long Distance

JUNE - AUGUST

SECTIONS 4 - 7

1st Gaucho	M&D Bouchaert
1st Tenacity	Peter Cooper
3rd Unknown Lady2	Dave Ward

Competition Series

JULY - SEPTEMBER

MULTI-HULL

1st Trinity	Chris Harris
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1st Starship	Dick Dronsuth
2nd Kahuna	Loren Thompson

SECTION 5

1st Solitary	Jeremy Alexis
2nd Measure for Measure	Brian Tobin
3rd Whisper	T&J Barnes

SECTION 6

1st Exeter	John Notch
2nd Tempest	Hank Kalmus
3rd Wave Dancer	Michael Sklar

SECTION 7

1st Songline	Michael Abbey
2nd whisper	Whisper Assoc



CHICAGO SHEDD AQUARIUM - KEEPING THE LAKES GREAT

By Reid Bogert, Shedd Aquarium

If you filled your coffee pot or tea kettle with tap water from Lake Michigan this morning, you're among the 36 million people in the United States and Canada who depend on the Great Lakes for this most basic resource.

Frequently called the inland or sweetwater seas, the Great Lakes are the largest body of fresh water in the world—and in the middle of the continent, a boater's paradise.

But there's more—a vast world teeming with life, called the Great Lakes ecosystem. It's home to more than 3,500 species of plants and animals, 200 of them globally rare and another 180 of them invaders from elsewhere on the planet.

The Great Lakes are our home. That's why Shedd Aquarium renamed its Local Waters gallery "At Home on the Great Lakes" when the refurbished exhibit hall opened in early June. At Home on the Great Lakes invites guests to celebrate—and be inspired to protect—Great Lakes wildlife through hands-on learning and up-close encounters with more than 60 species of animals from around the basin.

The new lake sturgeon habitat offers you a different connection to the lakes—to one of the most amazing inhabitants of those blue-gray waters you love to boat on. Roll up your sleeves and reach into the open-water habitat at the center of the gallery to feel the armor-like plating of these prehistoric-looking fish as they cruise through the cool, clear water. For many, this is a rare chance to experience firsthand the true wonder of one of the Great Lakes' largest and longest-living creatures.

In addition to connecting visitors to Great Lakes animals at the aquarium, Shedd takes extra measures to raise awareness about threats to Great Lakes ecosystems and to inspire guests to make a difference, in their backyards and across the basin.

The new Great Lakes gallery itself is an extension of Shedd's ongoing Great Lakes research, conservation and education efforts. In fact, after communing with the sturgeons, you may be inspired by the work of Shedd's Great Lakes scientist, Dr. Solomon David, who is studying the mysterious reemergence of lake whitefish in the tributaries of



Green Bay, Wisconsin. Of tremendous economic value, lake whitefish stopped spawning in Lake Michigan streams 100 years ago, most likely due to habitat loss and pollution. Now they're making annual runs again, and Dr. David is helping to find out why.

Though we're learning more all the time, it's no mystery that the Great Lakes are still in pretty rough shape. Invasive species, habitat loss, pollution and excessive nutrients barely scratch the surface when it comes to pressing issues facing the lakes today. As part of its

commitment to protecting the Great Lakes, Shedd invites individuals from throughout Chicago and beyond to get outside and protect local waters through meaningful volunteer opportunities.

If you're feeling inspired to make a difference, what better way to show it than to take action? During Shedd's Great Lakes Action Days (GLADs), participants see firsthand the value of their efforts and the impact a group can have on improving local ecosystems. Volunteers cut loose (sometimes literally, removing invasive plants) along Chicago's wild shoreline areas, while giving back to the lakes by cleaning up beaches, restoring natural habitats and monitoring water quality and wildlife.

As an example of the impact GLADs are having, this June, volunteers picked up more than 100 pounds of trash and recyclable materials from 12th Street Beach—Shedd's adopted beach through the Alliance for the Great Lakes' Adopt-A-Beach program. Without the sincere effort of volunteers, this litter would remain on the shore or wash back into the surf, degrading the lake and every living thing that depends on healthy waters, including you.

We know you already feel at home on the Great Lakes. Now we hope you'll get inspired and give back with Shedd—the Great Lakes are great, but they need your help to keep them that way.

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