

JULY 2021

**LMCA Catalina
Rendezvous
July 16-18**

**Taco Dinner
July 17
Michigan City**

**Fleet Meet at
Kenosha
August 7**

**Zoom Meeting &
Program
Shipwrecks of the
Great Lakes
August 17**

**Leukemia Cup
Regatta
August 28**

**Lobster Fest at
Michigan City
September 4**

**Annual Banquet
September 25
Palos Country Club**

HOW FAR IS THAT?

Our next outing is a get-together at Kenosha's Southport Marina. Unless you are in one of the northern Illinois/Wisconsin harbors, your first thought is probably "how far is that??" Here are the approximate distances in nautical miles: Michigan City to Kenosha: 66 nm; from Burnham: 45 nm; from Hammond: 58nm; from Waukegan: 16 nm and from Racine :12 nm. We already have two boats coming from Michigan City, so pack your sail bag and join us! Of course, you can always drive to the outing. For more incentive, we're giving a prize to the boat that sails the longest distance and one for who drives the farthest.



Kenosha is quiet this summer and back to its normal, friendly self. There is plenty of free parking at the marina if you choose to drive to the outing and a myriad of museums, concerts, shops, and restaurants you can walk to from the harbor. There are rooftop bars with views of the lake, beaches (including a dog beach), a lighthouse, a marina pool and a lovely park adjoining the marina. You could even drive and stay the weekend in a hotel near the marina. The Stella and Apis (a boutique hotel) are right downtown. Wyndham Garden Kenosha Harborside is across the channel from the marina. It is a very safe area. Four of our member boats call it home and will help you navigate the city and marina.

Help us make the outing a success by telling us by July 31st if you plan to attend and if by boat or by car. We need to know so we can make the appropriate dinner reservations. A flyer with all the details is included in this newsletter. If you have questions about the outing, contact Dave DeAre at 630-842-8544.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

It is now July. The lake level is down, we are again allowed to get out, see our friends and do some sailing.



Last month we held our first outing since the 2019 banquet. The Hammond Margarita Party/Brown Bag Auction was great. A little wet, but a lot of fun. We got to see several of our fleet friends and catch up on the past year. A big thanks to Dave and Carolyn DeAre for planning and running the event. Also thanks to Ted Kuenzli for acting as our auctioneer.

Our next outing is the Taco Dinner in Michigan City on July 17th. There are several new Catalina boats in Michigan City and we have invited them to this outing to introduce ourselves and Fleet 21. Hoping to have a good turnout and look forward to seeing you there.

After that is our Kenosha outing on August 7th. Again, we are trying to introduce ourselves to the many Catalina owners there. Thanks to our Kenosha members for running this outing.

Next will be the annual Lobster Fest in Michigan City on September 4th. This has been one of the Fleet's best attended events for several years.

We wrap up the year with our annual banquet at Palos Country Club. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 25th. We are looking forward to a great turnout. As always new officers will be installed at the banquet. If you have any interest in an office for the coming year, be sure to contact Harold Hansen, chairman of the nominating committee.

Keep safe, and I look forward to seeing you out on the water.

Branson Stone
Commodore

PROGRAMS

For our August 17th general meeting, we are privileged to have as our guest speaker, author Michael Schumacher, who has written twelve books, including *Mighty Fitz: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, *Wreck of the Carl D.*, and twenty-five documentaries on Great Lakes shipwrecks and lighthouses. Having read *Mighty Fitz* several years ago, I can personally tell you that it is a gripping story that you can't put down. Join us at 7:00, via Zoom, for what promises to be a great program. Look for the Zoom link in an upcoming email from Branson.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members:

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Harbor: Washington Park,
Michigan City Mooring: 644

CYA

Reported by James Graham

Following is a summary of this week's Chicago Yachting Association meeting, 6/24/21.

Scott Stevenson, general manager, Chicago Harbors, attended and reported the following:

- Noting it is a busy boating season, lots of activities, estimating 800/900 more boats returning
- The commercial operators are reporting a shortage of captains
- DuSable Harbor had an incident/confrontation. Security Guard was

defending himself. Involved the *Anita Dee* boat, taking place in the parking lot. As a result they are increasing the number of guards, restricting non-boater use after 6 PM, and there will not be cruises after 11:30 pm – in or out.

- Going to see lots of activities and event this year, continuing into fall and next year
- Aug 20-22 weekend will be an abbreviated Air Show featuring just the Blue Angels. As this date was against the planned Harbor Fest, it is not being held this year. Also noted the boat dealers are short on inventory.
- Harbors:
 - Belmont: Pot holes being fixed, Recreational Drive being closed on irregular basis.
 - Burnham: Move the platform for Sailing School Boats
 - 31 Street: Having high occupancy, Concessions stand is busy
 - Jackson Park: some parking lot issues, working with Chicago PD for special street parking passes. Experiencing low water at parts of break wall which is in plans to be addressed next year.
- Commodore encouraged boaters that experience problems like the *Anita Dee* situation to report them through clubs and harbors to pass information up to Scot at Chicago Harbors.

CYA Activities:

- CYA Cruise will be July 24th. Starting at Burnham Harbor.
- Coast Guard is in process of changing cutter that is stationed on Lake Michigan.
- Sea Scouts: boats are in water, getting things organized. Numbers are up.
- Harbor Safety committee meeting rescheduled to July 8.

Emergency responders did not participate this month. More than 25 people were in attendance. Next meeting to be in-person or hybrid with Zoom. Location TBD.

RIGGING & EQUIPMENT

By Leo Beer

Shore Power Cord Disaster Avoidance

I have been an industrial technician and a technical & safety trainer at my day job for going on 35 years now. It would seem that I would have a little better sense of what is not right and is possibly dangerous and could injure or kill me and my loved ones by now. Well, I found something that I would like to share with all of you so this doesn't creep up on you to the point that you sluff it off as no big deal until it's too late.

A boater's worst enemy is an on-board fire. Especially an electrical fire when you're not at the boat to do anything about it. I have read many articles in books and magazines of loss of boat and/or life because of these disasters. Most times it could have been easily avoided. I just changed out the standard twist lock 3-prong plug for a new style SmartPlug. Our boats are in a constant state of movement while moored at the marina. If the plug isn't completely secured in the receptacle it can cause a poor connection and a high resistance condition will occur. Heat! Melting! Short Circuit! FIRE !!!

If your current plug doesn't fit securely or if you see just the slightest bit of discoloration around where the prongs go into the receptacle slots, you are very close to losing your beloved boat or maybe worse. I really love the construction and secure fitting of the plug and boat side receptacle. I purchased the retrofit kit that utilizes the existing cord. My cord is relatively new and still in great condition. Just cut off the boat end of the cord and install the new end. It seems to be much more water resistant than the old standard plug end, especially with the rubber gasket on the boat side receptacle. The boat side receptacle was a breeze to replace. Came with easy to follow instruction. The 4 screws were designed to match up perfectly to the old standard receptacle. No drilling new holes. 3 wires out of the old plug, a good cleaning or removal of any corroded wire ends and an easy reassembly using the provided rubber gasket to seal it to the bulkhead of the boat. No sealant needed. The entire project took me about 30 minutes. (2 adult refreshments). The retrofit kit, cord plug end and boat receptacle (cord not

included) can be purchased from Amazon for about \$150.

Safe sailing. Leo

RACING

The 2020 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, will be held in and around Tokyo, Japan. Sailing is one of the events.

While the initial dates have been postponed to 2021, the event will still be named as the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

- | Fri. July 23: Opening Ceremony
- | Sun. July 25 to Fri. July 31: Sailing Events
- | Sun. Aug. 08: Closing Ceremony

The sailing events will be held south of Tokyo in the city of Enoshima, the same sailing venue utilized during the 1964 Summer Games. Fifteen athletes will represent the United States of America in ten Olympic classes. The classes are:

Single-handed:

- | RS:X (Windsurf) - Men / Women
- | Laser (Dinghy) - Men
- | Laser Radial (Dinghy) - Women
- | Finn (Dinghy - heavyweight) - Men

Double-handed:

- | 49er (Skiff) - Men
- | 49erFX (Skiff) - Women
- | 470 (Dinghy) - Men / Women
- | Nacra 17 (Multihull) - Mixed

BUY/SELL/TRADE

FOR SALE: Carol from the Racine Yacht Club asked us to post this. "We cut up a Catalina 27 this summer and have available to sell: Mast, Boom, Rudder, Main Sail, Bow Pulpit, Stern Pulpit and almost all the hardware.

If you are interested in anything please contact Carol Stanley @ carolstanley23@gmail.com.

Fleet members may list items they want to buy, sell, or trade in this column. Listings are free and run for three issues of this newsletter. Send submissions to the *Fleet Sheet* editor at Deare30@sbcglobal.net.



***Annual Fleet 21 Banquet – Saturday, September 25, 2021
6:30 p.m. – Midnight***



We all missed having a banquet last year due to COVID 19 so this is your opportunity to make up for that by joining your fellow sailors for an evening of great food, drink, dancing and camaraderie this year.

We have a beautiful room reserved at Palos Country Club for this wonderful event. The country club is conveniently located at 131st and Southwest Highway in Orland Park.

The cost is \$65 per person and includes full open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, elegant three-course dinner with wine and choice of entrée, awards, terrific door prizes and delightful music by Afterglow.



Watch for your formal invitation and reservation form in the August Fleet Sheet. It will be great to rekindle this annual Fleet 21 tradition which is being held a month earlier than usual to hopefully snag a lot of you snowbirds before you head south for the winter!

Make sure this important date is on your calendar!

Your Banquet Chairman,
Madalyn Duerr

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