

SEPTEMBER 2023

Annual Banquet
September 30
Burnham Park
Yacht Club
6pm

Book Club
October 19
Zoom

Board Meeting
November 7

CELEBRATE!

Yahoo! This is your celebration. Celebrate good times, come on. Let's celebrate! So bring your good times and your laughter too. Let's all celebrate and have a good time. The lyrics say it all. It's time to celebrate 50 years of good times with Fleet 21. The banquet committee has been hard at work to make this year's banquet the best ever. Burnham Park Yacht Club is the venue and promises spectacular views of the city and scrumptious food!

Worried about parking? It's free in the yacht club lot. The gate code will be sent to you the week before the event. Wondering what to wear? It's up to you. Black tie is optional, but anything goes. Men often wear suits or sport coats with or without neckties and women don long dresses, short dresses, pant suits. Concerned there might be additional expenses? Each attendee will receive two drink tickets. Appetizers and dinner are included along with red and white wine on the table.

We'll also have a champagne toast. The only cash you will need will be for raffle

tickets (there will be lots of wonderful gift baskets in the raffle) and for additional drinks from the bar if you want them.

Appetizers start at 6pm followed by dinner, program, annual awards and dancing to music provided by DJ Lori: [Lori's DJ Service \(lorisdj.com\)](http://lorisdj.com) . Have a favorite song to dance to? Email April Hansen at april.hansen@sbcglobal.net with your requests.

But wait! There's more. There will be photos and memorabilia from the past. And you can have your picture taken in front of a special 50th anniversary logo backdrop. Attendees receive two commemorative gifts to take home.

It's not too late. Emailed invitations have been sent and an invitation is included in this issue of the Fleet Sheet. You're welcome to bring guests too! Whichever way you RSVP be sure to include all the names of who is attending and their meal selection.

Questions? Contact April at april.hansen@sbcglobal.net. Please join us for this very special celebration!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

This is my last Commodore's Column, even though my official duties will not come to an end until after the passing of the gavel at the Anniversary Banquet. This is my last opportunity, however, to publicly thank all the people who helped make the last year a successful one. My goals this year were to try some new things, gain new members and get them more involved, and find opportunities to get us out on the water more, sailing our boats. Any one of these items is a big lift, but I feel glad that we were able to accomplish all of them.

Was everything perfect? Probably not, depending on who you ask. But we worked very hard to bring some creativity and fresh ideas to the fleet and give it a boost into the next 50 years. With more new members than in many years (one at Michigan City Sail-In, and probably two), we have a chance to blend old traditions while creating new ones, honor and share the history of the club while we make history, and keep the fleet relevant and fun for us all, regardless of how long we've been members.

It takes a team effort. If you are not involved yet, now is the time as we begin our next half-century. For those of you listed below, please know that you have my eternal gratitude for the work you have done and continue to do for Catalina Fleet 21. The fleet would not exist without you.

Carolyn DeAre as editor of Fleet Sheet and many years of lending creativity and editorial talent in covering the waterfront of news. **The DeAres and Stones** for coordination of the Margarita Party. Carolyn does make some of the best margaritas on the planet. I was sorry to have missed it. **Bill Thompson** for managing the directory for so many years. Thank you for your flexibility of enhancing the data fields to include additional info. this year. **The DeAres** for printing and distribution of the directory. **Pat Sheryk** for managing membership and compiling membership data. **Ed Kita** for his photographic contributions at events and photo archives. **Jim Graham** for being liaison to the CYC and his harbor captain work, recruiting new members in Wilmette. **Jozef Stawarz** for stepping up and filling the webmaster void. **Eric Hillenmeyer** for modernizing the treasurer position and getting Zelle up and running. **Cat Hillenmeyer** for creation and data mining of the banquet survey, leading the charge on the successful Michigan Cruise thereby getting us out on the water after many years of no cruising, and for chairing banquet committee. **Laura Pohl** for coordinating the Michigan City Ribfest, Montrose Harbor Season Opening Event, banquet assistance, fresh ideas, and support.

Harold Hansen

Commodore
Catalina Fleet 21

Order your Catalina Fleet 21 50th Anniversary wear today

****Tank tops now available****

Have you ordered yet? Celebrate Fleet 21 with a commemorative tee, long sleeve tee, hoodie or tank top. Choose from a variety of great colors and sizes. Simply go to bonfire.com/fleet-21-50th-anniversary-wear and place your order. There's also a link from our Facebook page. Each item is printed on-demand and features a striking, original design by Fleet 21 members Mary Beth and Chuck Cybul. Order yours today and show your Fleet 21 pride. Here's to our next 50 years!



OUTINGS RECAP

Michigan City RibFest!

We had perfect weather and a great turnout in Michigan City over Labor Day weekend. Nearly 30 people enjoyed ribs catered from Wagner's in Porter, Indiana. Four boats sailed in from Wilmette, Belmont, Burnham and Monroe. On Sunday we toured boats and indulged in appetizers and drinks. We had 11 boats volunteer as hosts and Kelly Boas did a great job coordinating the event in Danita's absence. Randy and Carla Carie organized breakfast on Monday morning and supposedly were cutting up ingredients late into Sunday night. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

Our next book club evening will be Oct. 19th at 7:00. We'll be reading *The Wager - a Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*, by David Grann, author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Apple Books Review describes David Grann's jaw-dropping historical narrative part *Lord of the Flies* and part *Mutiny on the Bounty*. In 1740, a ship called the *Wager* sailed out of Portsmouth England, on a covert, government-sanctioned agenda of international piracy. Shipwrecked on a forbidding island, some of the *Wager's* sailors fashioned a makeshift boat, while others built a rickety raft, eventually accusing the first group of mutiny. Grann did a massive amount of research to draw us in to this true tale of murder and betrayal on the high seas. Centuries later, no one has been able to definitively say what really happened, but Grann's book lets you judge for yourself.

A Zoom link will be sent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will hold an in-person Fleet board meeting on Tuesday, November 7, in downtown Chicago, most likely at Columbia Yacht Club. Member Cathy Bredlau has offered to coordinate a dinner meeting and boat tour for us.

Anyone is welcome to attend if you're involved with--or wanting to be more involved with--Fleet activities. This includes harbor captains, website volunteers, outings and program organizers, etc. We will send additional information in later weeks.

Pete and Laura Pohl

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome aboard to New Members Charles and Lisa Rausch who joined at the Michigan City Sail In. Please add their information to your directory.

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The Fleet sent flowers and planted a tree in memory of Pat Meekma. We received the following message from Larry :

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. Pat loved flowers and they gave our house the splash of color that was much needed during this time. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

BUY/SELL/TRADE

FREE: Boat cradle for Catalina 30. I have a steel boat cradle that came with my Catalina 30, which is currently located at Skyway Yacht Works. I will now be storing my boat at Montrose Harbor, so I will no longer need the cradle and was wondering if any member of the Fleet 21 club would like it for free. It comes as is (although I do not think there is anything wrong with it) and will have to be moved by whoever wants it. Contact Larry Gelbert at 312-363-0043. imgelbert@gmail.com

FREE: Crowley's Yacht Yard has an assortment of Catalina 30, 27 and others used parts in a warehouse they are clearing out ..It you have need of a mast, rigging, or something else, check with Grant Crowley. He was offering to give to CF21 members.

Members may list items they want to buy, trade or sell in this column for free. Ads run for three issues. Send listing to the editor at deare30@sbcglobal.net

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