

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022

Zoom Program
Shipwrecks on
Lake Michigan
October 18
7pm

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Oh, The Places You'll
Go
November 15
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SEASON EXTENDED!

Unlike the White Sox and the Cubs, Fleet 21 has some postseason events planned. Instead of ending the year with our annual banquet, we have Zoom programs planned for October and November.

Join us on October 18th at 7:00pm for our next program on *Shipwrecks on Lake Michigan*, presented by Dr. Charles D. Beeker, Clinical Professor at Indiana University and Director of the Center for Underwater Science. Dr. Beeker has directed numerous research and educational projects throughout the United States and the Caribbean, many of which have studied shipwrecks, in an effort to preserve them as underwater museums. He has

extensive knowledge and experience in research, education, and interpretation of underwater resources for the public. In addition, Dr. Beeker has acted as a resource on the management of historic shipwrecks located in Indiana territorial waters of Southern Lake Michigan.

A Zoom invitation will be coming soon, so mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

Oh the Places You'll Go in November! We all became part of Fleet 21 because we loved sailing, and that can include cruising Lake Michigan waters—to ports around the lake. Some members do this often, and others might like to, but wish they had more knowledge of the harbors around the lake, or would travel to other harbors if they were part of a buddy system of member boats that they could sail along with. Our November program (because we're all dreaming of summer already) will provide a round-table discussion of our collective experiences in sailing to various harbors, sharing insights, and recommendations of the places we've been. If you would like to know more about cruising the lake, or have knowledge to share with those new to cruising, join our November 15th program via Zoom at 7:00pm

Now is the time to start thinking about your plans and trips for summer 2023! This information sharing will help you learn more and gain confidence in the places you'll go next summer!



Scenes from the Annual banquet



**Racers of the year :
Erik & Cat Hillenmeyer**



Boat of the Year: Laura & Pete Pohl



Commodore's Award: Ted Kuenzli



MEMBERSHIP

Fleet 21 is growing! Welcome aboard to the following new members:

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Harbor: Michigan City Mooring: 871

Skipper: Michael Henner
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Boat Info:
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Harbor: Montrose Mooring: J-3

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Boat Info:
Name: *Luna* Size: 27
Harbor: Michigan City Mooring: 1046

Skipper: Chris Johnson Bidler
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Boat Info:
Name: *Carol Lee* Size: 25 Sail #5040
Harbor: Michigan City Mooring: 877

And sadly we say goodbye to long time Fleet 21 member Bob Kuba.



Celebration of Life for Bob Kuba
October 16, 2022
2pm
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
2335 N. Orchard
Chicago

All are invited to attend

FLEET 21 SOUTH

Punta Gorda is home (at least part-time) for many of our Fleet 21 members. I'm relieved to report that for the most part Punta Gorda came through Hurricane Ian without catastrophic damage. Pool cages were destroyed, sea walls collapsed, power and water were out, but as far as we know everyone's house, condo, or RV is fine.

This is a picture of John Lucy's boat *S'More Therapy* a Catalina 320 which was on the hard in Placida, Florida.



John's boat is the one in the middle.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



I'll begin by saying thank you (I Think!) for having re-elected me to be your Commodore again this next year. 2022 has gone fast and so I look forward to 2023, now that I know the ropes a little better.

And congratulations to our 2022 award winners that were honored at the Annual Banquet September 24th:
Erik & Cat Hillenmeyer – Racer of the Year
Pete and Laura Pohl – Boat of the Year
Julie Gordon and Michael Reed – Rookie of the Year
and Ted Kuenzli – Commodore's Award (my consigliere).

And a BIG thank you to everyone that help make the Michigan City Sail-In a success and a very fun outing: to the Pohl's for the ribs, Ted Kuenzli for slip vacancies, Stones for Tour da Boat, Kuenzli's for breakfast. Plus, we are grateful to all who helped April and I with our electrical issues and plumbing problems. It was a great sailing weekend.

And the Annual Banquet was wonderful! Thank you, Madalyn Duerr as organizer extraordinaire, to those that donated auction items, and everyone who attended and had a great time. Maddy, hope you are feeling better by now!

As we head into fall season and begin the process of returning boats to the hard, I encourage you to think ahead, dream about what you really would like to do in 2023 sailing your boat, adventures to take, what harbors you want to visit, participating in the Fleet, upgrades to be done, or whatever it might be that would bring great joy to you and your mate (crew) next season. Now is the perfect time to start planning, strategizing, and ordering so when spring returns, you are ready.

Speaking of CF21, there are many opportunities for members to become involved. We need Harbor Captains, committee chairs, event planners and hosts. Your Flag Officers will be meeting later this fall to draft a plan (ideas) for the coming year. There will be opportunity for you to move into a leadership role, helping the Fleet, getting to meet other CF21 Members, having lots of fun, sailing to a new place, and oh, share a beverage or few. I highly encourage you to become involved. It's your club and it will be as great as you help make it!

Hopefully, your arrangements are in place for winter storage, the check list is prepared for all the "To Do's" and you're prepared to not repeat that thing from the past that left you muttering in the spring because you forgot or did not do it quite as well as you should have. (I have many stories.)

We will stay in touch through the winter and we look forward to seeing you on the Lake in 2023!

Harold Hansen, Commodore

CYA

Reported by Jim Graham

As the boating season winds down, the Chicago Yachting Association's monthly meeting at Calumet Yacht Club on Sept. 22 had a lighter agenda. Key takeaways:

- Most Chicago harbor offices and fuel docks will operate with reduced hours in October, open Wednesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Monday and Tuesday.
- Winter storage space is full at Montrose Harbor and is nearing capacity at other harbor storage locations.

Meanwhile, Harold and I have submitted an article about Fleet 21 to appear in this year's Yachting in Chicago magazine.

OUTINGS

The annual Labor Day weekend Sail In was packed with fun, food, drinks and meeting new Catalina friends. It started off with our commodore, Harold Hansen and wife April, arriving Friday. Three more boats arrived on Saturday and Ted Kuenzli managed to find them slips on 800 dock. Joining us were Jim Graham and Linda Kingman, Erik and Cat Hillenmeyer, and Jozef Stawarz and family. Jozef made his first lake crossing with the help of Catherine's sister Mary, who joined us for the weekend, too. Along with the usual 800 dock members, we were joined by Michigan City Catalina owners Jack and Maureen O'Rourke, Jay and Dawn Wetzell, Randy and Carla Carie, Dave Pizza and Faye Booker.

On Saturday 35 Fleet members enjoyed a barbecue dinner with delicious slab of ribs from Wagner's in Porter, Ind. Sunday evening was our famous Tour de Boat with nine boats hosting appetizers and cocktails.

Monday morning featured Omelets in a Bag breakfast before our visiting boats shoved off for home ports in sporty seas. See you all next year!

MARINER'S FUND

Our Fleet donated \$475 to the Burnham Park Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program and \$475 to the Michigan City South Shore Nautical Education Foundation. We received the following thank you.

Thank you and Catalina Fleet 21 for supporting the BPYC Junior Sailing Program. With your generosity and the support of others, five young adults who have never had the opportunity to learn to sail enjoyed a week of great weather and sailing.

Again, thank you

Mark Stoll

You can donate to the Mariner's Fund any time during the year. Donations can be in memory of someone, to honor a special day or person, or for no reason. Each year the board selects a recipient based on their program to further interest or success in sailing.

WEB SITE

We have a new web master! Leanne Thulin has volunteered to take on this important job. Leanne is crew on the Commodore's Catalina. Thank you, Leanne!



BUY/SELL/TRADE

Fleet members may list items they want to buy, sell, or trade in this column. Listing are free and run for three issues of this newsletter. Send submissions to the Fleet Sheet editor at deare30@sbcglobal.net.



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