

FEBRUARY 2023

Yachtapalooza
March 18
Crowley's Yacht
Yard Lakeside
Followed by
lunch/dinner at
Bulldog Brewery

Save the date!
Michigan Shore
Cruise
Last week of June
Details to come

OUR 50TH YEAR!

This summer will mark Fleet 21's 50th year. It was 1973 and *Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree* was number 1 on the charts, *American Graffiti* was a hit at the movies, the Sears Tower was completed, Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs met in *The Battle of the Sexes* (the woman won!) and Chalet Marine in Skokie was selling lots of Catalina 22s. Early that summer a letter went out to recent buyers asking if they would be interested in forming an owner's club or fleet. Shortly thereafter over a dozen people met and agreed to form a fleet chartered under the Catalina 22 National Association.

Not many of the original members are still around, but our very own Fred Collins was at that formative meeting! He has lots of tales to tell regarding those early years. Most boats were trailered, only a few had slips in marinas. Day sailing was the big activity, but soon boats were trailered farther away and Door County became a favorite cruising/summer vacation destination. In the following years both the Fleet and the boats got bigger and we became an All-Catalina Fleet with boats of all sizes. We'll have special events throughout the year to mark our golden year.

If you have a story about Fleet 21 that you'd like to share or a photo of the early Fleet events, send it to the Fleet Sheet Editor. If we have enough responses we'll include them in a monthly column.

Our first event of this year is Yachtapalooza on March 18 at Crowley's Yacht Yard, 3434 East 95th Street.. This annual event is scheduled for 8am until 4pm and features seminars, ship store sales, a Nautical Donations flea market, vendor tables, entertainment and food. Seminars include History Over the Horizon by Kris Habermehl, Night Cruising by Greg Iles, A Guide to Yacht Life by Captain & Queen, Boating and Your Brain, Part 2 with Michelle London and Anchoring and Safe Boating by Rosalie Johnson. Many events are outside or in expansive meeting rooms or tents. Fleet 21 will have a membership table so stop by and say hello. At around 2:00pm, Fleet members will head to Bulldog Brewing Company for a late lunch/early dinner. Address: 1409 119th Street, Whiting, Indiana. Even if you don't attend the Crowley's event, you are welcome to join the party at Bulldog Brewing. Hope we see you there!

To participate in all the Fleet activities that are planned, you need to renew your membership. Renewal forms are included with this newsletter.



Did you know that Fleet 21 has a Facebook page? Go to Facebook and search for Chicago Fleet 21 Chicago Region. Ask to join the group. If you have pictures of a Fleet related event or just something you would like to share, post them on our Facebook page.

Our home page has been updated! Check it out at www.catfleet21.org

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Welcome CF21 Sailors to Winter! I trust not any of you are braving the chilly breezes of Lake Michigan these days. It is cold today, but I hear with good reliability warmer days are coming. We just have to wait! And Happy New Year to ALL. The holiday season came quickly and passed quickly. Now we can think SPRING. Normally the Boat Show gets us amped up for spring boating! But disappointedly, there were no sailboats. However that did not stop April and I from spending some money. Permanently mounted dock bumpers.

My first topic is volunteering! There are numerous opportunities for you to be involved and help organize or run our club. A couple of harbors need Harbor Captains: DuSable and Waukegan. Primary duties are to represent the Catalina Fleet 21 in the harbor and recruit Catalina Owners to join, which is a very important role for CF21's future. It means being aware of Catalinas in your harbor, walking the dock a little, and talking to people about CF21. I hope you will consider being a Harbor Captain.

We are or are going to be in need of some committee chairs: Outings (events at other harbors), Membership in 2024, Programs (educational and skill building sessions), and hosting a party or activity. Most importantly we need you to be involved. Please contact me to learn more about these roles.

We are organizing a couple of new activities. First is a Cruising Outing up the Michigan shore the last week of June. More details soon, but we are a sailing club, so let's SAIL Together. The second is a book club /gathering, focused on sailing stories, adventure stories, and historical topics. Let April Hansen (april.hansen@sbcglobal.net) know if you are interested and would like to join the discussions. We are hoping for two or three gatherings this season and maybe continuing over the winter. Book recommendations are also welcome.

While we are working on education topics, skill building and DYI stuff need "experts". We also hope to connect to experts from local yacht clubs and organizations. If there is a topic of high interest, please pass it along to me so it can get on the list.

2023 is the 50th anniversary for the Catalina Fleet 21. Plans for celebrating are underway. We hope you will attend CF21 events and activities. Read the Fleet Sheet each month, watch for emails about them and mark your calendar. Meeting new sailors is great fun and encourages us to sail more. See you on the Lake in 2023.

Harold Hansen

Commodore

MEMBERSHIP

Please complete the enclosed renewal form and return it to the Membership Chairman as soon as possible. If you receive *Mainsheet* through us, add \$15.00. Do it today so you don't forget. You may also contribute to the Mariner's Fund with a separate check.

MARINER'S FUND

As Chairman of Catalina Fleet 21 Mariner's fund, I would like to invite you to donate to this fund and help us continue to help the sailing community. In the past, we have donated to the youth sailing programs, youth building boat projects, and repairing weather buoys. We are looking for other projects that you may know about that will be helpful to sailing. Please consider making a donation at the time of your membership renewal and send your ideas to my email address.

Ted Kuenzli, kuenzli@sbcglobal.net

BUY/SALE/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

RIGGING AND EQUIPMENT

Do you have a product or boat gadget you would like to recommend? A question regarding rigging or equipment? We'll cover it in this column. Send questions or recommendations to our Rigging and Equipment contributor Leo Beer.
lpbeer@yahoo.com



To our great sorrow one of our Catalina sailors Lydia Giuliano, age 75, succumbed to a ten year bout with Cancer right after Christmas. She was a single-handed sailor on their Catalina 30, *Boogaloo*, after her husband Don was diagnosed with Parkinsons. Lydia had her captain's license, was a German language teacher (her native language), an artist, and had her Masters degree in Art History. She's survived by her husband Don, who is being cared for by their only son Edgar and her granddaughter Angelina. Ed's address is 218 E. Moxon, Streamwood, Illinois 60107. Lydia, Don, Edgar, and Angelina are pictured above. There were no services.





REMEMBER WHEN?

Anchor Out Party at the Playpen 2004!



Catalina Fleet 21 - Chicago Region 2023 Renewal Membership Form

Skipper: _____ Home Phone: _____ Other (Circle One) Work Cell Phone: _____

First Mate: _____ Home Phone: _____ Other (Circle One) Work Cell Phone: _____

Zip Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Code: _____

Boat Name: _____ Boat Size: _____ Sail #: _____

Harbor: _____ Mooring: _____

E-Mail Address _____ Mate E-Mail Address _____

Make check payable to *Catalina Fleet 21* (check dollar option below):

\$45 - 2023 Renewal Membership Fee

\$60 - 2023 Renewal Membership Fee (\$45) + Mainsheet Subscription (\$15)

****Optional Payment****

Mariner's Fund Donation Donation Amount: \$ _____

*Make separate check payable to Catalina Fleet 21 Mariner's Service Fund - see newsletter for details.

Return this form to:

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In consideration of the opportunity to participate and/or my participation in any trips, events, lessons, races or other sport or non-sport activities of Catalina Fleet 21, I for myself and my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, hereby agree that Catalina Fleet 21 and its officers, directors trip and event leader instructors, assistants, agents and representatives, shall not be liable jointly or severally, for any injuries to my person or property. I also agree to indemnity and hold harmless the parties from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, liability, loss damage and expenses of any kind, including attorney's fees arising from such claims.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received: _____ Amount: _____

Check #: _____ Posted: _____

WINTER SAILING

Are you tired of winter and dreaming of a new sailing season? Here are some suggestions for what to do until warm weather.

***Go to a nautical program. Both the Chicago Maritime Museum and the Chicago Yacht Club have presentations of interest to sailors.** The Maritime Museum has a third Friday maritime lecture series. . On Friday the 17th, they are doing an in-depth presentation on the history and restoration of the Chicago harbor Lighthouse. Kurt Lentsch, President of the Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse, will present plans to restore this Chicago landmark. The presentation is \$5 for members and \$10.00 for non-members and can be done via Zoom or in person at the Bridgeport Art Center at 1200 W. 35th St. in Chicago. You can also join the CMM for \$35, which provides unlimited visits, monthly newsletter and special events such as this lecture series. Click here to register and learn more: <https://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/> Stay tuned for more updates on these programs. We will consider an in-person gathering in the future and maybe even a bite to eat before-hand.

The Chicago Yacht Club has a Nautical Education Series. Many of their presentations are open to nonmembers. Next up on Feb. 18 is Graham Sauser: Life at 5 Knots.

*** Plan your summer cruising destinations. Save the dates now for a Michigan Coast Sail with your Fleet 21 friends!** We're planning on convening in South Haven on June 24th. South Haven is a good launch pad for Chicago, Michigan City, and Wisconsin members who want to sail for a week going up the coast and back in time for July 4th in your home port. We plan on stopping at Saugatuck, Muskegon, Manistee, Holland, Pentwater either coming or going, so block your calendar now to join us for the places that interest you the most and fit into your schedule. After all, we're a sailing club, so let's sail and enjoy our beautiful lake and the company of like-minded sailors. More details and a final schedule to come soon. Meanwhile, contact Commodore Harold Hansen if you are interested and we will make sure you get slip reservation and group activities information.

***Read a nautical related book and join our book club.** As part of our program series, we are starting a book club! Our first book will be *Victura*, by our very own club member Jim Graham! To truly

understand the dynamics and magic of the Kennedy family, one must understand their passion for sailing and the sea. Many families sail together, but the Kennedys' relationship with *Victura*, the 25 foot sloop purchased in 1932, stand apart.

I have read this beautiful story about the Kennedys, a sailboat, and the sea. Winner of the Chicago Book review's Best Books of the Year (2014). In *Victura*, Jim charts the progress of America's signature 20th century family dynasty in a narrative both stunningly original and deeply gripping. This true tale of one small sailboat is an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the great story of the Kennedys. You can order from eBay, Amazon, and probably your local library. We'll plan on discussing via Zoom on April 20th.

Here are the other books for the series, if you want to get them. Google them and get a jump start on the season.

Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan
As Long as it Takes by William Pinckney
The Boy Who Fell to Shore by Charles Doane

We plan on doing one book each quarter, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, unless we hear that that date is bad timing for folks. We are looking for discussion leaders (especially if you've read any of these) and are excited to add this activity to our program

***Go someplace warm!** Charter a boat or just take a sailboat out for the day. Many Fleet members enjoy boating on Charlotte Harbor in Florida. 80 degrees with 10 knots of wind the day this picture was taken.



Fred & Shirley Collins and their dog Alfie, Dave DeAre, and John Lucy on *S'More Therapy*