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**Zoom
Presentation
By Dave Rearick**
March 21
7pm

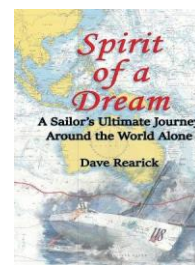
Yachtapalooza
March 23
Crowley's Yacht
Yard Lakeside
Followed by
lunch/dinner at
Bulldog Brewery

Book Club
April 4
7pm
Zoom

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

It's too late for holiday greetings and probably too early for spring salutations, but Fleet 21 is kicking off its 51st season. The board has been busy making plans for the upcoming year and it all starts in March.

Join us on March 21 at 7:00p.m. CST for a presentation by Dave Rearick of Chesterton, Indiana. On October 2, 2013, Dave began an epic solo voyage around the world with his specifically built Class 40 racing sloop appropriately named *Bodacious Dream*. The full circumnavigation took 256 days to complete, leaving an indelible memory of the challenges and rewards of being at one with nature, the solitude of the open sea and the ever-changing landscape of life. Join us as Dave shares his story. Dave also wrote a book that's available on Amazon. Don't miss this exciting presentation.



Just a few days later, meet up with other Fleet members at the Crowley's Yachtapalooza on March 23rd. The day features seminars, demonstrations, a nautical flea market, food (including a pig roast), super sales, and entertainment. Stop by the Fleet membership booth and then head over to Bulldog Brewery around 2:30pm for a bite to eat. The Yachtapalooza seminar schedule is at crowleys.com/yachtapalooza.

Our book club is back in session too! Please join us for our first Fleet 21 Book Club meeting of 2024! We'll meet on April 4th at 7:00 via Zoom. Our next selection is called *Great Circle*, by Sam Llewellyn. The Great Circle is a yacht race. The instructions are simple: sail round the world, leaving the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn to port. Completing the race is not so simple. And winning it is very, very hard – not only because of the weather, but because there are a lot of people sailing a lot of boats, and most of these people have to win battles with their personal demons before they can even think about winning races....

Great Circle was a bestseller when it was first published. It is fast, furious, salty, authentic and unputdownable. As he says himself, it has all the thrills of yachting with none of the excess moisture. This book will keep your heart in your mouth long past your bedtime. **Note:** when searching and ordering, be careful to not confuse this book with another by the same name, but different author. I found a very good used copy on Amazon for about \$10.00. There's also a Kindle version available.



Other events still in the planning stage include a kick-off event in April with Great Lakes singer Lee Murdock, the popular taco/margarita mashup at Michigan City, summer shoreline cruises and more. Tis the season!

MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your Fleet membership. Please complete the enclosed renewal form and return it to the Membership Chairman, April Hansen, as soon as possible. We try to publish the membership directory in May so if you want to be included renew now! New this year is a payment by credit card or Zelle option. 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. Donations may be made in memory of someone, to honor a special event or person, or just as a donation.

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It's time to update the video montage of Catalina Fleet 21 member boats. We'll run this video on a laptop at our recruiting table during Crowley's Yachtapalooza, Saturday, March 24. The current video is a bit dated and we have new members we want to include in this edition. **So email me a digital photo or two of your boat by March 15.** Ppohl57@aol.com. If you're happy with the picture(s) used in the 2022 video let me know and I'll reuse them.

When the video is done, I will also post it privately to YouTube and will send you a link. We'll also have a link on the Fleet 21 website.

Thanks, and looking forward to your photos.

Commodore Pete

HAVE YOU SEEN?

Pop some popcorn, grab a seat on the couch and enjoy getting out on the water with a great film. *Life ofSailing.com* recently published a list of the 20 Best Sailing Movies of All Time. You may not agree with their selections, but check these out. In no particular order here's the list.

All Is Lost (2013)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003)

Captain Ron (1992)

Wind (1992)

White Squall (1996)

Mutiny on the Bounty (1962)

Dead Calm (1989)

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (2004)

Kon-Tiki (2012)

Maidentrip (2013)

Adrift (2018)

Turning Tide (En Solitaire) (2013)

The Old Man and the Sea (1958)

Morning Light (2008)

The Perfect Storm (2000)

Captain Phillips (2013)

Maiden (2018)

Chasing Bubbles (2016)

180 ° South (2010)

Deep Water (2006)

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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Welcome to 2024 sailing season. I know it's early, but like the first robin in spring, Yachtapalooza at Crowleys is a sure sign boats will soon be launching

If you haven't attended in a while, it's worth a visit. Sure, you can get your VC-17 at a (relatively) low price. And there are some excellent clothing deals—Laura found a great Helly Hansen rain jacket last year for half price. There are the demonstrations and sessions that are educational and informative. Plus, lots of used Nautical Donations items for sale that have plenty of life left in them.

But what I really like about the event is how it gets us out of the house and around boats and other boaters after many months away.

Last year, it was ridiculously cold for March and there was ice in the parking lot. But when I carefully made my way into the big storage/exhibit shed, it was like stepping into a marketplace. I felt warmth and camaraderie...I was around boaters, nautical vendors, nautical organizations and boats.

Fleet 21 always has a recruiting table where Fleet members (Harold and April Hansen have been stalwarts) are present to answer questions from prospective members, greet current members who stop by, and shoot the breeze with other sailors and vendors in attendance. We also play a video showing Fleet 21 boats and members. If you haven't already, be sure to send me a photo to be included: Ppohl57@aol.com

And when we've had quite enough of the Palooza, around 2:30 or so, we'll head over to Bulldog Brewing Company, 1409 119th Street in Whiting, for a delicious late lunch/early dinner, a brew or two and lively conversation.

There's still some cold weather left, but it's not too early to think about joining us on one of our group cruises. Currently, we're looking at the Wisconsin shoreline around the end of June. We had a fantastic time on last year's Michigan shore cruise and look forward to this year's Wisconsin trip. More info is forthcoming.

I hope to see you at Yachtapalooza or come straight to Bulldog Brewing.

Pete Pohl
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