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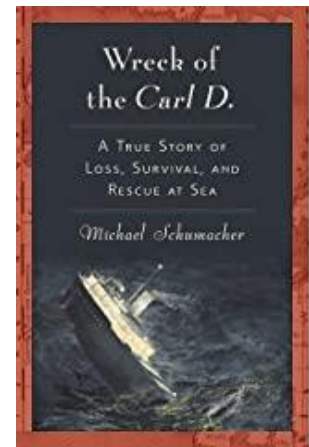
**Zoom Meeting &
Program
Shipwrecks of the
Great Lakes
August 17**

**Leukemia Cup
Regatta
August 28**

**Annual Banquet
September 25
Palos Country Club**

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Turn **on** your computer/laptop/phone for a Zoom General Meeting on August 17 at 7pm. Our speaker will be Michael Schumacher the author of 12 books and 25 documentaries on the shipwrecks that have occurred in the Great Lakes. His book *The Wreck of the Carl D* recounts the sinking of a limestone carrier on November 18, 1958. Caught in one of the most violent storms in Lake Michigan history the *Carl D* broke in two and sank in less than five minutes. Four of the 35-person crew escaped to a small raft, to which they clung in total darkness, braving 30-foot waves and frigid temperatures. As the storm raged on, a search-and-rescue mission hunted for survivors, while the frantic citizens of nearby Rogers City, Michigan, the hardscrabble town that was home to 26 members of the *Carl D. Bradley's* crew,



anxiously awaited word of their loved ones' fates. Schumacher reconstructs the terrible accident, perilous search, and chilling aftermath for the small Michigan town so intimately affected by the tragedy. Among his other 11 books are *Mighty Fitz: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald* and *Torn in Two: The Sinking of the Daniel J. Morrell*. Don't miss this fascinating program! Look for a link to the Zoom meeting in your email.

Put **on** your party duds and dancing shoes on September 25th and head to Palos Country Club for our Annual Banquet. Let's celebrate being able to get back together! Your invitation and RSVP form are included in this newsletter. Passed appetizers, an open bar, a great dinner and dancing—what more could you want? Adding to the fun is the gift basket raffle. **Everyone is encouraged to put together a raffle “basket” (it can be one item or several in a basket, bag or not and nautical or not).** We'll sell tickets and raffle off the items throughout the night (bring cash!). Please let Madalyn Duerr know if you are bringing a raffle item: 708-429-0005 or madalynduerr@hotmail.com. In between all the nautical talk we'll find time to present awards and install the new slate of officers.

Scratch **off** the Lobster Fest from your Fleet Outings schedule. Last year this event was cancelled due to CO-VID. This year a suitable and large enough location could not be found. That great pavilion is unavailable, the docks are too crowded, and other locations were just too small. Hopefully this popular event will be back next year.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



It is now August, the summer is more than half over. We have been working on getting events up and running so we can once again meet in person. Last month we had the Taco Dinner in Michigan City. There are several new Catalina boats in the harbor and we wanted to introduce Fleet 21 to those owners. We had a respectable turnout of 20 people. I am happy to tell you as a result we picked up a couple of new members.

As I write this, we are preparing to sail from Michigan City to Kenosha for the August 7th outing. The purpose there is the same, to introduce Fleet 21 to the Catalina owners in that harbor. So far 23 have signed up. Hopefully, some of them will also decide to join Fleet 21.

I do have sad news. This year's Lobster Fest will have to be cancelled. The pavilion we used for the past few years is not available, and we were not able to locate any other space that would be practical. I hope we can bring this back next year, as it always had a great turnout.

Harold Hansen is chairing the committee for next year's officers. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Harold.

Mark your calendar for the next Fleet general meeting, August 17th. This meeting will again be a zoom meeting. Also in this month's Fleet Sheet, you will find your invitation to the annual year end banquet. There will be food, drinks, live music and a chance to see your fellow Fleet members. As always, we will install the incoming officers for next year. Please take the time to contact Madalyn and reserve you space. Feel free to bring family and friends.

Please be safe out on the water, hope to see you soon.

Branson Stone
Commodore

Breaking News: 39 attend party in Kenosha

The Fleet had a very successful get-together in Kenosha on August 7. 21 current members plus 18 Catalina owners from Southport Marina attended. We welcomed one new member at the party with the hopes of adding even more. There are a lot of Catalina boats in Kenosha! Thank you to Harbor Captain Deborah Ruxton for contacting all those possible members and to Deborah and Brian, Dave and Carolyn DeAre, Marshall and Lin Fernholz and everyone who helped clean up the party space (even washing windows!) for this great event.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members:

Skipper: Jay Wetzel
First Mate: Dawn Wetzel
Address: 2725 E 500 S
Pleasant Lake, IN 46779
Skipper Cell #: 260-316-2907
FMate Cell #: 260-499-0296
EMail: tj7450@yahoo.com
Boat Name: *Galt's Gulch* Size: 36 Sail #: 2000
Harbor: Michigan City Mooring: 773

Skipper: Kenny Gatesman
First Mate: Karin Hansen
Address: 7908 N. Harlem Ave
Niles, IL 60713
Skipper cell: 773-225-0920
Email: kennygatesman@gmail.com
Boat Name: *Spin Drift* Size: 36 Sail # 977
Harbor: Southport Marina, Kenosha B750

And welcome back to Teri Weber! A long-time member who missed renewing last year. Add her to your 2021 directory:

Skipper: Teri Weber
First Mate: Pete Lovato
Address: 700 Foxdale
Winnetka, IL 60093
Skipper cell: 847-209-4075
Email: tranquilcat42@yahoo.com
Boat Name: *Tranquil* Size: 355 Sail# 98
Harbor Burnham H-35

CYA

Reported by James Graham

Following is a summary of the Chicago Yachting Association meeting on July 21.

- July 29-Aug 1 will be a busy lakefront weekend. Those are the dates of Lollapalooza at Grant Park, and July 31 is the date of a big rafting and beach party at the Playpen
- Dave Matthews Band plays Northerly Island Aug. 6-7.
- No full Air and Water Show this year, but the Blue Angels perform Sat., Aug. 22, noon-1 p.m. They rehearse Fri., Aug. 21.

- Classic Boat Rendezvous is Aug, 29th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Chicago River in front of City Winery.
- Some harbors have had mechanical problems with parking gate access. These include Burnham Harbor, where the problems have been intermittent and thus harder to diagnose, and Belmont, where a gate arm was stuck in the up position. As Belmont is repaired, access can be made through the public side of the lot. Hoping for repairs to be finished by early next week.
- Jackson's channel needs dredging and Westrec is seeking permits for the work. The yacht club's representative requested an update on a suggestion that an interim solution be tried involving a tug boat towing a rake to smooth out bumps. More to come.
- The CYA Commodore and others expressed concern about the city's process for approving a Venetian night on the river, when CYA's request to do a similar lakefront event was denied. The river event was canceled due to weather, but the concern remains about a process that inexplicably allowed one but not the other.

The meeting was abbreviated because it was the board's first in-person meeting in many months, held at the Museum Shores Yacht Club, with several participating by Zoom (myself included as I was out of town). Technical problems cut the meeting short for those online.

Fair winds and fun summer!

Jim

BUY/SELL/TRADE

FREE: Two pieces of stainless tubing that is 1 inch in diameter. One is 49 inches and the other is 18 inches. Second stainless tubing that is 7/8 inch diameter with two eyelets on it. This pole is 7 feet long. The last item is a mooring float and pole. These are free to anyone who wants them. Contact Ted Kuenzli at Kuenzli@sbcglobal.net to see pictures of these items or to claim them.