

**JULY 2024**

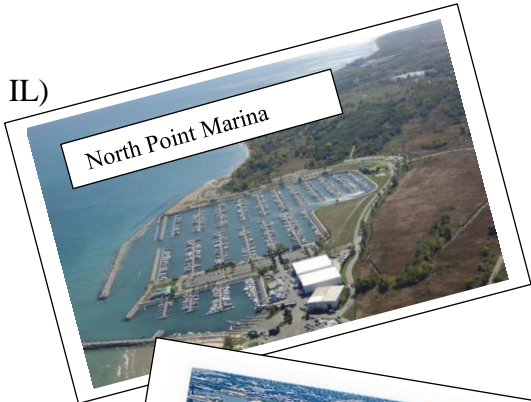
**CRUISE THROUGH SUMMER  
WITH FLEET 21!**

*“May there be many summer mornings when,  
with what pleasure, what joy,  
you enter harbors you’re seeing for the first time”* From *Ithaca* by C.P. Cavafy

Seeing new harbors (or maybe visiting old favorites) is what Fleet 21’s summer cruise is all about. The itinerary is spelled out below. The cruise starts in Michigan City and heads to Chicago and points north. You’re invited to join the cruise from your harbor and for as long as you choose.

Several cruisers will stay in Chicago harbors Sunday night before heading north on Monday. **Questions? Email Laura Pohl, Pohland57@aol.com.**

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
North Point Marina (Winthrop Harbor, IL)  
Reserve via Dockwa



**Sailing Flotilla**  
August 3  
Michigan City

**Book Club**  
August 8  
7pm

**Wisconsin Shore  
Cruise**  
August 10 – 20

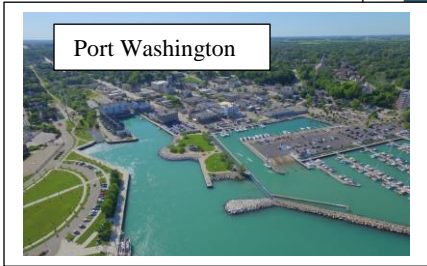
**Labor Day Sail In**  
August 31 –  
September 2  
Michigan City

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
Reefpoint Marina (Racine)  
Reserve at reefpointmarina.org or call 262-633-7171

**Wednesday, Aug. 14, Thursday, Aug. 15**  
McKinley Marina (Milwaukee)  
Reserve by calling 414-273-5224



**Friday, Aug. 16, Saturday, Aug. 17**  
Port Washington  
Reserve via Dockwa



**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
McKinley Marina (Milwaukee)  
Reserve by calling 414-273-5224

**Monday, Aug. 19**  
Southport Marina (Kenosha)  
Reserve via Dockwa



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Jackson Park		open
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Michigan City	Captain Leo Beer	708-304-6771
Monroe	Cathy Bredlau	708-807-2165
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Waukegan		open
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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE***



During our June board meeting it was mentioned that our Fleet has a vast amount of boat knowledge. And wouldn't it be of great value to many members if that knowledge could be tapped.

So we're introducing the Catalina Fleet 21 Knowledge Bank.

To make this work, we need members willing to share what they know—to be a resource for each other.

In July, I'll be sending an email requesting members be part of the Fleet 21 Knowledge Bank. All you have to do is provide your name, email, phone, and your current Catalina model and models you've owned in the past.

We also need your areas of knowledge and experience. We hope to establish the Knowledge Bank with the intention that members would ask for advice but without expectation of free repairs and service.

Areas of expertise might include:

- Engine maintenance
- Electrical (batteries, auto helm, lighting, etc.)
- Rigging (including standing rigging, winches, clutches, furlers, etc.)
- Sails
- Brightwork (woodwork, cabin sole)
- Gelcoat care and repair
- Great Lakes cruising

The information collected will be made available to all members via an email and will also appear in the 2025 Fleet Directory.

Along with the social aspects of knowledge sharing, this will add even more value to being a Fleet member!

So don't be shy about sharing what you know. Be a part of the Catalina Fleet 21 Knowledge Bank.

Commodore Pete

***Have you checked out our revamped web site? It looks great!***  
***www.catfleet21.com***

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome aboard to the following new members. Please add their information to your directory.

Skipper: Ted Kosmatka  
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Michigan City 700 dock

Skipper: Matt Walker  
First Mate: Beverly  
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Defiant. Catalina 30  
Michigan City, slip 8035  
Sail # 6026



## **OUTINGS**

*The Flotilla is Coming!*  
**Michigan City Sailing Flotilla**  
*Saturday, August 3*

We're having a group sail out of Washington Park Marina, Michigan City. This will be a casual day cruise—not a race—to wherever the wind blows us and back to the marina that afternoon for stories, cocktails and pizza party. Cash drawing and 50/50 raffle afterwards on the dock. BYOBooze and optional BYO Appetizers.

We encourage all boats to sail together as a group to promote camaraderie. This will also make for great photo ops. Take lots of pictures of your ship and of others, then share them with everyone on our Facebook group "Catalina Fleet 21 Chicago Region."

Skipper's meeting and event registration 9:00 a.m. at slip 8068 (800 dock). Shoving off at 10:00 a.m. and returning to MC marina around 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person to cover pizza and incidentals. Remaining money will be given away in a cash drawing on the dock.

For more information contact Leo Beer 708-204-6771  
[www.HighLifeSailing@Yahoo.com](mailto:www.HighLifeSailing@Yahoo.com)  
Facebook group "Catalina Fleet 21 Chicago Region"  
For 800 dock slip reservations, call the Washington Park Marina 219-872-1712

### ***What are you doing Labor Day weekend?***

Hopefully making plans to join us in Michigan City for our annual Sail-In. You can drive in, too. This year, we're planning a catered Italian Feast and potluck on Saturday evening (more details to come on cost per person). And of course, there's Tour da Boat on Sunday. Call the Michigan City Marina to make a reservation (219) 872-1712 and request the 800 dock.

## **BUY/TRADE/SELL**

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

### **40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts on sale**

Visit Bonfire to order yours today.

40<sup>th</sup>: visit <https://www.bonfire.com/fleet-21-40th-anniversary-design-160160/>

50<sup>th</sup>: visit <https://www.bonfire.com/fleet-21-50th-anniversary-wear/>



## **VENETIAN NIGHT**

Chicago's Venetian Night is returning July 20th, 9 p.m. at Monroe Harbor, with the Chicago Yachting Association, Chicago Harbors, the Chicago Yacht Club and others fully engaged in bringing this tradition back to Chicago. Top prize is a \$1,500 discount on your Chicago harbor mooring fee For more info, visit <https://www.chicagoharbors.info/venetian-night-2024/>

## **MARINER'S FUND**

This year the board has voted to give \$300 from the Mariner's fund to support the No Salt Sailing organization here in Chicago. This organization supports the military disabled by offering Sailing Adventure Therapy. They are also in the need of sailing equipment that you don't need anymore such as old sails. More information is available at [www.nosaltsailing.org](http://www.nosaltsailing.org).

## **BOOK CLUB**

The next book club selection is *Dirty Waters: Confessions of Chicago's Last Harbor Boss*, by R. J. Nelson. It's a wry, no-holds-barred memoir of Nelson's time controlling some of Chicago's most beautiful spots while facing some of its ugliest traditions. Watch your email for the exact date for book club. The book is available from Amazon for Kindle, paperback and hardcover, and Crowley's ship store or your local library.

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**FIRST CLASS**