

**AUGUST 2024**

## ***SAIL, DRIVE OR WALK***

### **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

### **Annual Banquet**

November 16  
Burnham Park  
Yacht Club

...But make your way to Michigan City for the Labor Day Weekend and a Fleet 21 get-together. There will be a catered Italian meal on the dock on Saturday, August 31, starting at 5 p.m.. We anticipate the cost will be about \$12 per person. If you're able, bring an appetizer or dessert. BYOB.

The always fun Tour de Boat will be held Sunday, beginning at 4 p.m. This is an organized progressive cocktail party on participating boats in the harbor.

If you're in a harbor other than Michigan City, sail over. If you would like to partner with another boat for a lake crossing, contact your harbor master and see what he can arrange. Finding slips for visiting boats is going to be very challenging, as the 800 dock, and all of the marina, is nearly fully booked with permanent boats. The marina staff suggests contacting them first thing Monday morning that week (Aug. 26) to find availability. If we can't find slips, the alternatives are tying up on the wall (Saturday night only due to the Tri-State race) or reserving slips in New Buffalo. We will arrange shuttles as necessary between the harbors. We may have some slips on the dock Saturday night due to racers leaving the harbor but probably not on Sunday.

Paid parking is available at the marina if you prefer to drive over. If you're in Michigan City just stroll over to the 800 dock for the festivities. Hope to see you there.



RSVP for Saturday to Laura: [Pohland57@aol.com](mailto:Pohland57@aol.com).

RSVP for Sunday to Danita: [astone4879@aol.com](mailto:astone4879@aol.com)

## **Mark your calendars for a new banquet date!**

The annual Fleet 21 year-end banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, at Burnham Park Yack Club in Chicago. Based on the survey responses, we're confident we'll get a good turnout with returning the banquet to a date after the boating season ends.

We don't have a price and menu yet but we'll have those details soon.

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE***



Don't you wish we could drag anchors to slowdown the passing of summer and sailing season? It goes by so quickly up here in the northern latitudes. I'm hoping those of us going on the Wisconsin Shore Cruise will get to do more than enough sailing, weather permitting. And for those staying near your home ports, I hope you get plenty of sailing in, too.

As the season rolls on, it seems there's always something needing attention, whether a repair or an improvement. One of the best things about owning a Catalina is that you own a Catalina. I mean, they make a great product as we all know, but what really makes Catalina stand out is that they seem to personally care more about the owners of their products than any company I've ever dealt with. And it doesn't matter whether you're the second, third or even fourth owner.

A few springs ago, I had a crack appear where the keel meets the hull. Fairly or not, this is known among owners as the Catalina smile. Some online research via the Catalina 320 International Association site said tightening the bolts that connect the keel to the hull was needed. What I couldn't find was agreement on how much tightening was needed.

So, I called Catalina and surprisingly, they connected me to Gerry Douglas, Catalina's chief designer, who has since retired. "Ninety-five foot pounds," he said. I was a little stunned that I was talking with the person who designed our 320. I stammered, "Not something more, like 105?" He simply repeated, "Ninety-five foot pounds." I had my answer. And I was able to borrow a torque wrench from the Catalina 320 International Association—only had to pay for shipping.

A great person to know at Catalina is Warren Pandy (warren@catalinayachts.com). Over the past year, he's graciously advised me on solutions to a problem I was having with my cabin sole. On the discussion boards, he's always mentioned as someone to contact when you have questions about your Catalina. Please don't retire too soon, Warren!

Get out there and enjoy your Catalina.

Fair winds and following seas.

Pete Pohl  
Commodore

***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.

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## **RIGGING & EQUIPMENT**

### ***Trouble free Pump-outs***

*Contributed by Michael Reid*

Following simple practices can eliminate most problems associated with difficulties during pump-outs.

1) Get everything set before starting the pump: Secure the boat; put on gloves; bring water hose to the boat with the shutoff valve turned on; remove the deck plate; and remove the entire vacuum hose from its rack and lay it flat on the dock.

2) Start the vacuum pump allowing up to 20 seconds to build vacuum; insert and hold the nozzle firmly in the hole being sure the hose is 90 degrees to the outlet; quickly open the valve; if flow does not begin within 15 to 20 seconds, close the valve, let the vacuum build up again, then again quickly open the valve. If flow still does not begin, add fresh water using the hose then try again being sure to apply adequate pressure to the nozzle to get good vacuum. If you hear leakage, ensure the nozzle is squarely in the hole and apply more pressure.

3) When the pump-out hose begins to jump, close the nozzle valve and remove; add fresh water using the water hose for 30 seconds; then repeat the vacuuming extraction process.

Note: Be sure to back flush the holding tank vent line a few times per year to ensure it remains clear.

4) Once complete with the pump-out, lower the vacuum hose into the water, open the valve for 10 seconds, then close the valve and turn off the pump. Reinstall the deck plate and wash down the area with the fresh water hose. Return all hoses to their proper storage places.

## **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.

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

### ***Shore Cruise***

It's not too late to join the cruise up the western shore of Lake Michigan. Contact Laura Pohl if you're interested.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The next book club meeting is August 8 at 7pm. Join the discussion of *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 zoom link. The book is available from Amazon for Kindle, paperback and hardcover, and Crowley's ship store or your local library.

## **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)

# CYA

**Highlights of the Chicago Yachting Association monthly meeting, June 25, 2024 by Harold Hansen .**

**Scott Stevenson of Westrec, offered a Good, Bad, and Ugly report on Chicago harbors**

- **GOOD:** Venetian night in Monroe Harbor past Saturday night July 20th drew big crowds. 17 boats participated, + PD & CFD. Was a Team Effort. Activities at the CYC were sold out. All had a good time. There will be a YouTube video. Chicago Harbors is looking forward to Venetian night 2025.
- **BAD:** There have been incidents of bad behavior: violence, assaults, fights at 31<sup>st</sup> Harbor.
- **UGLY:** Parking! Many activities over next few weeks will create high demand and congestion: Burnham Harbor with concert Saturday, Scene Party, Lollapalooza, Air & Water Show, and Democratic National Convention.
- Noted that there are two Olympians in Paris from Chicago
- CFD having gate access codes and Life Preserver Rings at harbors at harbors was discussed.

**Yachting in Chicago:** Ad sales are very low. Discussion of print versus digital publication for future, with distribution through youth clubs and politicians. It was noted that this is a publication marketing to boaters; it is not attracting new boaters or potential members. Transition to a newsletter format suggested and discussed.

**Sea Scouts:** There are two boats on the East side of the lake. They were hit by the severe storm front that passed through. Lessons were learned about severe weather preparation. Discussion of Sea Scouts ability for provide Honor Guard for services.

- Navy Week will be August 5 to 11, 2024. Will be talks, Band performances, visits with crew of submarines.
- Warning about Electric Shock drownings this time in season. Be aware of potential, shut power cords down if swimmers impacted.
- Remember Nautical Donations
- August 25, 2024, is South Side Harbor day.

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