



Chicago Yachting Association Newsletter

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This newsletter is to better utilize our meeting time. Please submit in written form or email all organization information to the CYA secretary. Your information will be distributed via this newsletter to all members in the CYA directory with email addresses. The newsletter will go out within five working days of the monthly meeting. Please note: The deadline for each month's newsletter is the 15th of each month.

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PURPOSE OF THE CYA

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster greater coordination between the public and private sectors of the community and to provide a forum for organizations involved in the marine environment of the Greater Chicagoland Area. The forum will discuss issues, real or potential, whether they be federal, state, county, local government, or internal, which affect or may affect a part of all of the marine community of the Greater Chicagoland Area.

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

The success of the Association shall depend upon all member organizations making appropriate financial contributions in the form of dues and assessments for the support of the Association and upon all member organizations actively participating in the affairs of the Association. The success of the Association shall further depend upon all member organizations acting in accord with standards of conduct appropriate to the marine community.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Belmont Yacht Club	Crowley's Yacht Yard, Inc	Jackson Park Yacht Club	Sail Chicago
Burnham Park Yacht Club	Diversey Yacht Club	Joseph Conrad Yacht Club	Sea Scouts, Chicago Area Council
Calumet Yacht Club	Fairwind Sail Charters, Inc	Kingsbury Yacht Club	Southern Shore Yacht Club
Catalina Fleet 21, Chicago Region	Friends of the Marine Community	Lincoln Park Boat Club	Chicago Police Marine Unit
Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	Goose Island Boat Yard	Midwest Open Racing Fleet	United States Coast Guard
Chicago Power Squadron	Hammond Yacht Club	Museum Shores Yacht Club	Sector Lake Michigan
Chicago Yacht Club	Heritage Boat Club	Natl. Marine Manufacturers Assn	Marine Safety Unit Chicago
Columbia Yacht Club	Honey Jug Marine Sanitation, Inc.	Pinnacle Yachts, Inc.	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/9 th WR

*The Officers of the
Chicago Yachting Association
Wish you and your family a
happy and safe holiday season.*

1973 – 2005
Celebrating 32 Years of Membership
October 27, 2005 - - Chicago Yacht Club
Representative: Lori Lauraitis P/C



Website – catfleet21.org

October 27, 2005

- Membership 117 members
- Our General Meeting at Burnham Yacht Club came alive at our last General Meeting of the year. A report from our members and their weeks spent in the North Channel consisting of 6 boats and hurricane free! Their summer was rainfree in 2004 whereas, we had one of the wettest summers last year. But the presentation was a success and two of the six boats presented certain sections of their travels. Quite beautiful to see and capture the rock formations in the North Channel.
- Halloween Party at Montrose Harbor, Corinthian Yacht Club, brought out the Invisible Man, Pirates, Draculas, Cowboys, Bottom Painters, Mr. Gippetto, variable Witches, Titanic survivors, and a host of varied costumes representing eras of bygone years. Music was great, and the weather cooperated for this last weekend in October.
- Our Annual Banquet is well on its way and invitations were received by our members to respond before 11/19.
- Telephone survey was set to call our members and inquire as to what they expect Fleet 21 to accomplish next year in the way of a new board in 2006. More programs, outings, less meetings, keep the same, more speakers, more hands-on and keep one General Meeting place with less confusion for our members. All were compiled and presented to our current Board for their review.

This culminates the last report from Catalina Fleet 21 for the year 2005 and we wish everyone a peaceful, healthy and safe holiday season, for it will be upon us in nothing flat. So, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Submitted by: Lori Lauraitis, Catalina Fleet 21 - Chicago Region



Chicago's Christmas Ship

Chicago's Christmas Ship Has Arrived.

Chicago's Christmas Ship arrived at Navy Pier on Friday, December 2nd, and was unloaded Saturday morning. Thus one thousand children will be able to celebrate this Christmas with a live, green Christmas tree. For many of them, it will be their first Christmas tree, ever.

The Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw*, our Christmas ship, made its last voyage and unloaded its precious cargo of 1000 Christmas trees at the pier. Next year the newly commissioned cutter, also named *Mackinaw*, will assume the duties of Chicago's Christmas Ship.

Hundreds of volunteers from Chicago's marine community, including Coast Guard Auxiliarists, Sea Scouts, Sea Cadets, Young Marines, and the crew of the Cutter unloaded the trees – one by one – from the ship and onto waiting trucks of every type. Each truck received between fifty and two hundred Christmas trees, depending on the size of the distributing organization. These organizations are selected on our behalf by the Salvation Army.

By Saturday afternoon, each truck arrived at the participating organization's site, and each tree was given to a child in a needy family. Volunteers from our club followed the trucks to their respective organizations, and thus witnessed, and recorded photographically, the joys of this day.

Each year, this event is made possible by a huge volunteer effort of Chicago's marine community. A group of us, the Executive Committee members of Chicago's Christmas Ship, work throughout the year to assure its success. We plan the event, coordinate it with the Coast Guard and the management of Navy Pier, and most important, solicit donations to pay the tree growers for the Christmas trees. This undertaking is a very unique charitable event -- 100 % of all donations are used solely to purchase the trees. There are no overhead expenses. With the help of the Chicago Council, U. S. Navy League, our donations are fully tax-deductible. With our personal donations, we can continue this annual Chicago's Christmas Ship event for years to come.

You may send your donations to: Chicago's Christmas Ship, c/o Chicago Council, U. S. Navy League, 409 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

And thank you.

Fred W. Poppe
Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee





Chicago's Christmas Ship 2005 Event

Dec 13, 2005 pv

PROGRAM

December 2nd, 2005 – FRIDAY

0800 – **USCGC MACKINAW** - Arrives at Navy Pier, escorted by Fireboat and Police Boats while Band plays.

0830 – **USCGC MACKINAW**- Welcomed by **Chicago's Christmas Ship's** Official Party

0930 – **USCGC MACKINAW** - Decorating by Chicago's Marine Community Volunteers, assisted by ships crew.

1000 to 1100 and 1100 to 1200 – **USCGC MACKINAW** Host Public School Children for Classes on board.

1530 to 1600 – MYSTIC BLUE Boarding (By Invitation ONLY) *Reception. for VIPs, Participants, and DONORS.* Become a welcome Donor by making your contribution of \$100 or more. Click “Donate” at: WWW.CHRISTMASSHIP.com

1815 to 1830 – Disembark the MYSTIC BLUE

December 3rd, 2004 – SATURDAY

0800 - Volunteer Registration at McDonalds in Navy Pier.

1000 COMMENCE PROGRAM - Rich Renik, Master of Ceremonies
Presentation of Colors
US Merchant Marine Officers Honors Unit Memorial Wreath Ceremony

Speakers: *Master of Ceremonies introduces speakers:*
Rear Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District
CDR McGuiness Captain of the USCGC Mackinaw
Honored Guests

Retiring and new installation presentation ceremony

Presentation of Meritorious Service Plaque to CGC Mackinaw
Presenter Captain George Lisner
Recipient CDR McGuiness

Ruth Fleswig Gibson - speaks on behalf of her mother.

Master of Ceremonies: Gives a “**Chicago send off**” to the Christmas tree trucks.

Lee Murdock sings our signature song about the USCGC Mackinaw, “**When the ‘Big Mac’ comes into the Harbor**”

1030 to 1130 & 1230 to 1330 Rich Renik and Lee Murdock tell stories and sings at Navy Pier at the Family Pavilion Stage..

1330 to 1700 – USCGC MACKINAW - Public Tours on board.

December 4th, 2005 - SUNDAY

1330 to 1700 – USCGC MACKINAW - Public Tours on board.

Dockside Viewing of the decorated ship exterior. Throughout the ships stay here visitors may view the ship from land during the day and evening. The ship displays traditional Christmas lighting after sunset.

December 5th, 2004 - MONDAY

USCGC MACKINAW departs Chicago!



Columbia Yacht Club

Of note - Columbia Yacht Club is welcoming members from other yacht clubs to enjoy their dining room and bar. Their Club Ship, Abegweit, is open during the winter Tuesday through Sunday with the exception of the first three weeks in January. Columbia will reopen Friday, January 20, 2006. The Dining room is closed all day Tuesday, though a limited menu is available that day in the bar.


As they normally have keycard entry, I suggest calling first to find out what arrangements they've made for entry. Their chef is talented and the view of the city is not to be missed. The phone number for reservations is: 312-938-3625. Food and beverage charges may be paid by credit card.

Columbia Yacht Club (for those who may have forgotten or who didn't know) is located downtown, on the Abegweit, their club ship. It is located just south of DuSable harbor and north and east of Chicago Yacht Club.

Note the special invitation below:

Columbia Yacht Club

Wine Tasting 11/16




Columbia Yacht Club is pleased to welcome Brock Waterman of Brochelle Vineyards for a wine tasting on Wednesday, November 16.

He will speak about several wines that are fast becoming favorites in the Columbia bar and dining room.

Bottles will be available, at cost, for you to purchase and Brock will be happy to sign them if you wish.

There is no fee to taste and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Reservations are not required but are strongly encouraged.



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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will present an eight week boating class starting Monday, April 17, 2006. There is no charge for this class except for the textbook and student workbook. The classes meet from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The subjects covered will be boat construction, equipment for your boat, trailering, lines and knots, boat handling, rules of the road, inland boating, navigation and piloting, radio, radar, GPS and Loran. This is a basic course and is a must for new boaters and is a good refresher for you old salts. Classes will be held at the Diversey Yacht Club, 2601 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago. The public is invited to attend. Bring your family and friends and be a better and more informed boater. For information and registration, call Elaine Hofer at 847-518-9910.

