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Correction: In the Summer 2014 issue of the *Blinker*, the article titled, "How Petunia the Pink Pony Tweeted Last Year's Race," listed Megan Robb as the author. The article should have listed John Schellenbach as the author.

On Our Cover: Monroe Station by Jonathan Bernbaum, winner of the 2014 West Marine Photo Contest.

Chicago Yacht Club Calendar of Events



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February						

December

- 4** Bears Bus (M)
- 6** Associate's Tacky Sweater Party (B)
- 6** Island Goats Holiday Dinner (M)
- 6 & 7** Children's Holiday Party (M)
- 10** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 12** Holiday Lunch (M)
- 12** Power Fleet Holiday Party (M)
- 14** Commodore's Open House (M)
- 18** Club Candlelight Dinner (M)
- 23 - 25** Club Closed
- 29 - 30** Club Closed
- 31** New Year's Eve (M)

January

- 3** New Year's Prime Rib Dinner (B)
- 9** Dinner and a Movie (B)
- 10** Spanish Wine Dinner (B)
- 14 - 18** Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place
- 17** Pink Pony (B)
- 23** Dinner and a Movie (B)
- 24** Pasta Madness (B)
- 31** Pasta Madness (B)

Please Note:

Monroe Station will be closed in January and February for renovations to the Mac Bar.

Belmont Station will be open starting January 3.

February

- 1** Super Bowl XLIX (B)
- 7** Wine Dinner (B)
- 8** Blackhawks Bloody Mary Brunch (B)
- 14** Valentine's Day Dinner (B)
- 21** Dancing with the Stars (B)

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Commodore's Comment



Fellow Chicago Yacht Club Members,

CYC has had an excellent 2014 season, though spring's inclement weather extended to some rainy summer months. Our members took every opportunity to use the Club to dine and attend a spectrum of events. Belmont Station, especially with its new tender service this summer, is a popular destination for our members. Pleasant weather after Labor Day has allowed us to enjoy some great patio dining, and our Club's operation has been doing well, in no small part due to General Manager Dwight Jenson and his staff. And I'm pleased to report that club membership has grown markedly in all categories during 2014.

I trust we all appreciate our numerous member volunteers who do so much for the Club, so I would like to name a few. Fleet Review, led by Roger MacDougall, was another wonderful event. Stan Mehaffey coordinated the fun Old Guard Regatta and dinner. Sandy Bober and the Women's Committee staged several outstanding events throughout the year. Our Cruising Sail Fleet, under the direction of Dwain Lutzow and John Zienda, hosted a number of well-attended parties and cruises. Our Power Fleet, led by Pat Marek and Nick Berberian, coordinated dock parties and other fun events, including its annual Special Needs Cruise and the Cruise for the Sight-Impaired. We enjoyed our Chicago Yacht Club Annual Cruise and Offshore Regatta to Racine.

It was a great time for yacht racing this year as well. Our Offshore Committee and Racing Yacht Fleet Committees, led by Ken Colbert and Sam Veilleux, organized a stellar series of races for offshore and inshore boats. Our Mackinac Committee, led by Matt Gallagher, produced a very successful 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. Martin Sandoval and the Verve Cup Regatta Committee staged a great set of races and post-race parties. Ann Rundle and the NACC committee's coordination of CYC's North American Challenge Cup resulted in an inspirational event. CYC's reputation continues to be enhanced by our usual annual regattas and hosting national regattas like this year's T-10 North American Championship and the Beneteau 40.7 North American Championship, as well as the USODA Midwest Championship and the Etchells North American Championship. Particular thanks to Janet Baxter and the world-class Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee for managing over 100 regattas. The Chicago Yacht Club is proud of its long-standing "Tradition of Yachting Excellence."

CYC has undertaken numerous other member-focused activities, including our world-class sailing school program and the adult Sonar sailing program. Junior Activities, led by Ted Anderson, and our Sea Scout program, led by Charles Koules, have flourished. We continue our vigorous community outreach efforts to provide appreciation and awareness of nautical history arts and traditions. Among other excellent activities, our CYC Foundation under the leadership of Gibby Vartan is on track to again host numerous elementary school students who participate in educational programs at CYC.

With CYC operating to serve you year-round, visit Monroe Station and Belmont Station for some of the best dining in Chicago at two beautiful locations. Stay tuned to club activities at www.chicagoyachtclub.org.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Bober". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DR. GERALD (JERRY) F. BOBER, COMMODORE

Chicago Yacht Club Named a Platinum Club



The Chicago Yacht Club has been ranked in the top 4 percent of all private clubs and as one of the top 10 yacht clubs in the U.S. by the Platinum Clubs of America, earning CYC the designation of Platinum Club for 2014.

The Platinum Clubs of America conducts a survey of club managers and club presidents from across the United States to identify top clubs from among hundreds of the most respected private clubs in America.

The Chicago Yacht Club is proud to be considered to be one of the best clubs in the country and receive the highest score of any club in Chicagoland. CYC prides itself on maintaining a standard of excellence in its operations: sailing and power boat events, sailing school, food and beverage, and a host of special events. CYC members of the Power, Cruising and Racing Yacht Fleets are deeply involved, have a strong voice in their Club, and take pride in maintaining and strengthening CYC's robust nautical traditions.

Being designated a Platinum Club is an achievement that is truly a testament to the excellent year-round collaboration of CYC's member volunteer committees, members involved in club governance and staff. ▶

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From The Editor



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Welcome to another outstanding issue of your club's official publication, *The Blinker*. What makes this issue outstanding? *The Blinker* captures the spirit of camaraderie that embodies the Chicago Yacht Club. Within these pages you will learn about experiences, events and accomplishments of fellow friends and members. You will see members in action – volunteering, racing, cruising, laughing, enjoying, helping and sharing.

The membership of this special club is a community. There are many facets to it; rich traditions are honored and new ones emerge. The membership is dynamic with many varied interests based on a love of the water and Chicago. The dedicated volunteers, authors and the Editorial Advisory Board members, along with our new Communications Director, Susan Kantor, have brought the best of what you have accomplished this year in this issue.

I've been the editor of *The Blinker* now for four fabulous years. Publishing this magazine has been a great joy and labor of love for me. Over the course of this time, the content and quality of the publication has consistently improved. The reason for this is simple: engagement. Members became actively engaged in developing and creating content. Members are excited to see and learn about other members. It's fun sharing a great story and it's fun to see photos of our friends enjoying themselves at social events.

As this is my last issue as the editor, I thought I would try to express why the Chicago Yacht Club is so deeply important to me, why it is the first place I head to when I am in Chicago, why I look forward to walking in to both Monroe and Belmont stations and always, always see a friendly face (Art and Audrey – you make me smile), why I am proud to sport my CYC attire wherever I go, and why I call the CYC my second home.

Being a member of the Chicago Yacht Club has changed my life in so many wonderful ways. Most importantly, I have met friends for life – people whom if I had not met, I would be a lesser person. We have shared good times and created memories and stories we share over and over again with much laughter. I've learned to drive a powerboat. Will the angst of docking ever go away? I think of Lynn Lynch telling me "slow Liz, only go as fast as you want to hit." Even though I'm not a sailor, I love the sailing community and LOVE to watch regattas. I have an unwavering passion for the Race to Mackinac. I get giddy during the weeks leading up to the race. I've volunteered for many committees and had the opportunity to work on the RTM, secure sponsors, plan events, and work on this magazine.

Without the Chicago Yacht Club, my friends created here, volunteering, I would not have found my greatest journey and true calling – a little renovation project on where else, Mackinac Island.

Thank you, Commodores Haas and Bober, for allowing me to serve under your tenures. I have received far more out of being the editor of *The Blinker* than I had ever expected. And thank you to the Editorial Advisory Board and all of the authors and contributors who have made this publication so special.

Sincerely,

LIZ WARE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & PUBLISHER *BLINKER*, MEMBER: POWER FLEET

How the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation Turns its Mission Statement into Reality

By **ANN RUNDLE**

The stated mission of the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation is as follows: *“The Chicago Yacht Club Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization that promotes an awareness and appreciation of the nautical arts and traditions to the Chicagoland community through education and activities as well as through the support of like-minded charitable organizations.”*

Every organization needs a mission statement to summarize its reason for being and help shape goals. But sometimes you might wonder, “Just exactly what does it mean?” And from a business investment standpoint you might also wonder how we are doing on achieving our goals. I’d like to illustrate how the CYC Foundation’s mission statement becomes a reality through just a few of its various programs and community outreach activities.

The Foundation awards a number of grants each year to support and encourage youth involvement in yachting. This year the Foundation has awarded grants to a number of Chicago area youth, ranging from a 7 year old just starting out in CYC Sailing School’s Dinghy Demons, to a 17 year old competing in CYC’s North American Challenge Cup regatta. I hope you will enjoy reading their stories and appreciate the importance and value of the Foundation’s support to these young men and women.

Sailing School

Sebu Bodo is a precocious 7 year old, whose mother, Bridget, has regularly competed in CYC’s NACC regatta. The Foundation awarded a grant to Sebu to attend a session of Dinghy Demons. Sebu has been around sailboats since he was an infant, and attending sailing school gave him the opportunity to learn about sailing on his own. This is an excerpt from his mother’s thank you note.

“I want to thank you and the entire Chicago Yacht Club Foundation for making it possible for my son, Sebu Bodo, to be in the Dinghy Demons sailing class this summer. He absolutely loved it and, according to his coaches, was



The CYC Foundation awarded scholarships to four young women to attend the Sisters Under Sail Tall Ship Leadership Program this summer.

extremely focused and learned quickly. They even allowed him to move up to the Bugs by the end of the week and Bobby Collins said that they would like him to be a part of the Opti Green Fleet next summer. This is very exciting!!! But it wouldn’t have been possible without the scholarship that we received, so please know it was truly appreciated.”

High School Dinghy Racing Training Program

Will Rush is a 16-year-old junior at Roycemore High School, which he is able to attend thanks to scholarship awards. While Roycemore does not have the size to support a high school sailing team, Will wanted to attend CYC’s high school training program so he could acquire additional skills and compete with the other high school kids. This is an excerpt from Will’s application.

“The opportunity to attend the program at the Yacht Club will make me an exponentially better sailor, and, in turn, help me further improve my work ethic, leadership, and ability to work with others, skills that I will be able to implement for the rest of my life.”

Will attended the spring high school training session at CYC, and with the added skills he acquired, he was able to get a job this summer as a paid instructor at Northwestern University Sailing Center. His goals are to eventually attend medical school and become a doctor. In some small way,



The Foundation supports the North American Challenge Cup for disabled sailors every summer.



Sisters Under Sail is a week-long program to teach girls leadership skills through hands-on sailing experience.

the award Will received from the Foundation is a part of helping him achieve his goals.

Sisters Under Sail Tall Ship Leadership Training Program

The Chicago Yacht Club Foundation awarded scholarships to four young women (Sea Scouts and Rickover Academy girls) to attend the Sisters Under Sail (SUS) Tall Ship Leadership Program this summer. SUS is a leadership training program for young women to teach them leadership skills through hands-on experience sailing on a week-long journey on a tall ship. This summer the SUS program was conducted on the tall ship, *Dennis Sullivan*, which sailed from Milwaukee across the lake to Muskegon and back. These are stories from three of the participants.

Aisling Sullivan is a freshman at St. Ignatius and is part of CYC's Sea Scout ship, the *Privateer*.

"I learned how to plot coordinates on a chart, to steer the ship according to degrees on a compass, and to do boat checks to make sure the ship is safe. My favorite part of the program was meeting people from places as far away as Canada. During the Voyage, I learned that I really preferred racing rather than cruising. I intend to keep racing at Belmont on smaller boats such as 420s and J70s."

Jennifer Aquilar and Lindsey Franzin both attend



The CYC Foundation also awards scholarships for kids to attend CYC's Sailing School programs, including the Dinghy Demons and the high school sailing program.

Rickover Naval Academy (Jennifer is a junior and Lindsey a sophomore) and were two of the three Rickover Academy girls who went on the SUS cruise this summer. Both of the girls felt that the experience they had sailing on a tall ship for a week-long voyage, being away from home, and meeting new people was an experience that will shape their lives. One of the girls remarked that she looked forward to telling her grandchildren how she had such a unique opportunity back in her high school days. The girls said *continued on next page*

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that the experience gave them a stronger understanding of the importance of team work. While they were on the tall ship, everyone had to work together as a team, which made a difference in accomplishing tasks.

The Rickover students have a number of unique opportunities during their years at the Academy, and each of the girls felt that this experience was one of their best. They were extremely grateful to the Foundation for awarding them the scholarships and sending them on the tall ship experience.

North American Challenge Cup

Barbara Galinska is a senior at Elmwood Park High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, an award-winning pianist and an amateur film maker and actor. She also has an after-school job as a web designer, plus she's bilingual (English and Polish). She has participated in the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program's youth program and this year she competed as a skipper in CYC's North American Challenge Cup (NACC), skippering a Freedom 20 two-person adaptive sailboat. Anyone who attended the Winner's Dinner will confirm that Barbara is a sharp, extraordinary young sailor,

as her brief speech wowed us all.

"Sailing has been an amazing learning experience and I am very grateful for the opportunity. Sure I was the youngest sailor against people who could call themselves professionals and sure I lost an absolute majority of the races, but I walked into every race with a new plan and walked away with another piece of knowledge and that too, was something else. Being able to sail at the NACC was truly an honor and I was convinced that I would have an incredible learning experience from whatever came my way. After the NACC I was very excited to also sail in the Freedom Cup and the Goldman Cup. Sailing for me has definitely become more of a passion than a summer time hobby. Whenever I am asked where I want to be when I grow up, I say I want a small apartment in Chicago and a sailboat."

These stories illustrate just a small part of how Chicago Yacht Club Foundation helps support "awareness and appreciation of the nautical arts and traditions to the Chicagoland community," and is able to translate our mission statement into a reality for a number of Chicago area youth. So next time you find yourself wondering just what it is that the Foundation does, please remember these stories and know that we have been able to make a significant contribution in helping to shape the lives and character of a number of young men and women. ➤



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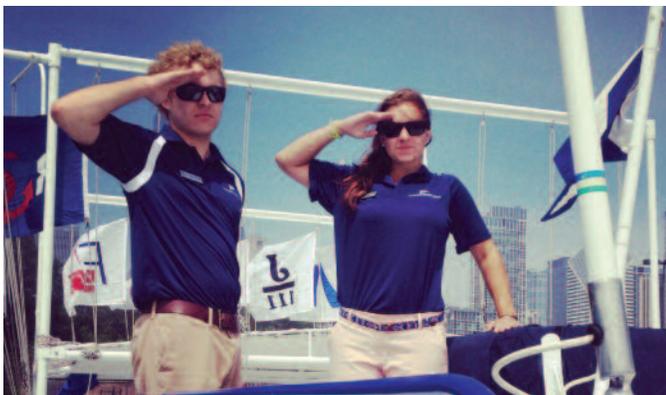
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Kate Lorenz Named Employee of the Summer

by **GREG FREEMAN**



Kate Lorenz admits she was completely surprised when she was named CYC’s “Employee of the Summer” at CYC’s end of summer employee party.

This was Kate’s second summer working at CYC. Previously she had sailed for St. Ignatius High School, so she was familiar with the Belmont facility, and that’s what drew her to Belmont for a summer job. Her rather pedestrian title was “dock hand” but as it turned out, the job was much more than that.

This was the first summer that CYC had a tender at Belmont. It was used to ferry members, their families and supplies around the harbor. One of Kate’s jobs was to drive the tender. She took the U.S. Power Boating class offered by CYC and received her certification. Driving the tender got her off the docks and out on the water which she admits she really loved.

“Being out on the water, handling a boat, was awesome,” she said. Driving the tender also gave her a

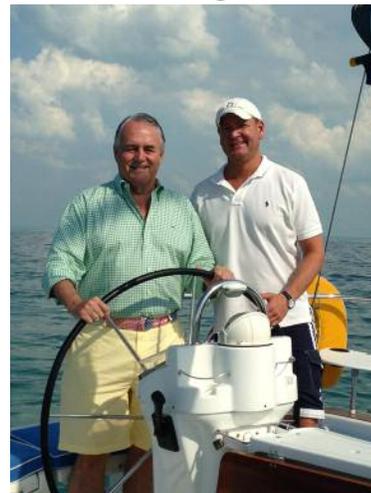
chance to interact with the members, many of whom became her “regular customers” and spend time getting to know them. An unexpected bonus was the experience she gained dealing with members, far more interactive than simply saying hello from the Belmont Front Desk.

The other challenge Kate faced was Mac Week. Belmont gets more Mac traffic than you’d expect. During Mac week the other Belmont dock hand was transferred to help out at Monroe, and Kate’s boss, Chuck Nevel, had gone up to the Island to start getting set up there. This left Kate to deal with the dozens and dozens of boats that needed to use Belmont in the run up to the Mac. She put those people skills and communications skills to good use as she assumed the role of Belmont Mac Race Dock Master. A bit more challenging than plain old dock hand, but Kate took it in stride.

Kate is now back at school, Regis University in Denver, where she is a sophomore. She admits it’s been hard to explain to her friends what her summer job was all about. At the same time she said she’s applying the skills she learned this summer in dealing with her interactions at school. She admits she’d like to come back to CYC in 2015, but it’s too early to say just yet if that will work out.

To Kate we say, “Congratulations on a job well done. And good luck in your studies.” ▶

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The 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac

by **MATT GALLAGHER**, 106th Race to Mackinac Chairman
above photo by **RANDY HULL**, Grizzly Air Photography

We're starting to see a pattern here: even-numbered Macs have been fast for the past few years, and the 106th was no exception. 2012 was a fast Mac, with everyone done on Monday morning. 2013 was a drifter, so slow that we had to add a second awards ceremony Tuesday evening. Luckily, 2014 was another fast Mac for most of the fleet. Let's hope we break this pattern in 2015 with another fast one!

The cruising division started with 41 boats on the line on Friday, July 18. Conditions were excellent with clear skies and decent breeze propelling the cruising boats north. Many shied towards the Wisconsin shore, playing forecast sea and shore breezes, while others stuck to the rhumb line. Conditions improved during the evening for many boats. Meanwhile, back in Chicago, the racing division boats were making final preparations. Friday evening saw over 2,000 sailors, families and friends celebrate their send-off in style at Monroe Station.

On Saturday morning, more than 3,000 family, friends and fans wished the departing racers well at Ashore Thing,

the official Parade of Boats Viewing Party at Navy Pier, hosted by Michigan Avenue Magazine. Parading past them were the 276 entrants in the double-handed, multihull and racing divisions of the race, headed out to the start line off the Chicago Lighthouse.

The racing divisions starting Saturday mid-day faced light lake breezes in the five knot range, forcing most of the fleet to hug the Illinois/Wisconsin shoreline seeking land/lake breezes Saturday night. By Saturday night, the fast cruisers were already in the Manitou passage while the remaining cruising division trailed behind them.

Sunday found the fleet spread across the lake. The fastest cruisers were approaching the Island. Former Commodore Joe Haas's *Infinite Diversion* was the first to cross the line at 9:54 a.m. CDT. As additional cruising boats continued to cross the finish line throughout Sunday, fans gathered at the Grand Hotel for the annual Porch Party to toast the competitors and the 2014 race.

On Sunday evening, *Windquest*, a Max Z86 owned by Dick and Doug DeVos, was first to finish in the racing

fleet at 21:55 CDT. Tom Giesler, captain of *Windquest*, commented that this year's race was "Groundhog Day" compared with 2013's Mac with similar sailing conditions and a finish just one minute earlier than its time in 2013.

"Both years were fairly similar," Geisler said. "Light breezes to start, nice breezes and some tricky sailing in the middle, and the wind dying at the bridge."

Il Mostro, a Volvo 70 owned by Peter Thornton, finished at 22:21 Sunday evening with a crew of 14.

Monday was a busy day on the island, with most of the remaining fleet finishing throughout the day and into Monday evening.

Jerry and Greg Miarecki won the Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division – their third consecutive Race to Mackinac win – on *Providence*. They won with a corrected time of 41:35:28. CYC Vice Commodore Greg Miarecki said that in many ways, this year's race was similar to 2013 – except for the fact that they finished approximately 24 hours faster than the 105th Race.

"Both years, the weather was very pleasant, and there was no threat of rain or thunderstorms. We had to make decisions about whether to go west or east. And in both years, the choice to go west was correct. We're happy to be here almost an entire day earlier than last year. Everyone, including the sailors, the Race Committee, and the folks on Mackinac Island, likes a faster race. This was a great year."

In the Mackinac Cup Division, *To the Moon*, owned by Robert Berg, won with a corrected time of 42:11:45. *To the Moon* is a Swan 42 with an 11-person crew representing the New York Yacht Club.

As the last boats crossed the finish line early Tuesday morning, all sailors were able to attend the 2014 Sailor's Celebration at the Grand Hotel. Although the awards ceremony was slightly delayed by rain, the weather didn't stop 2,500 competitors from celebrating their accomplishments.

2014 will go down in the collective memories of Mac sailors as yet another fast, safe and successful Mac. Nearly ideal conditions for most of the fleet allowed for a fun time on the water and a fun time on the Island. As the harbor emptied Wednesday afternoon, many sailors were already talking about their plans for the 107th Mac in 2015. ▶



The crew of *Providence* celebrates their third Mac win in three years. Photo by Franny Grinberg.



The crew of *Infinite Diversion* holds their first-to-finish flag in the Cruising Division.



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Stories from the Mac

Whether it's the memories made by a father/daughter team, the journey for an international sailor doing the Mac for the first time, or the docking puzzle the Race Committee solves over three days on the Island, the Mac undoubtedly generates some one-of-a-kind tales each year. Here are some of the stories from the 106th Race to Mackinac.



The Monroe docks just before the start of the 106th Race to Mackinac. Photo by MISTE Photography.

Father/Daughter Team for the Mac

Excerpts courtesy of Seth Schwartz, Sun-Times Media

Ian Fisher didn't make it to the podium at Mackinac Island, but his 18th Mac Race might be his favorite.

The reason?

Among the crew of eight was his 14-year-old daughter Zoe.

Crossing the finish line at 11:17 a.m. Monday, Fisher's *Hiwassee* placed 15th in the 20-boat section 04 of the Mackinac Cup Division with an elapsed time of 46:37:45 and corrected time of 45:55:47 in the 106th Race to Mackinac. Responsible for head sail, Zoe adroitly adjusted the spinnaker – a type of sail – with the ease of a veteran.

"Zoe was fantastic," said Fisher, a River Forest resident. "I'm extremely proud of her. She did a great job when we flew the spinnaker in heavy air and took it down below the deck. Zoe wanted to sail The Mac for a while, but I told her she had to earn it. She did a couple of off-shore overnight races [last year] to get ready. She handled herself very well under pressure."

Steady southeastern wind at 10 to 12 knots Saturday afternoon put *Hiwassee* and the ship's crew of eight beyond the Wisconsin line. Following light winds in the evening and early Sunday morning, they hoisted the

spinnaker, taking advantage of increasing southerly air, reaching the Manitou Islands at sunset.

Heated discussions brewed amongst the crew regarding a course inside or around the Manitou Islands. A last-second jibe was the right call, as an 18 mph wind tunnel propelled them to Gray's Reef Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Asleep below the deck, Zoe awoke as a series of gusts over 20 mph caught the crew as they entered the Straits of Mackinac.

"Just as I got on deck, we broached [the boat was 45 degrees from the water on its side]," she said. "They sent me back down to gather the code zero spinnaker [used for heavy winds]. Everyone did a good job of hanging on; the water spray was everywhere."

Driving the rig at 8 knots, the *Hiwassee* went 21 miles in two-and-a-half hours to reach the finish line.

Last year they were first among the seven Farr 395 boats in their division; this year, they were sixth. Operating on a few hours of sleep, an enthusiastic Zoe was taken by the journey.

"I had no idea what would happen, but the race exceeded my expectations," she said. "I loved the competition and I learned a lot. I'm looking forward to next year."



The start of the 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. Photo by MISTE Photography.



Phil Sharp and Andraz Mihelind celebrate their first place finish in the Doublehanded Division. Photo by Franny Grinberg.

This Race is for the World *The Duo that Finished First in the Doublehanded Division Recounts Their First Mac*

By Jan Kramer

One of the many benefits of racing is that it enables us to be with extraordinary people, people we may know from home, people from races and places we've only heard about. Commodore Bober had the good fortune of meeting two extraordinary sailors – Andraz Mihelind and Philip Sharp – who came from afar to compete in the Mac and finished first in the Doublehanded Division.

Below are excerpts provided to the *Blinker* of the duo's experiences 'doing the Mac' and from their thank you letter to CYC. Andraz and Phil, CYC is glad for your top-notch experience and welcome your return.

Phil Sharp, UK singlehanded sailor of renown, flew into Chicago from Isle of Jersey

Long distance challenges are exciting, particularly in offshore, short-handed configuration. My first significant ocean experience was competing with a prototype in the 2005 Mini Transat, racing single-handed from France to Brazil. Here I got to know fellow competitor and Slovenian skipper, Andraz Milhelin. We decided to take on the double-handed class of the world's oldest and longest annual freshwater events, the Chicago-Mackinac.

Logistics for this race were not commonplace. I flew in from the U.S., Andraz from Slovenia, and the owner Svein Hubinette brought the boat from Lake Champlain, some 900 miles away.

With a new Seascape27, the smallest boat in the fleet, we couldn't exactly consider racing for line honors. Our objectives were to win the double-handed division and find out what a serious U.S. regatta is all about.

Our double-handed division was first to start and in very light reaching conditions.

The first half of the course, we followed our routing strategy up the west side of the lake. As well as taking advantage of the increased gradient and thermal enhancement

on the Wisconsin shore, we were going to put ourselves nicely west, before the wind shifted to the south, in order to give us a good angle of approach to the Islands of Manitowish at the top of the lake. This strategy didn't turn out to be a 'slam dunk.' Much of the fleet opted instead to follow the rhumb line and met with a reasonable level of success. There was more wind in the middle of the lake than forecast.

A unique feature of this race course, which we hadn't noticed in the guidebook, was the severe quantities of flies on the lake. Their bites did have the advantage of keeping you awake when you were just starting to drift off at the helm, a common problem in short handed it. (Note: the Skipper's Bag did include a fly swatter.)

We took a Jetboil for a stove, mounted in a gimbaled frame for cooking hot pasta meals. It wasn't until we started the race that we realized it didn't have a self-ignition system. Neither of us had brought a lighter. No chance then of a hot meal, tea or coffee. It was cereal the whole race. Fortunately, we had a lot of it.

The last few hours of the race saw the wind increase to 20-22 knots. Being a light and very stable design, a fractional gennaker for reaching gave us some impressive boat speeds of 14-15 knots. Wind gusts turned into rapid forward acceleration instead of just heel, which brings a serious smile to your face if you are lucky enough to be driving.

The Isle of Mackinac is an interesting place to finish a race. Cars are banned on the streets. Instead horses and carts fill the main roads; beautiful greens and mansions watch over the main harbor. The race party was held in the colossal Grand Hotel.

Running on handicap, we waited for our corrected time. We finished in first place.

It's now back to Europe to continue work on my Vendee Globe campaign. But, before I leave this country I must first check out the lights of Chicago - it would be rude not to.

Andraz Milhelin, competitor/skipper, co-owner of Seascape shipyard, arrived in U.S. via Venice

First let me thank you for the exquisite event you are organizing. Since this was my first race in the U.S., I had no continued on next page

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expectations but most of the elements of the organization managed to meet or exceed the level I'm used to from other races around the world.

With more Seascapes arriving in the U.S., we hope to engage our owners to trail their boats to Chicago next year and make the race even more fun. Fair winds and hope to be back next year.

Docking More Than 300 Sailboats for Chicago Race Is a Challenge

By *Stephanie Fortino*, Mackinac Island Town Crier

As 318 sailboats set out on their 333-mile journey from Chicago to Mackinac Island last weekend, an intense effort to figure out where to moor the vessels was already well underway. With the helpful guidance of the Chicago Yacht Club's group of volunteers, called the Dock Squad, boats were moored in every available spot in Haldimand Bay from Sunday, July 20, to Wednesday, July 23.

One of the biggest challenges with docking the boats is, "You don't know who's going to finish when," said Janet Baxter, Chicago Yacht Club member and race committee volunteer.

This was the first year she coordinated the docking, which is a balance between advanced planning and being able to adjust on the spot. She started thinking about the race's docking plan back in February, with most of the planning occurring during the month and a half before the race.

As boats approached the Mackinac Bridge, they radioed to race watch captains who readied for their arrival across the finish line, which was drawn from Round Island Lighthouse to Windermere Point. As the sailboats headed northeast through the Round Island Passage, they switched their radio channels and coordinated with the Dock Squad to secure a place to tie up.

The Dock Squad uses a magnetic board system to chronicle the yachts as they fill in spots in the harbor, and Miss Baxter's plan, a giant data spreadsheet, was consulted.

The harbor was divided into several zones, and boats were placed according to the depth of water they draw, and size. While some boats secured slips in the harbor, other vessels were tied to them, or "rafted" out, sometimes five or six boats deep.

The biggest yachts were moored off the end of the Arnold Dock, which is the deepest water for moored vessels in Haldimand Bay.

The docking crew had to leave fire lanes between rafted boats in case of emergencies. The crew also tried to keep rafts to about five sailboats, Miss Baxter said, adding, "We can't go too crazy."

Miss Baxter had to take into account the weight of boats when creating the rafting plans.

"If the wind blows hard, you want to have heavier boats closer to the dock," she explained, because a heavy boat on the end of a raft might crush lighter boats between it and



The CYC Race Committee Dock Squad. Photo courtesy of the Mackinac Island Town Crier.



The Dock Squad uses a magnetic board system to chronicle the yachts as they fill spots in the harbor. Photo courtesy of the Mackinac Island Town Crier.

the dock.

The speed of this year's race to the Island provided some challenges for the Dock Squad, specifically because the cruising specifically because the cruising boats finished much earlier than expected.

Sunday, July 20, Miss Baxter said, "Today we didn't expect all the cruising boats to finish that much before the racing boats."

Many of the racing yachts were slated for locations in shallower water.

"We had to do some reconfiguring to put shallow cruising boats closer to the shore," Miss Baxter said.

Sailors also want to be docked in prime locations, or in spots they had previously, she added. But such changes can cause a ripple effect, impacting docking plans overall as the volunteers try to shift boats throughout the harbor.

Other challenges also ensue when packs of sailboats cross the finish line at the same time, sometimes causing backups as the Dock Squad is stretched thin. In addition to docking the boats, some vessels also must go through safety inspections.

"Even though people don't always get the spot they want, they are really good to the volunteers and very appreciative of what the volunteers do," Miss Baxter said.

The sailors are also helpful in finding more places to moor, and often squeeze into tight spots with the docking

crew's approval.

The crew also accommodates sailors with disabilities, making sure they acquired dockside slips for easy access.

"As much as we can, we try to be accommodating," Miss Baxter said.

Sailboats could also choose to dock at St. Ignace or Mackinaw City. Miss Baxter said those locations guaranteed boats had their own, private slips, which was desirable to some boat owners and crews who wanted a safe and quiet area to dock. About 40 boats were moored at those two marinas for this year's race.

But most race participants want to be moored in the thick of the action at Mackinac Island. With a harbor packed with yachts and masts towering above the docks, "party central," as Miss Baxter called it, was filled until noon Wednesday, July 23, when all the boats had to vacate the area.

Blue: A Mac with a Mission

By Timothy Dittrich, photo by MISTE Photography



The 2014 Chicago Mac was much more than a big race for the Section 1 boat, *Blue*. It was "mission accomplished," thanks to many at the CYC.

Blue, the Riptide 41 owned and skippered by Michael Schoendorf of Milwaukee, is on a mission to give something back for all the tremendous Chicago Mac and other Great Lake racing experiences they've had over the decades. *Blue* is giving back by "Sailing for Dollars for Water."

During this year's Mac season, *Blue* generated more than \$4,000 in donations from those who follow or participate in the Mac, and those funds have already made an impact.

Our good friends at H2O4all have just returned home after building the infrastructure that is now bringing safe, clean, running water to the operating room of the Kawolo Hospital in Uganda. This OR serves over 25,000 patients a year and it did not have clean, safe, running water until August 28, 2014. We're thrilled to have made a significant contribution toward funding this project. Together, we've all made a difference.

Our mission continues and we are already looking forward to the 2015 Race to Mackinac (we love to race). Please visit our website, www.blue4water.org, for more information.

As we like to say on *Blue*, "Sto lat," may you live 100 years. ➤

CONGRATULATIONS TO FELLOW CYC MEMBERS ON THEIR MAC WINS:

First to Finish: Ile Aux Galets Cup (Cruising)

Infinite Diversion - Joseph Haas

Chicago-Mackinac Trophy

1 *Providence* - Jerry and Greg Miarecki

Beneteau 36.7 (Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division)

1 *Karma* - Lou Sandoval, Martin Sandoval, Jack Buoscio

3 *Tried & True* - Robert K Foley

5 *As You Wish* - John Heaton

Beneteau 40.7 (Mackinac Cup Division)

3 *Das Boot* - Jay and Cindy Muller

Cruising 1 (Cruising Division)

2 *Jug Band* - Harry Simmon

3 *Serenity* - Jack Marks and Arnold Hirsch

Cruising 2 (Cruising Division)

2 *Intangible* - Tom Falck

J/109 (Mackinac Cup)

1 *Northstar* - David Gustman

3 *Callisto* - James Murray

5 *Slapshot* - Scott Sims

J/111 (Mackinac Cup)

3 *Impulse* - George Miz, Peter Dreher, Mark Hatfield

5 *Kashmir* - Brummel/Henderson/Mayer

Level 35 (Chicago-Mackinac Trophy)

1 *On Edge* - Steve Dorfman

Multihull

1 *Caliente* - Michael Steck

Section 02 (Mackinac Cup)

1 *Pendragon* - Scott Jackman

3 *Sin Duda!* - Fritz Duda Sr., Lindsey Duda

5 *Hot Lips* - Christopher Whitford

Section 03 (Mackinac Cup)

3 *Scout* - Dorsey Ruley

5 *Sirocco 3* - Robert Klairmont

Section 04 (Mackinac Cup)

2 *Painkiller 4* - Alice O Martin

4 *Eagle* - Jerry & Shawn O'Neill

Section 05 (Mackinac Cup)

2 *Paradigm Shift* - Dave Dickerson, Steve Daube, John Brofman

4 *Big Meanie* - James Prendergast

Section 06 (Chicago-Mackinac Trophy)

2 *Hokey Smoke* - Richard Stearns

3 *Challenge* - Ray Teborek

Section 08 (Chicago-Mackinac Trophy)

1 *Providence* - Jerry and Greg Miarecki

T-10 (Chicago-Mackinac Trophy)

1 *Cheap Thrill* - Nancy and Tim Snyder

2 *Water Works* - Mary Ann & Rick Lillie

Turbo (Mackinac Cup)

4 *Imedi* - Mark Hauf

Winners of the 2014 West Marine Photo Contest

Nearly 50 people submitted over 300 photos in this year's West Marine Photo Contest. The submissions from racers and fans capture moments of the Mac and bring the spirit of the race to life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 WINNERS!

Check out these photos, as well as some of the runners up, online:

- cycracetomackinac.com/photos
- [facebook.com/ChicagoYCRaceToMackinac](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoYCRaceToMackinac)
- [instagram.com/racetomackinac](https://www.instagram.com/racetomackinac)



Best overall photo: Jonathan Bernbaum, *Chaos*



Best teamwork photo: James Boelkins, *Ragged Edge*



Best photo passing a Mac landmark:
Kristin Heinichen, *Bella*



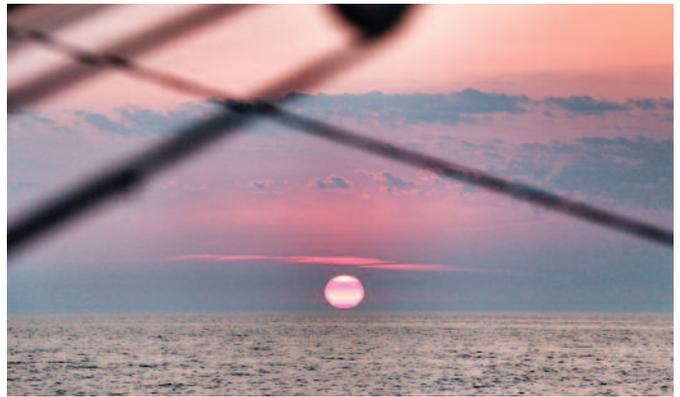
Best photo of your own boat: Kyle Bainter, *Attitude*



Best photo of another boat: Elle Berg, *To the Moon*



Best funny photo: Douglas Bening, *Providence*



Best sunrise or sunset photo: Maciek Wszelaki, *Husaria*



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It's Ashore Thing: Michigan Avenue Magazine, Chicago Yacht Club Host Third Annual Parade of Boats Viewing Party

photos by **JEFF SCHEAR VISUALS**



Under sunny skies and a light breeze, nearly 3,000 race fans, families and friends gathered at Navy Pier to cheer on the competitors on their way to the starting line of the 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.

For the third year in a row, Michigan Avenue Magazine and the Chicago Yacht Club hosted Ashore Thing, the Official Parade of Boats Viewing Party, presented by BMO Harris Bank, on Saturday, July 19. The event celebrates the start of the Race to Mackinac and gives fans an opportunity to wave and cheer on their friends and families as they start their 333-mile journey to Mackinac Island.

CYC members also helped with the event. Special thanks to Tom Merlin, who announced boat names gave color commentary about the crews, as well as Avi Mor, Cody Leipprandt and Rachel Erin, who spotted sail numbers so they could be announced as they passed the pier.

"The parade of boats is a fantastic start to the Mac for racers and non-racers alike," Mor said. "It was an honor to be at the end of Navy Pier to send off our racers on their way to Mackinac Island. It's a great event because many of these people never race, so it gives everyone an opportunity to be a part of the event and cheer on their friends and family."

Besides offering breathtaking front-row views of the sailboats, Ashore Thing is also a great way for families to spend time together at Navy Pier. There are several activities just for kids, including face painting, balloon artists and nautical-themed games.

"We'll make Ashore Thing a tradition for a very, very long time," said Michigan Avenue Magazine President Dan Uslan. "A beautiful summer afternoon in Chicago complemented with champagne, family activities and the rich history of the Mac Race, what's not to love? Just judging by the number of people that continue to come out year after year, Ashore Thing is quickly becoming one of the most popular events of the summer." ➤



CYC Member Tom Merlin (far left) helped announce the boats during Ashore Thing along with Chicago Bears Israel Idonije and Jerry Azumah and staff from Michigan Avenue Magazine.



More than 3,000 race fans attended Ashore Thing to wave to their family and friends as they sailed past Navy Pier on their way to the start line.

Race Committee is Seeking Additional Volunteers for 2015

By **JANET BAXTER**

CYC hosts over 60 sailing events each year from March and through November. We need lots of help to keep the racing fair and fun for our members and guests.

We are seeking experienced racers, powerboat drivers and anyone who enjoys being on the water. The CYC Race Committee provides a lot of training during the winter and throughout the year at our monthly meetings. Of course, the best training is on the water and since we host so many days of racing, there are plenty of opportunities to participate.



You can sign up for one day or many days, as your schedule allows.

If you are interested in participating or just want to find out more, check out our page at chicagoyachtclub.org/racecommittee or opt in for Race Committee updates on your CYC member profile (scroll to the lower right in your profile).

For more information or to sign up, contact Sean Ellis at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org or RC Chair Janet Baxter at janetcbaxter@gmail.com. ▶

Fridays in the Captain's Cabin photo by JANE VARTAN



Every Friday, CYC members, including many of the Old Guard, swap stories over lunch in the Captain's Cabin. If you're looking to enjoy some classic CYC camaraderie, stop by during your next free Friday. ▶

TeamChicagoYC Goes National

How CYC Kicked off a New Era of Interclub Sailing and Team Racing This Fall

by **JAY KEHOE**, ON-THE-WATER DIRECTOR

You thought travelling to regattas without your boat was just for kids and college students?

Welcome to the world of interclub sailing. The Chicago Yacht Club has long been involved in interclub competition. Some may remember the days when CYC sent a team to California for the annual Yacht Club Challenge at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Since then, interclub sailing has become a major member benefit at yacht clubs nationwide.

This year we took a step into the world of expanded interclub sailing by competing in the first of a ladder series, the New York Yacht Club Invitational at the NYYC Harbor Court in Newport, Rhode Island. This biennial event is the first step to the International Yacht Club Challenge, where the top three American teams compete against the world's best-known sailing clubs in a week-long regatta sailed in NYYC 42 one-designs. The international field of clubs includes prestigious clubs such as the Royal Cork Yacht Club, Cruising Club of Australia and Yacht Club Argentina.

The NYYC Invitational

In January the Special Regatta Committee sent an email requesting a bid to the NYYC Invitational to a number of CYC members. The NYYC Invitational qualifier regatta is a round-robin of 22 American teams sailing fleet races in Sonars and J/70s over four days in early September. With a great deal of enthusiasm, a limited budget and a late start, the CYC team comprised of Mark Teborek, Sarah Renz, Mike Whitford and Dan Gabriel planned practice, raised funds and in the end, represented CYC at a very high standard.

Soon it was September, and we were in Newport rigging our boat. In the first race of qualifiers, racing NYYC's Sonars against 11 other U.S. teams, TeamChicagoYC proved it belonged with a second-place finish. Changing boats every three races – going from Sonar to J/70 and back again – proved tougher than we expected. With many top five roundings, TeamChicagoYC was going fast and in the right direction. The team sailed extremely well, remained composed through the qualifying series, placed fifth in our division and moved on to the Gold fleet for the last two days of the regatta.

Qualifying for Gold Fleet was a major accomplishment



TeamChicagoYC - Mike Whitford, Mark Teborek, Sara Renz and Dan Gabriel - before a day of competition at the NYYC Invitational. Photo courtesy of NYYC.

WHAT ARE THE TEAM RACING FORMATS?

Open

Any age must be invited. The most difficult events are the Morgan, Lee, Harbor Cup in Newport Harbor.

Masters

Helm over 50 and crew over 45.

Grand Masters

Helm over 55, crew over 50. Usually non-spinnaker.

2 vs 2

Two boats on each team.

3 vs 3

Three boats on each team. A common format and good fun.

in a fleet stacked with veterans of the event. Sailing against the other Gold Fleet teams was more difficult. Teams that had been there before shined. Eastern Yacht Club (Marblehead, past winner of the qualifier) and Newport Harbor Yacht Club (third time at this event) and Seattle (second time at this event) really showed how practice and experience pays off. TeamChicagoYC was able to put together some great races, but eventually our lack of time sailing in Newport's conditions kept us from advancing to the Invitational Cup next year. We finished a respectable eleventh out of the original 22 teams.

A huge thanks to those members who supported the team with donations, moral support and the simple "nice job out there." Your support means a lot to Mark, Sarah, Dan, Mike and me.

What's Next for Team Racing at CYC

The exposure of this event means more invitations will be coming our way! And there is more good news: with the purchase of two additional Sonars, CYC is able to host fleet and team race events. Many out-of-state clubs really want to come to Chicagoland to sail, and we will be working with them to make it a reality. To be ready for these events, we will teach and train more CYC members who want to get involved as sailors, supporters and Race Committee for these intra and interclub fleet and team racing events.

We've already started some of the training. This fall we are hosting an initial team race class and series for members and potential members to learn how to team race in our Sonars. This is a discipline where the fastest boat may not win the race, but the smartest team will. It is really an awesome part of our sport that has grown in popularity with many clubs because it lends itself to well learning and teamwork. One or two experienced sailors will learn right alongside others who are less experienced; growing as a team is pretty awesome. And die-hard fleet racers, pay attention! Team racing is a great way to learn rules!

Team racing is also attractive to post-college sailors itching to get back in the game. Club-owned boats will give better access to all our members and encourage new ones! With low-cost boat usage, coaching, some racing and cheap eats and drinks after sailing, what else can the under 30-year-old sailor ask for? Many of our peer clubs have really increased their young member roles with team racing and interclub sailing. You don't have to own a boat, you just have to join a club!

Team racing is a great initiative for the Club because everyone has the opportunity to become involved. Join us for the Saturday sessions to learn about team racing, and check the website (chicagoyachtclub.org/teamchicagoyc) for more upcoming opportunities. ➤



2015 TEAM RACING EVENTS

SPYC Master Driver

January 17-18, St. Petersburg YC
Must be 45 to helm and any age to crew.
2 vs 2 format in Sonars.

Southern Masters

March 14-15, New Orleans
3 vs 3 format in Flying Scots.

Southern Grand Masters

March 28-29, New Orleans
3 vs 3 format in Flying Scots.

Oyster Bay Cup

May 18-19, Oyster Bay, New York
Masters event in Sonars at Seawanahaka Corinthian YC.

Harbor Springs Cup

May
Race between Little Travis, Bayview and Chicago, in Sonars, 3 vs 3.

Morgan Trophy

August 7-9, Newport, Rhode Island
NYYC open, Sonars 3 vs 3 format.

Hinman Masters

August 14-16, Newport, Rhode Island
NYYC master's event in Sonars, 3 vs 3 format.

Grand Masters

August 21-23, Newport, Rhode Island
NYYC grandmaster event in Sonars, 3 vs 3 format.

Etchells North American Championship

by **SUSAN KANTOR**, photos by **MISTE PHOTOGRAPHY**



Solid winds, tight competition and good camaraderie characterized the three days of racing of the International Etchells Class North American Championship, which was held at the Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station from September 19 through 21. The event drew 32 boats and approximately 100 competitors from all over the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada and throughout the U.S.

"September sailing in Chicago is often some of the best of the year, and we saw some great racing throughout the event," said Race Chairman Don Maxwell, who is raced on *Pirate*. "The Race Committee did a fine job, and this is a very competitive fleet. I'm really appreciative of all crews coming to Chicago for this event. We have 32 boats, and that's a great showing for an NA."

"It's very fun to be back in Chicago. I forgot how many course changes you have to do, but the mark boats did an awesome job being on top of all the shifts we asked them to do," said PRO Lynn Lynch. "Overall, we ended up with eight good races for the regatta, solid teamwork from the CYC Race Committee and great hospitality from the Chicago Yacht Club."

With an unsure weather forecast for Saturday, the Race Committee took advantage of the sunny skies and good breeze to get four races into the first day of competition on Friday. After two races on Saturday, it was anyone's regatta with the top eight teams just nine points apart and four teams tied for second place. The final two races on Sunday decided the top Etchells team in North America.

Elizabeth, skippered by Tom Carruthers, earned the top spot and was named the International Etchells Class North American Champion. Carruthers, along with crew Andrew Palfrey and Chris Busch, finished fourth and first in the two races sailed on Sunday.



Scimitar, sailed by Steve Benjamin, Chris Larson and Scott Norris, finished in second place. After a tough start on Friday, *Raging Rooster*, sailed by Peter Duncan, Jud Smith and Tom Blackwel, came back strong on Saturday to finish first in both races and finished third overall.

"The weekend has been fantastic between the breeze, the coordination of the Race Committee – the whole thing has been well done," Duncan said. "I think we unfortunately shot ourselves in the foot the first day, but we were able to come back the second day. We're very happy given where we started."

Awards were also given to the top three Corinthian teams. *Natasha*, sailed by brothers Ted, Jamie and Mark Hardenbergh, finished first.

"It was three days of amazing sailing," said Ted Hardenbergh. "It felt great being able to come out against some of the top sailors. This was my first time sailing in Chicago, and it was awesome with a consistent solid breeze, the city as the backdrop and crystal-clear freshwater. And being able to sail with my two brothers is a real treat."

Firebolt (Aaron Houston, Douglas Baker, Daniel Somers) finished second in the Corinthian class, followed by *3 Blind Mice* (Paul Sustronk, Jack Sustronk, Ken Benson) in third. ▶

A Dog-Gone Good Time at the Annual Belmont Dog Show

by ANN RUNDLE, photos by JILL DEDINSKY

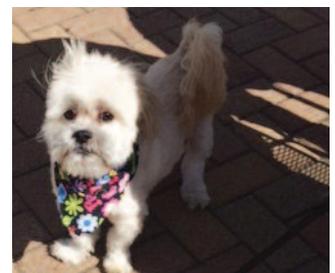
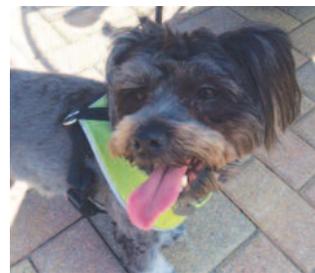
Chicago Yacht Club's annual Dog Show & Party, better known as "Belmont Goes to the Dogs," was held on Sunday, September 21 on Belmont's patio.

The day started out with iffy weather, with winds high enough such that Race Committee had hoisted the 'Y' flag signaling to all racing sailors that PFDs must be worn while racing. A good strong breeze wouldn't deter most dogs, but the storm clouds to the west signaling thunderstorms were not such a good sign, especially for the dogs not thrilled with thunder. Event Chair Fred Gorr assured us that the rain would hold off until afternoon, so Jill Dedinsky's unflappable team set up for the party.

In 2007 Fred Gorr had the idea to host a dog show and party to have a fun event that would attract all the various fleets and CYC members. The first Dog Show was held that year, and it gets better each year.

Jill Dedinsky and her staff created a veritable smorgasbord of tasty salads and sides, yummy drinks and fluffy moist cupcakes ensured that no one would walk away hungry. The canine stars of the event were treated to toys and treats, with the check-in table loaded with bowls brimming with dog biscuits, chicken chews, rawhides and fun bandanas to wear.

This year we had an esteemed panel of judges, headed by CYC's youngest member, Maggie Gallagher, along with Jay Dedinsky and Isaac Veilleux. Dackel von Rundle opted to join as a canine judge, and I supplied limited adult supervision. The dogs and their owners paraded along the patio, stopping by the panel of judges to explain what made them a winning dog, and many brave owner/dog combos attempted a trick or two. There was a good turnout of pups and members this year, including Bruce & Cheryl Toman's pups Koko & Lilli; Janet Crabb's shih tzu Griffin, Sandy Curtis and his son Will with their golden retriever Bo, Craig & Justina Della Valle's pug Chloe; Cookie Merens' multi/shih tzu Pepe; Anrea Krasinski's pups Pepper & Quinley, Matt, Emily, Charlie & Maggie Gallagher's Bichon Frise Winnifred John Baxter (aka Winnie); Ted Anderson's labradoodle, Tim & Nancy Snyder's pups Winnie (Winnifred) & Maddie (Madison); Don Walther's Pomeranian/Husky; Nicole Campbell's shih tzu/poodle mix, Jill Dedinsky's pug/chow/rat terrier Pepper; and my miniature long-coat dachshund Hans-Jorg Dackel von Rundle, better known as Dackel the 'docks-hound.' Special guests were Commodore Gibby and Jane Vartan, who are great sports and come to the party each year to partake in a great time



and support event chair Fred Gorr.

This being Chicago, where clout is king and voting might at times be slanted (and this was all in good fun and every dog was a winner), it was decided that the judges did not need to recuse themselves when it came to judging their own dogs. After all, wouldn't they be best equipped to truly know if their own dog was truly *the best*? And so, it should come as no surprise that Winnie Gallagher won best in show.

The festivities continued, with pups and people visiting, chasing after balls and Frisbees (people and dogs alike), and enjoying a good time at the Club. Every year we get some newcomers to the event, and this year, the patio was nearly filled to capacity.

True to Fred's weather forecast, the rain started to fall after most of the festivities had concluded, with the remaining party-goers retiring to junior clubhouse to escape the rain while keeping the party going. Pups and people alike all left the party with smiles and wagging tails. ➤

CYC Hosts the USODA Midwest Championship

Photos by **CHUCK NEVEL**

On September 6 and 7, 50 young sailors from all over the U.S. – from Los Angeles to Seattle to Maine to Detroit to of course, Chicago – raced in the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association Midwest Championship at Belmont Station.

Many of the kids from CYC's Sailing School have been practicing all summer, including another team trial in Sheboygan in mid-July, for this race. There were seven junior sailors representing CYC in the Red, White and Blue Fleets competing individually for team trials. Nine kids from CYC sailed in the Green Fleet, which is more focused on learning and having fun.

"We practiced a lot all summer, every day," said Owen Patterson, who is 13 years old and sailed in the Red Fleet.

The regatta started on Saturday with strong breeze, but Sunday's races were delayed due to no wind.

"We got a taste of all conditions," said CYC Head Opti Coach Dustin Domer. "It was windy and wavy to start on Saturday. On Sunday, it was flat and then it picked up. But the kids had a really great time on both days."

"The second day was pretty fun," Owen said. "At first there was no wind. They let us jump off Carrier and we went swimming. Then the wind picked up and it was still pretty fun."

Jemima Korbel, 13, started sailing in 2011 and finished as the fourth girl overall in the regatta. She also qualified for the U.S. team trial regatta in Miami.

Owen has been sailing with CYC for eight years and sailing in Optis for four. He's now in eighth grade and deciding what his next step is going to be.

"Optis are fun, but moving up to the 420s is pretty exciting. I'm also going to sail in the Vanguard 15. I like that a lot because I get to sail with my dad."

At 7 years old, Charlie Gallagher sailed in his first Opti Regatta as part of the Green Team. His sail number was 14128 with the name Lightning Bolt. When asked if he sailed as fast as a lightning bolt, Charlie responded, "about half the time."

Aside from sailing by himself and getting some "quiet time away from (his sister) Maggie," Charlie's favorite part of the race was when he got to do roll tacks.

"The first day, I did three and the second day, I did six," he said. "The fourth race was my favorite. I did the biggest roll tack, so actually I was under the water and I almost capsized. I went as fast as I could without overturning. I got a lot of water in there and I was soaking, but I was so fast."

After racing, the competitors enjoyed a mini "Taste of Chicago," complete with corndogs, pizza, cupcakes and



Tootsie Rolls. And the kids agreed that it was fun having the regatta at their hometown club in Chicago.

"I didn't have to move my boat at all and it's better at Belmont," Charlie said.

"It's sad to think that this might be the last time I'm sailing in a boat I've sailed in the last four years," said Owen. "But it was pretty cool to have it here."

Jemima continued: "It was a good way to finish Opti sailing at our Club." ▶

Congratulations to All CYC Sailors Who Competed in the USODA Midwest Championship:

Green Fleet

Dylan Altmin
Jack Baldwin
Steven Foote
Charlie Gallagher
Theodore Lafontant Kagan
Christian Prendergast
Elliott Mokski
Parker Rasmussen
Reed Rasmussen
Garrett Walls

Red Fleet

Kyle Considine
Jemima Korbel
Owen Patterson
Greg Wootton

Blue Fleet

Liam Anderson
Emmett Nevel
Leif Sigmond



Cruising Sail Fleet Cruises with the PALS Chicago Campers

By ANN RUNDLE

Chicago Yacht Club's Cruising Sail Fleet hosted a group of PALS campers on Tuesday, June 17th. PALS Programs provides a place for young adults (ages 14 – 21) with Down syndrome and their peers to have fun, grow as individuals, and build transformative friendships. PALS Chicago summer campers stay at Elmhurst College and explore the Chicago area, and Chicago Yacht Club hosted a group once again this year.

Fifty-six campers and counselors enjoyed a delicious early dinner in the Commodore Room and then boarded eight CYC Cruising Sail Fleet boats and toured the Chicago Lakefront. The Monroe docks were abuzz as the PALS campers trooped down the docks and boarded the various yachts. The weather was somewhat cooperative – a nice sunny summer late afternoon – but the trouble was there wasn't a heck of a lot of wind. Not to worry, the wonderful thing about a cruising sailboat is that they all have reasonably sized auxiliary engines, so the campers got to experience a bit of "motor-sailing."

This is a highlight of the camper's week in Chicago and it was a wonderful evening for all, campers, counselors and Cruising Sail Fleet hosts alike. Special thanks to Adele Wilhelm for bringing her PALS group to CYC. This is the second year that the Cruising Fleet has graciously given of their time and their boats to give something back to the community. It serves as a great reminder of CYC's *Tradition of Excellence*. I am certain all of the counselors and campers alike would attest to having an excellent time!

This year the following CYC members participated in the PALS cruise: *Endeavour*, Matt and Emily Gallagher; *Endless Summer*, Dwain and Lydia Lutzow; *Gone With The Wind*, Jerry and Nancy Connolly; *Intangible*, Tom and Mary Falck; *Noanne*, Kenn and Loren Wolf; *Ready Or Knot*; Cliff and Ann Knowles; *Troubadour*, Lars and Felicia Wilhelm; and *Zooza*, John and Margie Zienda.

John Zienda's follow-up email to the group perfectly summed up the event:

"Thank you for inviting our boat to participate. This experience was very rewarding to me. One of the boys sailing with us on "Zooza," Tim (pictured), said with this big smile on his face: 'This was the best thing that ever happened to me in my whole life'... Thank you for letting me be part of this."

The best thing about the event was that it was certainly one of the best things for everyone, and an event that the Cruising Fleet looks forward to hosting in future years. ➤



Power Fleet Hosts Special Needs Cruise

By **ANN RUNDLE** Photos by **ELENA MIROCHNIK, WILL CONRARDY** and **TAMMY WHELAN**

CYC's Power Fleet held its annual Special Needs Cruise on Tuesday, June 17 at Monroe Station. The Power Fleet has been hosting a group of special needs individuals for over 50 years, and is a big part of the club's outreach efforts to give back to the community.

This year 17 spectacular boats from the Power Fleet hosted over 150 special needs individuals and their staff leaders from four Chicago-area agencies that provide for mentally and physically challenged adults. Participants came from Good Shepherd Manor, Helping Hands Rehabilitation, Misericordia and St. Mary of Providence. The Power Fleet plans for this event well in advance, and this year Elena Mirochnik served as the 2014 Special Needs Chairperson, taking over the reins from Lisa Curcio Gaston, last year's chair. Boats came from as far away as Wisconsin and Michigan City. It is a wonderful testament to the spirit and character of the members of Power Fleet, who give up their time and their boats and who continue to support this event year after year.

A flurry of emails and arrangements to clear the Monroe docks, with fantastic support from all of the CYC Monroe street staff ensured that this year's event went off without a hitch. There were some concerns early in the morning that perhaps the weather would not cooperate, but old man weather cooperated, and we had perfect weather for the cruise.

Our special guests were treated to a delicious lunch served on the patio, and then headed out to the docks to board the various Power Fleet boats. I watched all of the boats arrive from the perfect viewing spot upstairs in the Board Room. Our docks looked like the Miami Power Boat show, with 17 gorgeous powerboats, all in ship-shape condition, proudly flying the CYC burgee on their bows.

The CPD Marine Unit helped getting all participants on board and served as an escort for the fleet. The boats paraded along the Chicago waterfront inside Monroe Harbor, and proceeded south, then headed east out of the harbor and then headed north toward Navy Pier. Our guests were also treated to a spectacular show by the Chicago Fire department Boat at the end of Navy Pier. A few adventurous yachts even scooted under the arcing water spout coming off the Fire Boat.

I had the good fortune to catch a ride with Pat and



Nancy Marek on Marek-Time, their 55' Neptunus. We had guests onboard from Misericordia who were thrilled to have the chance to ride on such a beautiful boat. Pat and Nancy were the perfect hosts, and Pat gave them a treat by opening up the throttle to show them just a hint of the engine's horsepower. Some guests were either so excited they were speechless and in awe, while others kept saying over and over how much fun they were having. One of the guests just couldn't stop smiling the entire boat ride, and come to think of it, I couldn't stop smiling myself!

The parade of boats headed back to the Monroe docks, and one by one the guests disembarked and headed back to the buses and their homes. As I walked down the docks after all the excitement was over, I was still smiling and so very proud to be a member of CYC and to have been able to participate in such a wonderful tradition as the Annual Power Fleet Special Needs Cruise.▶

CYC Hosts the North American Challenge Cup

by **ANN RUNDLE**, NACC CHAIR

The Chicago Yacht Club hosted the 2014 North American Challenge Cup, one of the longest-running sailing events for disabled adults, from August 1 through August 4 at Belmont Station.

The teams saw a number of weather conditions throughout the regatta, from light winds on the first day to a downpour on the last. The NACC regatta ended up with a total of eight races in the Sonar fleet, and seven races in the Freedom 20 fleet, an admirable accomplishment given the less than optimal wind conditions throughout the three days of racing.

The Freedom 20 fleet had five boats competing this year, and first place was a battle between the seasoned sailing duo of Ken Kelly and Bob Jones and the younger team of Gary Pierce and Zak Kordik. Ken Kelly from Royal Victoria Yacht Club and Bob Jones from Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle captured first place with a total point score of 10 and were awarded the American Eagle Trophy. Bob and Ken had previously won the Freedom class in 2010, 2012 and 2013. Only two points behind in second place were local sailors Gary Pierce and Zak Kordik with 12 points, and another local team of Bonnie Everhart and Dan Danaher came in third with 16 points.

The Sonar fleet also has five boats, with a mix of teams running the gamut from a seasoned crew that has raced together for a number of years to teams of relative newcomers to sailing and sailboat racing. Patrik Norstrom, from Boras, Sweden, with local Chicago crew members Will Howard and Sandy Stone won the Sonar class with a score of 12 points and were awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy. Local Chicago sailor Bridget Bodo with Chicagoan Katherine Rohan and Mouad Yousef from Cleveland came in second place with 17 points, and another local Chicago team of Patrick LoDuca, Chris Martin and Ralph Brooks came in third with a point score of 19, only two points separating them from second place.

The Warrior Sailing Program, which focuses on introducing active military and veterans with disabilities to sailing, was new to the NACC this year and had two teams compete in the Sonar class. Many of the Warrior sailors at the NACC are relatively new to sailing and sailboat racing. The Warrior Sailing team skippered by Chicagoan RJ Anderson with crew member Chris Livesay and Aqeel Shhaib came in fourth place with a point score of 13, and in fifth place is the Warrior Sailing team of Steve Hammer, with crew members Scott Fisher and Kathy Champion with 14 points.



Steve Hammer, skipper of one of the Warrior Sailing Program teams, was awarded the Pete Paganis Trophy for Sportsmanship, and Ashley Lauren Fisher from Morristown, New Jersey was awarded the Marcy Gorov Memorial Rookie of the Year Trophy.

In addition to three solid days of racing, the event was kicked-off by a pre-race clinic and on-the-water practice sessions and boat tuning led by lead US Sailing/Sperry Topsider Paralympic coach Betsy Alison, with support from Hunter Ratliff, head sailing coach and director of Marine operations at Lake Forest Sailing (Lake Forest, IL). Lee Icyda and Ben Poucher were the coaches for the



Warrior Sailing teams. Dick Schweers and Don Glasell were the Race Officers for the event, and Sam Veilleux served as Chief Judge, with Dennis Bartley, Ted Jones and Jerry Thomas serving on the Judges Panel.

The NACC has had a long history of generous sponsors who continue to support this event over the past 20 years. In recognition for their key role in this regatta, Chicago Yacht Club named the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF) as its 2014 co-host. JGASF/JGASP provides the sailboats for the competitors, as well as on-the-water support staff and equipment. Cook-Illinois Corp. has provided the sailors with bus transportation

throughout the four-day event, plus transit both to and from the airport for a total of six days of bus service. Chicago Yacht Club Foundation is another key sponsor for the event providing financial support to underwrite the cost of the Winner's Dinner, the Sunday grill party, as well as lunches throughout the four days for all the sailors, coaches, support teams and volunteers. Additional sponsors for this year's regatta are Chicago Match Race Center, which provided the regatta with coach boats, White Lodging Hotels/Triplex Downtown Chicago River North as the hotel sponsor, Carol's Cookies, Chicago Park District, Crowley's Yacht Yard, and Weather Routing, Inc. ▶

CYC Hosts the 22nd Annual Verve Cup and T-10 North American Championship

by **SUSAN KANTOR**, Photos by MISTE Photography and Scott Diamond



With ideal weather and the T-10 North American Championships happening alongside, the 22nd annual Verve Cup Offshore Regatta was a spectacular weekend of sailing in Chicago.

The Chicago Yacht Club hosted Verve Cup Offshore from August 8 through 10 at Monroe Station. The regatta featured three days of course racing from Friday through Sunday and a distance race on Saturday. This year's Verve Cup included 127 boats competing in 12 racing sections as well as the Beneteau 40.7 North American Championship and the Tartan Ten North American Championship. Of the 127 total boats, 35 T-10s competed for the title of North American T-10 Champion at Belmont Station.

Convergence, a T-10 skippered by Chicago Yacht Club Member Don Wilson, won the overall Verve Cup Trophy (which dates to 1893 as CYC's oldest trophy) and was also named T-10 North American Champion. *Convergence* also received recognition for having the most family members on a crew. Wilson sailed with his daughter who is 12, cousin who is 13, sister and brother in law. Wilson bought his first T-10 in 1991, but hasn't sailed his boat much in the last five years. The T-10 North American Championship brought them out for the competition.

"The boat had been waiting in the warehouse for the next North American Championship," Wilson said. "This weekend was awesome. If conditions were like this all year round in Chicago, there would be no room in the city."

Sailing conditions were indeed ideal throughout the weekend. On the final day of sailing on Sunday, temperatures were in the upper 70s with winds out of the ENE at 7-11 knots. Both circles completed a total of nine races throughout the weekend, with Race Area A completing three races and Race Area B completing two races on Sunday.

"A lot of the sailors have said that this is the best weather we've had for a regatta in quite a while," said Verve Cup Chairman Martin Sandoval. "The Race Committee did a great job on the water cycling through the sequences to get racers started. They worked very efficiently on the water."

CYC Member Sandy Curtiss, skipper of *Rocking Horse*, won the J105 section with his crew, which included his two sons, Alex and Will.

"Sailing in the race today with my two sons was pretty special," Curtiss said. "I haven't sailed with them in quite a while, so it felt good to have them with the crew in place."

"We had fun. We did our job," said *Rocking Horse* crewmember Ted Towey. "I'd emphasize how much fun we had. We all get along extremely well, so it was good humor and hard work out on the water this weekend."

LaTempete, skippered by Tom Weber, won the Beneteau 40.7 North American Championship and commented: "It was a great weekend. The weather was fantastic. We have a very competitive fleet. It's always good to win a regatta in our fleet because we are competing against some very good sailors."

Congratulations to all Verve Cup racers. Mark your calendar for the 23rd annual Verve Cup Offshore on August 7-9, 2015. ▶



Congratulations to all CYC members who placed in the Verve Offshore, North Americans, and Verve Inshore

T-10 North American Championships (August 7-10)

1	Convergence	Donald Wilson
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Verve Cup Offshore (August 8-9)

Beneteau 36.7

1	FOG	Charlie Wurtzbech	CYC
2	Tried & True	Robert K. Foley	CYC
3	Soulshine	Jarrett Altmin	CYC

J/105

1	Rocking Horse	Sandy Curtiss	CYC
2	Sealark	Clark Pellett	CYC

J/109

1	Northstar	David Gustman	CYC
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J/111

1	Kashmir	Karl Brummel	CYC
3	Lucky Dubie	Len Siegal	CYC

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2	Pendragon	Brian Jackman	CYC
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ORR1

1	Sin Duda!	Lindsey Duda	CYC
3	Scout	Dorsey Ruley	CYC

ORR2

1	Eagle	Shawn O'Neill	CYC
2	Painkiller 4	Alice Martin	CYC

ORR-Distance Race 1

2	Big Meanie	James Prendergast	CYC
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ORR-Distance Race 2

1	Providence	Greg and Jerry Miarecki	CYC
3	Rambler	Benjamin Wilson	CYC

Verve Inshore (August 23-24)

Etchells

1	1280	D Mense	CYC
2	Resolute	Mark Teborek	CYC
3	Pirate	Donald Maxwell	CYC

Luders 16

1	Clipper	William F. Simpson	CYC
2	Wild Irish	Lawrence Weeks	CYC
3	Amiga	Harold Hering	CYC

Shields

1	Insidious	Gary Ropski	CYC
2	Hellcat	Sam Veilleux	CYC
3	Sundance	Michael Schwart	CYC

2014 Verve Inshore

After Saturday's races were postponed due to weather, 71 boats made the most of a spectacular day of sailing in Chicago in the annual Verve Cup Inshore Regatta at Belmont Station on August 24. The annual regatta features the best one-design sailing in the Midwest, with nine classes in this year's event.

"It was some nice racing on Sunday," said Jessica Jamieson, chair of the Verve Inshore. "Unfortunately, we had to abandon racing on Saturday due to the weather, but I was pleased to see the turnout of so many fleets – the J/70s, Etchells, Rhodes, the Vanguard 15s and many more."

With temperatures in the upper 80s under sunny skies, winds shifted to the east/southeast at approximately 8 knots throughout the day. PRO Rick Lillie said there was a 55-degree wind shift during the first race, which made it a challenge to keep the course somewhat square.

"A special thanks to the Race Committee team, who moved every mark several times today," Lillie said. "Good, tight racing and we were able to get three races in today. And we are happy to host the largest J/70 turnout of the season."

The J/70 class is indeed growing and attracted competitors from as far away as Norway. Eighteen J/70s competed in this year's regatta. *Heartbreaker*, skippered by Robert Hughes of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, earned the top spot in the J/70 class. The *Heartbreaker* crew included Taylor Canfield, ranked No. 1 match racer in the world.

"We got in three great races today, with the wind backing from the southeast all the way to the east. But overall, it was some good, fair racing," Canfield said. "The city is great – freshwater, Lake Michigan is awesome. It's one of my favorite places to sail and one of my favorite places to be."

Congratulations to all Verve racers. ▶



FLEET REVIEW photos by FAY JENSON

The 68th Annual Commodore's Fleet Review was held on Sunday, June 22. Fleet Review is one of the Chicago Yacht Club's finest traditions. It's a day spent on the water and in the company of friends and fellow boaters to kick off the summer season. Nearly three dozen boats participated in this year's Parade of Boats, and many welcomed members and guests to tour their boat after the parade during Welcome Aboard.





WARNING GUN PARTY photos by MISTE PHOTOGRAPHY

Nearly 500 members, Mac skippers and friends celebrated the 106th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac at the Warning Gun Party at Monroe Station on Thursday, July 17.



PORCH PARTY

photos by **DR. CHRIS ALBANIS** and **FRANNY GRINBERG**

As many of the Race to Mackinac cruising boats continued to cross the finish line on Sunday, July 20 fans gathered at the Grand Hotel for the annual Porch Party to toast the competitors and the 2014 race.



SAILOR'S CELEBRATION photos by FRANNY GRINBERG

As the last boats crossed the finish line early Tuesday morning, all sailors were able to attend the 2014 Sailor's Celebration at the Grand Hotel. Although the awards ceremony was slightly delayed by rain, the weather didn't stop 2,500 competitors from celebrating their accomplishments. More photos of the winners are available at cycracetomackinac.com/photos.



VERVE OFFSHORE AWARDS photos by MISTE PHOTOGRAPHY

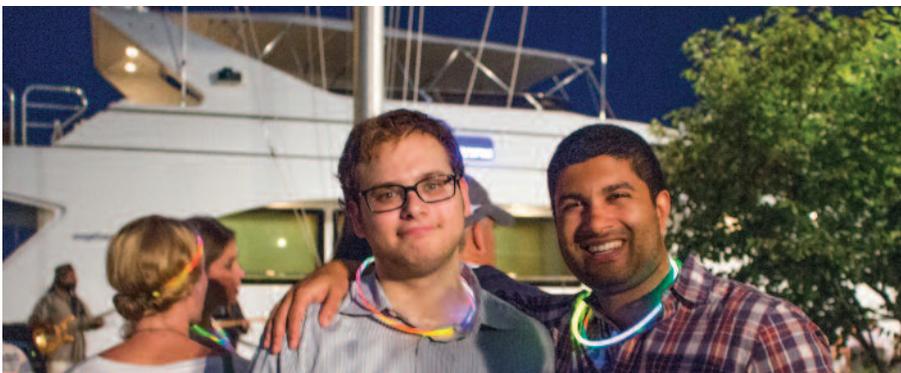
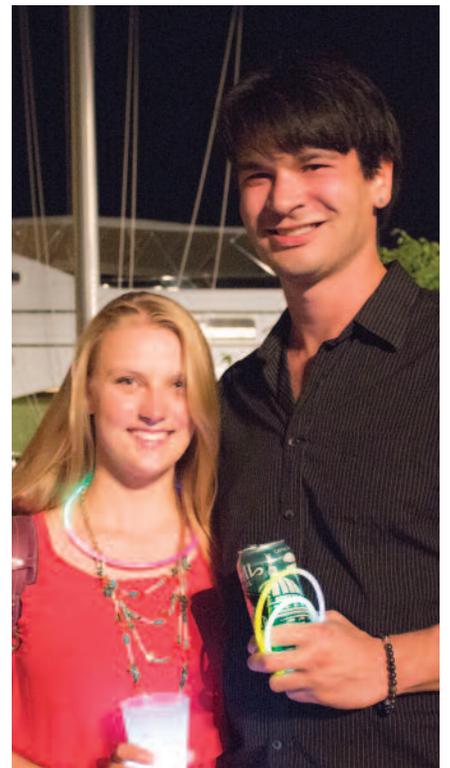
This year's Verve Cup Offshore, which featured a three-day offshore course race and a one-day distance race, included 12 racing sections as well as the Beneteau 40.7 North American Championship and the T-10 North American Championship. Racers in all sections gathered at Monroe Station after racing on Sunday, August 10 to celebrate at the awards ceremony.



ASSOCIATES DOCK PARTY photos by FAY JENSON

On Saturday, August 23, the Associates Committee rocked the Monroe docks with their annual dock party. The Associates enjoyed live music, dancing, cocktails and a barbeque on a perfect late-summer night.





POWER FLEET CARIBBEAN DOCK PARTY

photos by **ELENA MIROCHNIK**

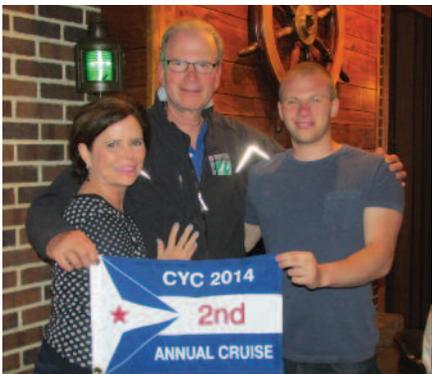
The Club went Caribbean at Belmont! On September 5 and 6, the Power Fleet gave members a taste of the tropics, complete with a steel drum band, classic island fare, tiki drinks and tropical decorations.



SECOND ANNUAL CLUB CRUISE TO RACINE

photos by DWIGHT JENSON

The annual Club Cruise from June 27 through 29 brought together all CYC fleets for a weekend in Racine, Wisconsin. Members enjoyed a number of events - from a Kringle Bakery tour and kayaking, to dinner and dancing - throughout the weekend.



Membership

New Members: Regular

Susan Arra — Business Consulting at Oracle Corporation. Susan has volunteered on our Race Committee and is now looking forward to joining the Club as a member to participate in events and more races.

Sherwood Bollier — Retired and recently moved from Buffalo to Chicago with his wife, Maureen, and their two daughters. They own a 35' power boat, *Celebrate*, in Diversey harbor and are looking forward to their new lifestyle and Club.

Stephen Brown — Retired, former Director of Marketing for Caterpillar Inc. Resides in Peoria with his wife, Janice. They are looking forward to attending club events and meeting new people.

Peter Cacciatore — President at Jos. Cacciatore & Co. His father, Victor Cacciatore, was a member for many years and his brother Joseph and several family members are still members. Peter is looking forward to bringing clients to the club and enjoying his own membership at the Chicago Yacht Club after making so many wonderful memories here.

Barry Donalson — President at Momentum Marketing Group in Rolling Meadows. Resides in Oak Park and he has one son. Leases a power boat, *Polaris*, out of 31st Street Harbor and is also a member of the Metropolitan Club.

Dr. Loren Feldner — Vice President at Dr's Brasky, Feldner & Associates, LTD in Orland Park. Resides in Palos Park and currently owns a 37' power boat, *Miss Alexandra*, and 33' power boat, *By Reason of Insanity*, at 31st Street Harbor.

Thomas Haenisch — General Manager at European & U.S. Car Service in Chicago. Resides with his wife, Lisa, in Chicago. They currently own a 33.5' power boat, *Kiley Anne*, in Belmont Harbor and are interested in meeting more members with the same interests. They attended the open house we had for the new Belmont tender service.

Ernie Hatchell — President at Hatchell & Associates in Elmhurst. Resides in Westmont with his wife, Jody, and they have four children. The Hatchells own a 39' power boat, *Bellezza*, in Belmont Harbor and are looking forward to using both clubs for business and personal use.

Rob Johnson — President at Grip Pro LLC in Chicago. Resides in Chicago and owns a 91' power boat, *La Isla*, and 50' power boat, *Santorini*, in Burnham Harbor. Enthused to join CYC for the clubhouse and historical value. His boat, *Isla*, is likely the third largest yacht in Chicago.

JoAnne Jones — Owner at TempHomes Living LLC in Chicago. JoAnne co-owns a 39' power boat, *Just Temporary*, in Belmont Harbor. She is looking forward to meeting other members who enjoy cruising and one of the city's finest amenities in the Chicago Yacht Club.

Sean Khan — Business Analyst at Safe Couriers Inc. in Lombard. Resides in Chicago with his wife, Sarah, and their three children. Sean's brother Sal recently joined the Club as an Associate and they both enjoy spending time in Belmont Harbor. Sean owns a 34' power boat, *Aquaholics*. Sean is looking forward to bringing his family down to the Club to enjoy the food and atmosphere.

Christopher Kennedy — Chairman of Joseph P. Kennedy Enterprises, Inc. Resides with his wife, Sheila, and their children in Kenilworth. They own a 24' power boat, *Anadramous*, in Wilmette Harbor and are looking forward to joining the Club because it distinguishes the city from any other place in the world.

Cari Murray-Kremer — CEO at Mellish and Murray in Chicago. Resides in Oakbrook with her husband, Doug, and their two children. Cari leases a 45' cruising sail boat, *My Way*, in Burnham and a 77' racing sail boat, *Ocean*, in Burnham.

Jack Lanigan Jr. — President and Owner at MI-Jack LanCo in Hazel Crest. Resides in New Lenox with his wife, Laura, and their three children. Jack owns a 60' cruiser, *Corporate Retreat*, in Burnham Harbor and knows several current members of the Club.

John Lenhard — Retired, resides in Wilmette with his wife, Phoebe. They own a 38' power boat, *Graceful Journey*, in Montrose.

Alan MacKenzie — Retired former CEO at TAP Pharmaceuticals. Resides in Barrington with his wife, Louise, and their son Ryan. They own an 80' power boat, *Alexandra*, in Burnham Harbor. They are looking forward to entertaining friends at the Club and participating in power fleet events.

Charles Piermarini — Retired from BMO Capital Markets. Resides in Chicago and leases a 38' power boat, *Edge of Glory*, in 31st Street Harbor. Charles has previously owned two sailboats and is now giving power boating a try.

Stanley Rakestraw — Owner at SCR Medical Transportation, Inc. Resides in Chicago with his wife, Pamela, and they have three children. The Rakestraws own a 56.5' power boat, *Pampered III*, in Burnham.

Charles Reiter III — Counsel at Ruff, Freud, Breems and Nelson. Resides in Wilmette with his wife, Catherine, and their two children. The Reiters own a 38' power boat, *Kate*, in Belmont harbor and 27' LC in Wilmette harbor. Their entire family loves being on the water and they look forward to meeting families with similar interests.

Joy Taylor — Former member of the US Navy. Owns a 36' racer, *Scarlet Begonias*, in Belmont and a 32' cruiser, *Peony*, also in Belmont. Joy has been to the Club many times, her children take sailing lessons at CYC and they are enthusiastic about joining CYC.

Robert Taylor — USCG Master Licensed Charter Boat Captain. Resides with his wife, BJ, also a USCG Master Licensed Charter Boat Captain in Chicago. They have boats through Pinnacle — 44' power boat at 31st and 45' sail boat at DuSable.

Dr. Tanya Whitehead — Director at the University of Missouri. Resides in Chicago with her husband, William. She took Crew U this past summer, participated in beer can racing and met many members. Dr. Whitehead is looking forward to joining the community and volunteering on Race Committee.

Daniel Woodworth — Senior Vice President at Reside Living in Chicago. Resides in Chicago with his wife, Connie, and their son. Currently owns a 46' power boat, *Bella Luna*, in Belmont harbor. Daniel is a former member of the Club and his father and grandfather were previous members.

Associate

Daniel Affetto — Regional Manager at First Trust Portfolios in Wheaton. Dan owns a 33' power boat, *BA*, in Burnham harbor.

Abby Artig — Marketing Associate at the Society of Actuaries in Schaumburg. Abby participated in our Crew U program last year and now enjoys sailing on Mutiny. She also participates in the Frostbiting Series at CYC and is looking forward to officially joining the Club.

Matthew Henrici — Analyst at JP Morgan Chase. Looking forward to learning to sail and possibly crew. Matthew is looking forward to Associate events and meeting members through sailing.

Beth Lutzow — Team Director at FlipStar Gymnastics Academy. Resides in Lockport. Beth has grown up on the water and has a passion for sailing thanks to her parents, current members Dwain and Lydia Lutzow. She has participated in Crew U and many beer can races and hopes to start competing in the Mac Race next year.

Nicholas Maza — Currently a student at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. Nicholas is looking forward to increasing his knowledge of sailing and boating and to connect with members who share similar interests.

Jennifer Steffler — Financial Analyst at Sargent & Lundy, LLC. Jennifer has been on our Race Committee for several years and also got certifications in the Power Boat and Keelboat programs at CYC. She is looking forward to spending more time out on the water with her 27' cruising sail boat, *Betsy Rose*, in Belmont harbor.

Kaity Vander Ploeg — Tax Staff at Plante Moran. Resides in Chicago and looking to meet new people and take sailing lessons now that she lives downtown.

Junior

William Hurley — New Trier

Rick Galbo — Loyola Freshman

Molly McCarthy — St. Ignatius College Prep

Member Milestones:

REGULAR TO VETERAN I

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Richard Stuckey

Thomas O'Laughlin

VETERAN I – II

Martin Krasnitz

Ed McNulty

Thomas Pado

Oscar Reid

VETERAN II - III

George Thein

Bernard Wiczer

In Memoriam:

William S. Brown III

Lee Canfield

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Mrs. Beverly Ladd Krucek

H. James "Jim" Murray

Dr. Robert Olins

John Paisios

Mrs. Louise Van der Vort

Congratulations to CYC Junior Member **Peter Bied**, who received a full appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, Class of 2018. Peter recently completed the 'Swab Summer' training program and is now a member of the Corps of Cadets. He plans to pursue a degree in Naval Architecture/ Marine Engineering. Peter started sailing at age 8 and has an extensive sailing resume including two Smith Sea Scout regattas, two Koch international Sea Scout regattas, two Neill Advance Sailing Clinics and many regional and national regattas. Additionally, Peter is an Eagle Scout and PADI certified diver.



Have a special event or milestone to share?

We'd love to hear from you. Email communications@chicagoyachtclub.org to let us know.

Membership

Member Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following members and spouses!

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Siri Anderson
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Tom Barnard
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E W Bredemeier
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S. Richard Carden
Steven Carlson
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Joseph Caruso DDS
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Natalie Gastevich
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Dylan Taylor

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