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The Chicago Yacht Club Burgee flying over Lake Michigan.

*Photo courtesy of CYC photo library.*



# Chicago Yacht Club Calendar of Events



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Feb					1	2
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## February

- 8** Kids' Monthly Movie Night, featuring *Up* (M)
- 9** CSF Mad Night at the Lanes
- 13** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 15** CYC Winter Rendezvous in Miami
- 15** CSF 3rd Friday (M)
- 16** Valentine Dinner (M)
- 17** Valentine Family Brunch (M)
- 20** Wine Dinner (M)
- 23** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (M)

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## March

- 8** Kids' Monthly Movie Night, featuring *Ratatouille* (M)
- 9** *Book of Mormon*
- 10** Frostbiting Begins (B)
- 13** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 15** CSF 3rd Friday (M)
- 15** Trinity Irish Dancers (M)
- 16** St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 21** Wine Dinner (M)
- 30** Breakfast with the Bunny (M)
- 31** Easter Brunch (M)

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## April

- 8** Advanced Wind Forecasting: A Workshop for Sailors (B)
- 10** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 13** Spring Equinox Ball (M)
- 20** Safety at Sea (B)
- 26** Annual City Club Shoot
- 27** CSF Meet the Fleet Dinner (M)
- 27** Smelt Party (B)

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# Commodore's Comment



Greetings,

My family and I have enjoyed being members of the Chicago Yacht Club for the past 37 years. On January 2, 2013, 9:21 am, I sent you a very personal New Year message via email. Again, I wish to underscore how proud I am to undertake my assignment as Commodore. Being a member of the Chicago Yacht club has yielded lifelong friends, and the more we've gotten involved in club activities, the more opportunities we've had to meet new members and make new friends. I trust that you are as proud as I am to be a member of one of the world's finest yacht clubs, a platinum club, in one of the world's greatest cities.

As a lifelong Chicagoan, being a member of the Chicago Yacht Club has had special meaning. The first time I entered the club was on a very hot summer night as a US Coastguardsman aboard a 40-footer that brought to the club a very distressed 36 foot sailboat and crew. After getting everything secured, my fellow crewman and I walked in to the club's MAC Bar and asked to buy a coke. The bartender said he was sorry he couldn't serve us because it was a members' only club. I really had no idea where I was and what that meant. At that, a gentleman came over to us and bought us cokes and thanked us for the rescue we had undertaken. I told myself that someday I'd belong to such a cool place with such cool people—whoever that man was, I hope he goes to heaven. I can't imagine that anyone can be more appreciative of being a member of the Chicago Yacht Club than I am. The traditions of our club are rich and serve great purpose. I know that many of my fellow members have stories to tell about experiences, feelings, and allegiances to this wonderful club organization. My pledge as the club's chief executive officer is to continue to do whatever needs to be done to assure that the Chicago Yacht Club continues to be the club of choice on the Great Lakes for those with an interest in yachting.

Among my priorities during the next year are the continual development of our sailing school program, to nurture our reputation as a good citizen of Chicago and to assure that the Chicago Yacht Club is recognized as an integral establishment in the City of Chicago, and that our members feel that it's their home away from home, providing great food and great service, in a convivial atmosphere, the place to be with friends and family. Our club is in excellent financial shape, and we have some plans to improve our excellent facilities and services at both of our beautiful stations. And, not incidentally, we plan to continue our absolutely state of the art, world class yachting activities to suit the various interests of our members. We are a world class yacht club.

I look forward to serving you as Commodore of the Chicago Yacht Club, and to seeing you at the Monroe and Belmont Stations.

Sincerely,

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

**DR. GERALD (JERRY) F. BOBER, COMMODORE**  
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# From the Editor



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As the volunteer editor-in-chief of the *Blinker*, I want to thank YOU. Your feedback, recommendations and contributions have helped us grow the content and coverage of the many activities and accomplishments throughout the Chicago Yacht Club. In 2013 we have an all-star line-up of volunteers, with the

Editorial Advisory Board, graciously dedicating their time and talent to produce (with the assistance of the fleets, committees and authors) the pages in front of you. As you will see in this first issue of the year they have already demonstrated their enthusiasm and their commitment. It is a pleasure to introduce (and work with) this powerhouse team working on your 2013 *Blinker*.

Deputy Editor, columnist, and frequent contributor, **GREG FREEMAN (1)** is a long-time member of the Chicago Yacht Club currently serving on the Board of Directors and as Vice Chair to the Education and Entertainment Committee. Previously, he has chaired the Race to Mackinac, Associates, Sea Scouts, Fleet Review and Cruising Sail committees. In 2012, as Chair of the Mac Committee, he accomplished his 25th Mac and became a member of Island Goat Sailing Society. Professionally, he is a Change Management Consultant, program and operations manager.

**JANE VARTAN (2)**, a power boater from youth, learned to water ski on the Mississippi River near her home in Wisconsin. Before marrying Commodore Vartan she took the U.S. Power Squadron course to find out what a starboard was. Jane's newsletter experience is more extensive than that of boating. She published an association newsletter in Washington State, a NATO-wide newsletter in Europe, and is currently the editor of the newsletter for the Haute Couture Club of Chicago.

**TOD REYNOLDS (3)** grew up racing on the Jersey Shore. As a senior he was inducted into the College Sailing Hall of Fame for Student Leadership. Upon graduation he worked on control systems for submarines. In 2012, CYC member Don Wilson recruited him to run the Chicago Match Race Center. Tod's crew accomplishments and titles include the J105 North American Champion, Farr 40 World Champion, Richardson Trophy Champion, and bow for Canfield Racing (US One) Match Racing Team.

**MATT NURRE (4)** is an avid cruiser and windsurfer and enjoys Lake Michigan from its peaceful moments to the rush of skimming the waves at a speed of 30 knots. He is a USCG 100-ton Master Captain and has been a CYC member since



2009. He enjoys sailing his Endeavour 42' with family and friends out of Belmont Harbor. Matt is President of Retail Design Source, Inc.



**JAN KRAMER (5)** is a retired international business executive and frequent contributor to the *Blinker*. Her passions are family, friends, photography, traveling and sailing. She is happiest when she can combine any or all. She has been involved in yacht clubs since 1974, and the CYC since 1998. She has and continues to serve on various active committees, including Stations and the 2013 Board of Directors. She is also involved in and supports the arts and Chicago philanthropies.



**MIKE SOLLITT (6)** is a fourth generation member of the Chicago Yacht Club. He serves on the Board of Directors and has served on Stations. He has also chaired the Property and Maintenance Committee. Mike has 30 Macs under his belt and owns two boats - a Sea Ray 37, JEM, and an 18.5' ski boat in Wisconsin.



**JESSICA CHONICH (7)** and her husband Adam joined CYC in September in 2010. She is active within the power fleet and serves on the Communications Committee. With a background in sales and marketing, Jessica regularly contributes to the *Blinker* about power fleet activities, and assisted in editing the 2011 Fleet Review video. The Chonich's support sailing events including the 2011 and 2012 Mac Races and the 2012 NOOD Regatta.



**PATRICK MCBRIARTY (8)** discovered a new focus and fascination for Chicago's bridges after the loss of his wife. In 2012 with filmmaker Stephen Hatch, he co-produced the documentary *Chicago Drawbridges*, which chronicles the history of Chicago's bridges. His first book, *Chicago River Bridges*, will be published in September 2013. Pat is developing a series of children's books to bring his excitement and appreciation for bridges to a smaller fan base. He hopes this book will be enjoyed by kids of all ages.



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**CHRIS ALBANIS, M.D. (9)** has a passion for all things visual and loves taking pictures, including many you see in the *Blinker*. She is a comprehensive ophthalmologist in the greater Chicagoland area, focusing on cataract and refractive surgery. In her spare time, she enjoys taking pictures, dancing, and spending time with friends and family.



We hope you enjoy this issue and encourage you to let us know how we are doing.



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**LIZ WARE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & PUBLISHER BLINKER**  
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# On The Water



## Education Opportunities at CYC!

The On the Water staff is excited to offer several new educational opportunities for all ages this upcoming year! We hope that everyone will be able to find something of interest to get you motivated for another excellent Chicago summer.

*Please note that these classes are offered to the members of Chicago Yacht Club. If you have a non-member friend who would like to attend, please contact Lynn M. Lynch at [lynch@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:lynch@chicagoyachtclub.org) to determine availability.*

## OFF THE WATER

### • CPR/First Aid Classes

Red Cross CPR and First Aid will again be available for all members interested in making sure they are ready for whatever emergencies might come their way. Both certifications are good for two years and all participants receive take-home materials that are vital to have on hand. Four participants are needed to run the class.

*CPR Dates: CYC Members: March 13 and April 17, 6:30pm-10:00pm*

*RC Members: March 20, 6:30pm-10:00pm*

*First Aid Date: Wednesday, May 15, 6:30pm-9:30pm*

*Fee: \$40 for CPR; \$20 for First Aid*

*Instructors: Lynn M. Lynch, Martha Pitt, Bobby Collins*

### • Diesel Engine Maintenance and Troubleshooting

Don't waste your money paying the yard to do simple repairs and routine maintenance on your engine! Come and learn the skills you need to do it the right way yourself. You'll be amazed at how straight forward most of this stuff is!

*Date: March 27, 7:00pm-10:00pm*

*Fee: Complimentary*

*Instructor: Dan Vondrak*

## ON THE WATER

### • Adult and Junior Powerboat Courses

Our long standing history as the leaders in sailboat education in Chicago is something to be proud of. Now we can be proud of position as the leader in powerboat education as well. It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of the Chicago Yacht Club as *US Powerboating's* Powerboat Training Center for the Midwest. Using the club's fleet of 17' rigid hull inflatables, we will be offering the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification Course to members and non-members throughout the summer.

In addition to the courses available to adults, there will be two courses reserved for juniors between the ages of 13-18. They will have the same opportunity to obtain a Safe Powerboat Handling Certification but in a course tailor-made for them. Any junior that operates the family dinghy is considering a future as a sailing instructor or just wants to have fun driving a powerboat should sign up!

*Price: Members \$300; Non Members \$500*

*Instructors: Lynn M. Lynch, Bobby Collins, Martha Pitt, Scott Souders, TBD*

### Adult Classes

Session 1	Thur/Fri. April 25-26, May 2-3	5:30pm-9:30pm
Session 2	Wed/Thur. May 21-22, 28-29	6:00pm-10:00pm
Session 3	Wed/Thur. June 19-20, 26-27	6:00pm-10:00pm
Session 4	Wed/Thur. August 21-22, 28-29	6:00pm-10:00pm

### Junior Classes

Session 1	Sun. July 14 (9am-5pm), Mon/Tues. July 15-16 (1pm-5pm)
Session 2	Mon. August 12 – Fri. August 16 9am-12pm

• **Race Committee Powerboat Course**

The Accelerated Safe Powerboat Handling / Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Course will be offered for anyone involved with the Race Committee or looking to join in the fun this year. If you are planning on driving one of the club's boats, this course is a requirement. Don't worry, it is a fun requirement! Please note that attendance at ALL sessions is necessary to complete the course.

*Dates: Classroom sessions will be Wed. April 3 and Wed. April 10th from 6:00pm-10:00pm  
On the water session will be Sat. April 13 from 9:00am-6:00pm*

*Price: \$100*

*Instructor(s): Lynn M. Lynch, Scott Souders, TBD*

• **Junior Keelboat Program**

Junior sailors will now have the opportunity to choose Sonars as their boat of choice this summer! There will be three different keelboat sessions run throughout the summer.

• **The Level One class** is open to any junior interested in learning to sail the Sonar and getting to know all of the basics about this boat.

*Dates: Monday, June 24 to Wednesday, July 23 Fee: Member \$685; Non-Member \$885*

• **The Level Two class** is open to any sailors that participated in Level One, or any sailors with experience in other boats that have been approved by the Junior and Keelboat Directors. This class will take the training to the next step and start to focus on getting the most out of the Sonar and fine-tuning the skills taught in Level One.

*Dates: Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 9 Fee: Member \$830; Non-Member \$1,080*

• **The third keelboat session** is Race Week where any junior 13 years of age and older who has participated in a sailing program during the summer can sail the Sonars this week. The session will run in the afternoon only during the last week of sailing school and is the perfect way to cap a great summer of sailing.

*Dates: Monday, August 12 to Friday, August 17 Fee: \$100 per sailor*

by **CAPTAIN LYNN M. LYNCH**, ON THE WATER DIRECTOR, CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

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# Water Levels Reach All-Time Low

by **SCOTT STEVENSON**, WESTREC MARINAS

If you have visited the lakefront lately, you will notice a phenomenon never seen before. The level of Lake Michigan is officially two feet below the all-time record low set in 1964. What this means to boaters varies with their location, but universally, it means that we all must use seamanship, caution and common sense this summer when we head to the water.

We urge boaters to familiarize themselves with the NOAA charts and avoid shallow areas like Morgan Shoals. Within the harbors, we urge boaters to use caution as well. Areas that have traditionally not posed a problem, like the touch-and-go areas at Monroe, may be unusable for some deep-draft boats. As a mariner, it is the boater's responsibility to avoid shallow areas. Even within the harbors, it will be impossible for Westrec to mark all of the shallow areas.

For Westrec and the Chicago Park District, we are coping with the effects of low water in all of the harbors. Different harbors have different problems. In Montrose, for example, we are exploring buying longer gangways in some locations because the ramps are so steep. In the Jackson Park Harbors, we are planning on dredging the entrances. At our launch ramps, we are planning on modifying the ramps as they do not extend far enough into the water. In Belmont, Burnham and Diversey Harbors, we will probably have to transfer some boaters out of shallow areas to areas with more depth. In short, it is a gigantic headache, one that may not go away any time soon.

The cause of the low lake levels can be blamed on both the normal cyclical nature of the lake and on climate change. The factors that influence the lake level are precipitation and evaporation. As we all know, the drought of 2012 has continued into 2013. Again this month, the precipitation is below the monthly average for this time of year. To make matters worse, the warmer water temperatures and reduced ice pack have increased the evaporation rate. What we need is a cold, wet winter. What we have is a mild dry one. The result is that the forecast for lake levels continues to drop.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers publishes a monthly forecast of lake levels: [http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/\\_kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item\\_id=3885&destination=ShowItem](http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/_kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item_id=3885&destination=ShowItem) and at, <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/hh/datalinks/PrinterFriendly/weekly.pdf>

With the uncertainty of low lake levels, we urge Chicago boaters to use caution this summer and keep abreast of harbor updates on our website at [www.chicagoharbors.info](http://www.chicagoharbors.info). ➤



Scott Stevenson,  
Westrec Marinas



The Monroe Docks showing the recent drop in water level.

The Club's Stations Committee is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of Monroe and Belmont Stations and our marine assets, and for ensuring that our hospitality services are top-notch. Stations is working to address issues posed by the low water levels, and has already approved a plan to lower to our Monroe docks by this spring. We have also been working with our professional management to enhance your Club experience, including, for example, improved food and beverage service at Monroe, planning for the renovation of the Mackinac Bar, and easier access to parking at Belmont. Look for further updates on these plans in the next issue of the *Blinker*. In the meantime, if you have ideas or suggestions for how we can enhance your Club, please share them with me or another member of the Stations Committee.

by Greg Miarecki, Vice Commodore and  
Chair, Stations Committee

# From the Chef



Dear Chicago Yacht Club Members,

I want to thank everyone for a great 2012 and I am looking forward to 2013! As we start the year we have some changes that I would like to share with everyone. I encourage everyone to stop in and appreciate the view at Monroe Station while enjoying our Sunday a la carte brunch. The menu will feature a variety of items such as blueberry pancakes, different styles of eggs benedict, and our new chicken pot pie, or skirt steak. The pasta bar buffet will be discontinued for a few months, but we will offer “create your own pasta” on Thursdays that will run at lunch and dinner. It will come with a small Caesar salad, a pasta entrée, and a cannoli for dessert. We will continue to offer one menu throughout the day with at least four various specials at dinner time. The specials will usually be two fish and two meat dishes, rotating every two weeks. We will keep you

posted on what we are offering. We have also refreshed the kid’s menu, adding a variety of different pastas, a grilled chicken sandwich and beef tenderloin medallions, to name a few of the new selections.

I know we have quite a few fans of the bison burger and I am happy to say that it is back! Having secured a steady supply, will keep this in stock for those who enjoy it. The burger will be served with melted Wisconsin cheddar, cabernet-braised onions, lettuce and tomato. A few other new items we are serving will be a beef tenderloin sandwich, a weekly slider selection, and a pork “wing” appetizer. The “wings” are small braised pork shanks that are super tender and full of flavor.

I am very excited for the release of our new website. It is a great tool to use for information on upcoming events, current menus, specials, and even reservations. There will be links to each event and you will be able to make reservations, see who is attending, and receive confirmation that you are booked for a specific day and time. I encourage everyone to use this as it will help us ensure you have the best dining experience possible.

For members who enjoy our wine dinners, we have three scheduled for the next few months. Mark your calendars for February 20th, March 21st, and April 24th. For those who are unfamiliar with the dinners, we will be pouring four to six wines at each dinner and each wine will be paired with a different food course. I like to prepare unique items that you might not find on our menus. An example is an up and coming fish that I have not seen on any menus in Chicago. It is called Paiche, an Amazonian sea bass from Peru. It is a great substitute for people who enjoy Chilean sea bass, but care about sustainability. I hope you can join us for one of our wine dinners. They are very enjoyable, a unique club experience, and are a great opportunity to host some friends or relatives and showcase your club!

Again, thank you for continued support. I look forward to delivering many great meals to you this year.

**KEVIN SMITH, CYC CHEF**

# They say, “Loose Lips Sink Ships,” but who exactly are the MERCHANT MARINES?

by **JIM MESCALL, MMC**

When a member of Chicago Yacht Club recently learned I was a licensed Merchant Marine Credentialed (MMC) Captain, she asked, “Who are the Merchant Marines and just what do they do?” Well, all you have to do is look around you, because you are surrounded by hundreds of them. They are at Navy Pier, on the Chicago River, in the Calumet River, the Illinois River, Montrose Harbor, Belmont Harbor, Du Sable Harbor, Burnham Harbor, basically all over!

Maritime law requires any vessel carrying passengers for hire to have a Merchant Marine Credentialed officer at the helm. Failure to comply with these regulations results in stiff penalties by the United States Coast Guard, Illinois State Department of Natural Resources and the Chicago Police Marine Unit. In addition, all other commercial boats such as tugs, freighters, barges, cargo vessels, etc. must have a licensed MMC operator at the helm. United States Merchant Marine (USMM) captains are trained to follow strict life-saving procedures and incident reporting.

When you become a MMC captain you can purchase a captain’s insurance policy that follows you from boat to boat. I became licensed so I could acquire insurance to protect against any loss on any boat I captain. That is the simple practical story, but the real historical story of the merchant marines is much more powerful.

The USMM was founded in 1775, 15 years before the Coast Guard and 20 years before the Navy. The USMM academy wasn’t founded until 168 years later in 1943 and wasn’t accredited until thirteen years after that in 1956. The USMM suffered the highest casualty rate in WW II, but didn’t receive veterans’ benefits until 42 years after the war, in 1988. The Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) was the first service academy to allow women to enroll, in 1974, two years before the Naval, Coast Guard, and Air Force academies. During peacetime the USMM is under the watchful eye of Homeland Security and the USCG, but if war breaks out the USCG and subsequently the USMM are moved under the auspices of the Department of Defense. After all who better than the local captains to



know of irregularities in the waterways?

Locally, the merchant marines assist by being the “eyes and ears” for the Chicago Marine Safety Unit (MSU), an active duty component of the USCG and responsible for management of the Federal waterways during peacetime in Chicago. The MSU serves a network of domestic and international maritime interests covering Lake Michigan including 177 miles of the Illinois River system segmented by seven locks and over 250 bridges, nine ports, 235 inspected vessels, 101 regulated waterfront facilities, and eight permanent security zones. The MSU oversees the safety and security of more than 25 million passengers frequenting six riverboat casinos and 58 passenger vessels annually. Additionally it oversees the third largest intermodal container handler area in the world with the

largest distribution center in the nation.

In December of 2012, as a MMC I had the privilege of attending the 29th Annual All Academy Ball that includes the academies of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines. Each year different academies host this event. In 2012 the honor was bestowed on the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines. The Military Guest of Honor was Commander Jason D. Neubauer, USCG who was appointed to the Great Lakes area in July 2012. Previously he was in USCG Sector Honolulu and responsible for commercial vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, search and rescue, maritime law enforcement and waterways management for a 1,500,000 square mile "Captain of the Port Zone" which includes the entire Hawaiian Island Chain and American Samoa. I became acquainted with Commander Neubauer through the International Ship Masters' Association, of which I am a member. Every branch of the US Military Services; Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard offers a USMMA graduate an officer commission in their branch upon graduation.

At my age I am not easily impressed but I sure was by this amazing group of people. Attending this event and being part of the USMM reminded me of the important role our waterways play, strategically and recreationally. As members of the Chicago Yacht Club we use the water for recreational purposes and have the support of our USMM and our USCG. In addition, and so important to our history at CYC, many of our members have served us proudly in the military through the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Thank you all so very much. ➤

*Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933, designated May 22 of each year as "National Maritime Day," and has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance. President Obama has affirmed that proclamation every year since being in office.*

*President Franklin D. Roosevelt said of the Merchant Marines, "[Mariners] have written one of its most brilliant chapters. They have delivered the goods when and where needed in every theater of operations and across every ocean in the biggest, the most difficult and dangerous job ever undertaken. As time goes on, there will be greater public understanding of our merchant's fleet record during this war [World War II]."*

*The following information was sourced from the United States Merchant Marine, [www.usmm.org](http://www.usmm.org), and United States Merchant Marine Academy, [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu) websites and edited for this article.*

### **What is the Merchant Marine?**

The Merchant Marine is the fleet of ships which carries imports and exports during peacetime and becomes a naval auxiliary during wartime to deliver troops and war materiel. According to the Merchant Marine Act of 1936: "It is necessary for the national defense... that the United States shall have a merchant marine of the best equipped and most suitable types of vessels sufficient to carry the greater portion of its commerce and serve as a naval or military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency..."

### **What do you call people who are in the Merchant Marine?**

Mariners. Seamen. Seafarers. Sailors. Never marines! Mariners is the preferred designation.

### **What was the role of the United States Merchant Marine during World War II?**

The Merchant Marines provided the greatest sealift in history between the production army at home and the fighting forces scattered around the globe in World War II.

The prewar total of 55,000 experienced mariners was increased to over 215,000 through U.S. Maritime Service training programs.

Unlike other service combatants, during WW II they and their ships were left behind at sea if their ship was torpedoed as part of a convoy. Ships that were attacked and could no longer keep pace with the convoy were left behind. This was necessary because the German wolf packs would fire on the other ships if they slowed down to assist. They suffered the highest casualty service rate in WW II. One in 26 mariners serving aboard merchant ships in World WW II died in the line of duty. If you were serving in the US Navy during WW II you had one in 114 chance of dying in the line duty. If you were in the USCG you had a one in 421 chance of being killed in the line of duty. Merchant Marine crews were subject to Articles of War and court martial during WWII Merchant ships faced danger from submarines, mines, armed raiders and destroyers, aircraft, "kamikaze," and the elements. About 8,300 mariners were killed at sea, 12,000 wounded of whom at least 1,100 died from their wounds, and 663 men and women were taken prisoner. (Total killed estimated 9,300.) ■

# Chicago's Christmas Ship Spreading Good Cheer



by **CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS SHIP COMMITTEE**  
photos by **LLOYD KARZEN**, Chair, **BETTYLYNN KOULES** and **ANN RUNDLE**

**A** century ago on a cold November evening, the *Rouse Simmons*, a ship transporting Christmas trees from Michigan to Chicago, went down with its Captain Herman Schuenemann and his crew of 16 just 30 miles south of Ahnapee, Wisconsin. The Schuenemann's made their living through the maritime Christmas tree business, but with the 1912 sinking of its ship combined with the improved highways and railroads enabling Christmas trees to move throughout the Midwest more efficiently by land, transporting the trees by ship became obsolete.

That was until 2000 when a conversation about the sinking of the *Rouse Simmons* took place on board the US Coast Guard's icebreaker *Mackinaw* during the start of Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac. The discussion evolved into a meaningful way to leverage a regular training exercise for the *Mackinaw* and provide Christmas cheer by delivering trees via the cutter to those in need in the Chicagoland area.

The Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee with active participation by many CYC members was formed to raise money to pay for the trees. The committee is an activity of the Navy League. One hundred percent of the donated funds are used to provide Christmas trees to families

through the Ada S. McKinley Community Services.

In its 13th year, the Christmas Ship has given away more than 14,500 trees. What a sight it is to see *Mackinaw* coming in to dock at Navy Pier filled with trees. Volunteers from the yachting community assisted by the crew decorate the ship, have special educational presentations and host a Shipmasters' Memorial Ceremony followed by a presentation ceremony. Trees are then unloaded by youth group volunteers and loaded into trucks to be delivered to various service organizations.

The Chicago Yachting Association and its members, including the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, Sea Scouts, and the Island Goats, have made significant contributions in cash, in-kind donations, volunteer efforts and leadership. Dave Truitt, past commodore of Jackson Park YC, was the founding chairman of the Christmas Ship committee from 2000-2001; Fred Poppe, past commodore of Burnham Harbor YC and past commodore of the CYA was chairman in 2002; Sonny Lisowski, past commodore of Burnham Park YC and previous secretary of the CYA was chairman from 200-2005; George Lisner past commodore of Chicago Corinthian YC and past commodore of the CYA was chairman from 2006-2009 and Lloyd Karzen, past



## CHICAGO YACHT CLUB SEA SCOUTS

By Bettylynn Koules

Among the volunteers were the Chicago Yacht Club Sea Scouts. Both active scouts and prospective scouts joined efforts with other sea scouts and volunteers to assist with loading trees onto trucks for distribution into the neighborhoods. The scouts helped with the arduous task of carrying the trees off the cutter, down the ramp, to the trucks, then lifting and loading each tree. The scouts, like elves, worked for several hours from early morning until the last tree was loaded and on its way to a deserving family. Finally, with the mission completed, the scouts were able to enjoy a steaming mug of hot chocolate and a tour of the Cutter. This day brought the spirit of Christmas to all involved.



commodore of the Heritage Boat Club has been the chairman since 2010. To learn more and get the latest information on the Christmas Ship and other ways to participate, visit our Web site at [www.christmasship.org](http://www.christmasship.org).

*From Chicago's Christmas Ship Chair Lloyd Karzen:*

*In 2011, as chairman of the Chicago's Christmas Ship, I was invited to ride down on the cutter Mackinaw from St. Ignace to Chicago's Navy Pier with 1350 Christmas trees. The trip was a working trip for the crew and I got first hand experience of what it was like to be on the ship in inclement weather! First we picked up four buoys at the Mackinaw Bridge. Due to heavy winds we docked back at St. Ignace. We were then forced to take the cutter over to Mackinac Island until the winds died down, and later headed to Washington Island. The waves were 10 to 14 feet. The waves were up to bridge and the dirty buoys we had picked up and put on the deck were washed clean. The Captain said it was a very hard crossing; the crew was seasick. He said it was not as bad as when they broke ice, which is very, very noisy.*

*Along our journey to Chicago, we stopped in several places to pick up buoys and to do other work. We stopped where Rouse Simmons sank and I was asked to drop a wreath at the sight. The holidays have always been an important time to me.*

*While I enjoy being one of Santa's assistants at the CYC Children's party, the work all of the volunteers do to bring holiday cheer to those less fortunate in Chicago gives me great joy and happiness.*

*This year, through Chicago's Christmas Ship and its volunteers and supporters, the following organizations brought families a little extra holiday cheer:*

- AbJ Community Service 100 trees
- Abraham Lincoln Center 75 trees
- Ada S. McKinley 112 trees
- Benton House 118 trees
- Daniel A. Cotter Boys and Girls Club 75 trees
- By The Hand Club 120 trees
- Chicago Commons 90 trees
- First Church of Deliverance 150 trees
- Introspect Youth Service 100 trees
- Jesus People USA 100 trees
- One Hope United 75 trees
- Phalanx Family Service 100 trees
- And South Central Community Service 75 trees ▶

# A Pitch for the Future

by **MARTHA PITT**

*Martha Pitt is Director of the CYC Sailing School and a co-Chair of the Neill Advanced Sailing Clinic (NASC) presented by the CYC Foundation. Thinking about a program for the Foundation portion of the MAC Awards Dinner held on November 3rd, I called Martha. I asked if she would consider representing the Foundation, give a short pitch about the NASC, and talk about the importance of supporting junior sailing as a need to insure the future of the sport. Wow! She did an amazing job and had a usually boisterous audience in rapt attention. The compliments were many and well deserved. We have reprinted her comments and ask that you take a moment to read them. She has truly captured the essence of the importance of junior programs for sailing and competition training.*

W.G.Vartan, President CYC Foundation



**I** want you all to clear your minds, forget about the drink in your hand, the people that you have been talking to, and reach back and recall how you got into the sport of sailing - maybe it was a family activity that you grew up with, or a class at summer camp that sounded fun, or some friend took you out one afternoon for a cruise. Now I want you to think about the moment you realized that you loved it.

I know when that moment was for me - I was eleven years old and sailing back from an Opti regatta on a windy afternoon. The Race Committee had canceled racing that day because they considered the conditions too windy for the Opti Fleet and so my coach, appalled at the waste of perfectly good breeze, told us that we would just sail our boats the seven miles back to our home club. "What?!" I thought, "Was he crazy?! If the race committee says it's too windy, sailing our boats home should not be an option!" My teammates, all rebellious young boys, were psyched. I was utterly terrified - But, being the youngest sailor and only girl on the team, and therefore unwilling to show any fear or weakness, I pushed my boat in the water and set out with my teammates on our journey home.

Now, this is the point in the story when I should tell you that I immediately overcame my fears of the heavy wind and waves and sailed the entire way back without



PHOTO BY MICHELE IDSTEIN, MISTE PHOTOGRAPHY

swamping, capsizing, or breaking down in tears behind the shield of my sunglasses - if I told you that, however, I would be lying. I think that I capsized more than any other boat, and for those of you have seen or experienced a capsized Opti, you will know how crippling and defeating it can be when those boats swamp. I was a mess - in the privacy of my own boat shed a lot of tears, and had more than a thought or two of complete defeat.

But a little while into the trip, well past the point of return and after my arm started to tire from bailing my boat out over and over, my perception of the conditions did shift. I began to embrace the wind and waves, and the experience became absolutely electrifying. My emotions turned away from despair and into ecstatic excitement. I started to figure out how to ooch

my boat, get it planing and surf the waves, to feel it taking off underneath me and accelerating just to the point that I almost lose control. And I did continue to lose control, to swamp my boat, and the thoughts that I was going to be lost at sea definitely didn't disappear completely even though we were never more than half a mile offshore. But I did made it back with a huge smile on my face, not only because I had beaten all the boys (in case anyone was keeping track), but because I had discovered a passion - I loved sailing, and I loved going fast.

I think that there are few people here in this room tonight who don't know what I am talking about. You are all here because of your involvement in the 2012 Race to Mackinac, marking another year of committing time, energy and money to brave the elements, take a chance, experience that thrill of competition and compete for your own goals, whatever those may be. Sailboat racers share that crazed delight - it's the reason that we go out day after day, year after year, work through the blood, sweat, and tears, and pour our hearts, souls, and many dollars into boats and equipment to maintain and experience those racing traditions that we cherish so proudly. And it is the reason that the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation has devoted so much of its own time, energy, and money to foster that same atmosphere with the younger sailors in our community. Without the support of the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, sailing would end at Chicago's lakefront for many of our sailors. But instead, through aid like the sailorships and grants that the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation extends to our junior sailors to participate and race, and by allowing accomplished sailors from around the country to come to our own club during the Neill Clinic and receive top-level coaching as you hopefully saw in the videos playing earlier this evening, the young sailors in our community and

beyond are exposed to opportunities much greater than they ever would on their own. Those opportunities help to foster the growth of those talented sailors who might otherwise not get the chance at such experiences, and will hopefully instill a love for sailing that will last for years to come, that same love that I discovered that one windy afternoon when I was eleven. These sailors have amazing talent and are the future of our Chicago Yacht Club and sailing community, and without support from the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation and the Sailing School, many would not be where they are today - likewise, without support from you, the Sailing School and Chicago Yacht Club Foundation would have much less to provide to them. Thank you for all of your continued support, and as you embark your own sailing endeavors, don't forget about those first moments that made you love the sport and think about what you can do to help our younger racers get to that point and to thrive.▶

Note: Rapidly moving up as a top national junior sailing event the CYC Foundation will host the third annual Neill Advanced Sailing Clinic 8 through 12 June 2013. World class racing sailor Ken Read will headline a fund raising event on 11 June 2013. Tickets will be available for purchase by Chicago sailors wanting to see and hear Ken's extraordinary presentation. More details to follow.

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# Burgee Display at Belmont Station



text and photos by **JAN KRAMER**

**I**t's no longer necessary to go to Tortola or anywhere else to gaze upon a colorful collection of club burgees. We've installed an admirable display right here at our own Belmont Station. At present, we have 92 burgees on display in the main entrance hall at Belmont. The flag from the furthest distanced club from CYC is thought to be from the Royal Hong Kong YC. Note the good looking, functional display rack was constructed by the CYC Maintenance Department.

It is traditional for yacht clubs to exchange burgees during the first visit by one yacht club to the other.

Traditionally, the first time a member of one yacht club visits another, there is an exchange of burgees. Exchanged burgees are then displayed on the club's premises. CYC received these burgees from visitors from other clubs over several years. Our policy is not to sell our burgee to non-members; however, if the visiting yachtsman brings a burgee with them then we will furnish them one of ours. FYI, we do not furnish our members with burgees when they travel to another club, however, members are free to purchase and ask for a burgee exchange at the club they visit. There's room for more burgees at Belmont! ▶

# The History of Chicago Yacht Club's Burgee

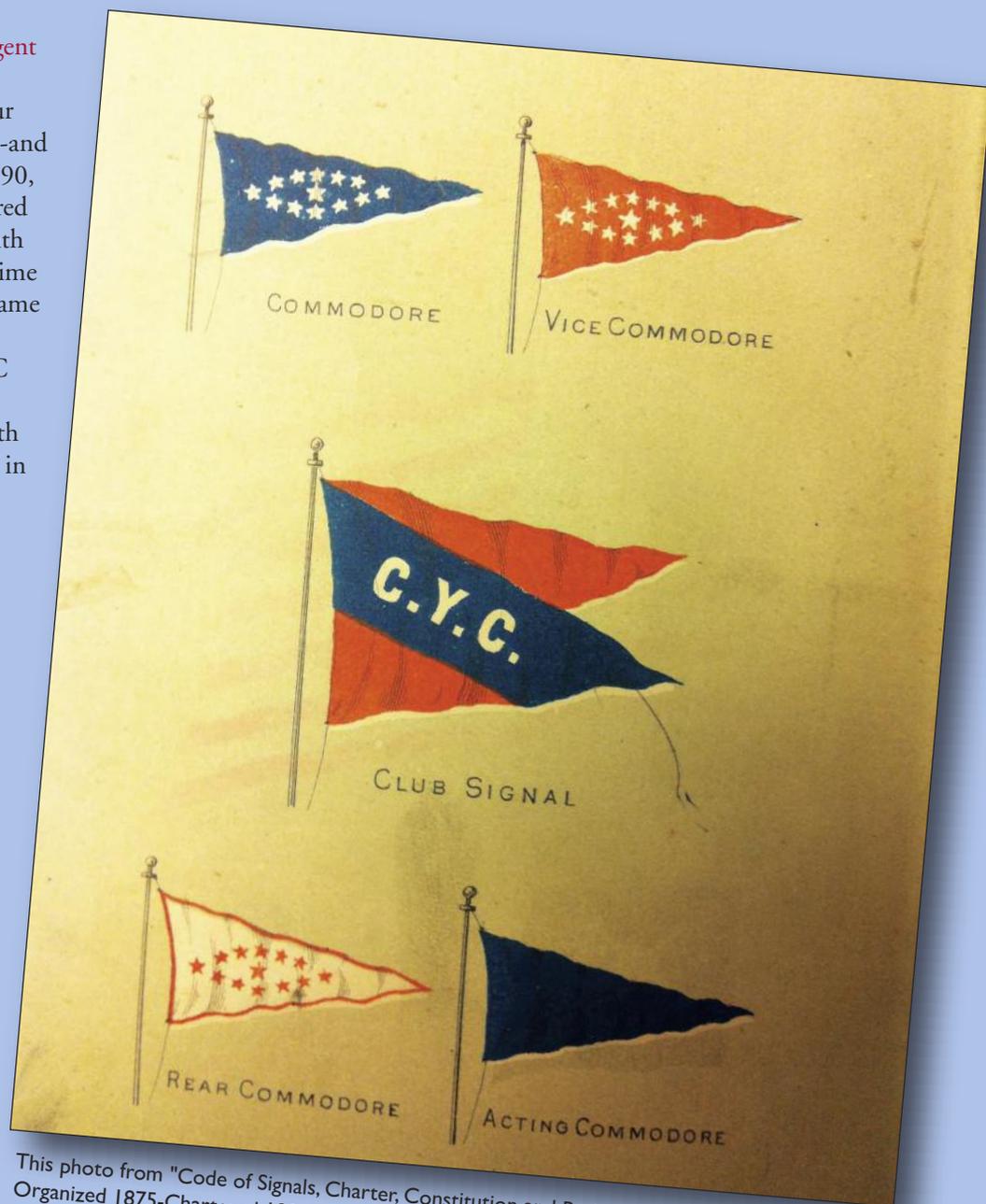
text and photos by **JAN KRAMER**

**N**ancy Broeckl, CYC's diligent librarian for many years, explains the history of our beautiful CYC burgee, blue-white-and with one red star. Chartered in 1890, the Lincoln Park Yacht Club entered into a 1920 Merger Agreement with the Chicago Yacht Club. At that time the flag of the new yacht club became that of the then flag of the LPYC. Documents state the original CYC club signal was a swallow-tailed pendant with a blue stripe and with letters C.Y.C. in the center of and in line with the blue stripe.

## Have Burgee Will Travel

The CYC burgee travels, too. For example, CYC member and circumnavigator Bob Bilhorn reports he carried the CYC burgee on his voyage around the world. He says he gave a burgee to the Mooloolaba YC in Australia and they were sufficiently impressed to frame it under glass.

If you send the *Blinker* a photo and brief description of where you and your CYC burgee are on your travels, the editorial staff will do its best to include it. South Haven or South Seas, let's show readers where CYC members and our burgee get around!



This photo from "Code of Signals, Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Chicago Yacht Club Organized 1875-Chartered 1882". The text under the Flag section reads: "The Club Signal shall be a swallow-tailed pennant of red, with a blue stripe occupying half the width of head and running diagonally across the pennant, with its upper margin in a straight line from the upper clew to lower point of swallow, with white letters C.Y.C. in centre of and in line with the blue stripe."

# LMSRF Elects David W. Howell to the *Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame*

by **MARK NORRIS**  
photo by **JANE VARTAN**

## **CHAMPION YACHT RACER**

Chicago Yacht Club hosted an induction ceremony emceed by Gene McCarthy on Sunday, November 4, 2012, for the late David W. Howell (1925-1996), a long-time member and champion yacht racer who was elected to the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame. Howell was well known for his successes campaigning his boats named "Decision." About 60 people attended. The following is from the citation and nomination letter:

A young woman walked into the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station one day in the early 1980s, and overheard discussion about a man who had recently suffered a massive stroke. She was astounded at how people were reacting and their concern about the recovery of this man. The respect and love that was exhibited by his competitors was overwhelming. She was taken aback by the esteem that his peers held him in – this man embraced his sport and was well respected by all his peers. It was only after getting to know this man and learning of his amazing accomplishments and contributions to the sport of sailing, that she finally understood why.

The man, David W. Howell, former Chairman, President and CEO of the Willett Motor Coach Company, compiled an outstanding record of community service and yacht racing on Lake Michigan and the Midwest. Howell was also a heavy donor to the Sea Explorers division of the Boy Scouts of America, past president of the Easter Seals Society of Chicago and was active with the Glenwood School of Boys in St. Charles, Illinois and he served as a Director of the Chicago Yacht Club for many years.

Howell started sailing in the late 40's and was noted for giving young people a chance to learn sailing through the Sea Explorers program and by inviting many younger sailors to join him on the water for a race.



**DAVID W. HOWELL**  
1925 - 1996

A 1974 Tribune article on one of his wins started, "Dave Howell, who manages to pick up trophies almost every race . . ." David greatly enjoyed the many hours of preparation, hard work and the long nights on deck of the distances races. It is of no surprise that among those trophies is a long string of Chicago Mackinac Race successes: the Past Commodore's Trophy in 1968 and 1969 for first in section, the Chicago Mackinac Trophy for first overall in fleet 1968, James O. Hayworth Trophy in 1970 and 1971 for first in section, the much heralded heavy blow of 1970 (Dave loved heavy air racing) - and again for first overall

in 1971, the James R. Offield Perpetual Trophy for first in section 1982 and 1983 and many other flag winning races in both the Chicago and Port Huron Mac races. David and the Decision name appear on a vast majority of the highly regarded Chicago Yacht Club Trophies including: The Verve Cup, the Commodore's Cup, Harold L Ashton Perpetual Trophy, and the Sheldon Clark Trophy.

Howell was a member of the Island Goats Sailing Society of Chicago. He was the Fastest Goat to the Island in 1985, received the Island Goats Sailing Society's Freshwater Award in 1989. In 1996, Howell was named Yachtsman of the Year by the Chicago area Sea Explorers program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dave is considered by many to be the Grandfather of



L TO R: Gene McCarthy - Chairman LMSRF Hall of Fame Committee, Mark Norris - Offshore Fleet Chairman CYC, Gail M. Turluck - Executive Secretary LMSRF, Tracy "Les" Brand - godson of, and long time crew member for David Howell, Steve Howell - nephew of David Howell.

the Offshore One-Design concept. In 1978, a group which included Tom K. Fisher of Bayview Yacht Club, Harry Kostoff of Port Huron Yacht Club, Frank Shumway of Rochester Yacht Club, Gordon Fisher of Bayview Yacht Club and Frank Soames of Bayview Yacht Club, many former presidents of the Yacht Racing Union (now US Sailing), created the North American 40 One-Design Class, the first larger offshore one-design sailboat. Richard "Dick" Carter, navel architect of Nahant, Massachusetts, was chosen to design the yacht and the "NA 40" proved that a larger offshore one-design boat could succeed as witnessed by the fact that 45 NA 40's were built and many are still racing today. A North American 40 was the overall winner of the 2008 and 2011 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. While the concept was a little before its time, Howell truly had an early vision that has evolved into many competitive offshore one-design classes, which are a vast majority of the fleets racing in the Great Lakes and around the world today.

Over the course of his more than 40 years of offshore racing with about a dozen different boats named Decision, Howell was able to mobilize his crews to a higher level of performance and always emphasized fun and sportsmanship. Occasionally, his language at the helm was colorful which helped keep his crew sharp.

Howell was intimately involved with the administrative aspects of our sport through his many years serving on committees, boards and as an innovator - assisting in the development of many rating rules (or eliminating them) and general race management.

Shortly after Howell's passing, a Deed of Gift was made to the Chicago Yacht Club to recognize and continue his effort of establishing offshore one-design sailing. The David W. Howell Memorial Trophy, was given to the club in 1998 by his widow Betty Howell, as a Race to Mackinac One-Design (when possible) Section Trophy and remains the only crystal trophy in the Mackinac Race collection.

David Howell taught many offshore racers how to sail better and be good sportsmen, either as his crew or as competitors. He was a dominant sailor and racer, but also a great teacher and friend to many, both on and off the racecourse.

While Dave and Betty never had children of their own, they have many "offspring" racing competitively around the world today. He was proud to see young sailors grow, learn, and be involved, often he observed second or third generation "new" crewmembers skillfully steer his boat, from the club he loved so much and where he dined often, back to its slip across the harbor. He loved to have family and friends around the boat and always welcomed them aboard, no matter their experience level. Dave was a true gentleman and a great sportsman, both on and off the water.

The nomination for consideration of Howell's election into the Hall of Fame was submitted in December 2011 by the CYC Offshore Fleet Committee, Mark D. Norris, Chair. The Club is delighted that LMSRF has honored our long-time member, David W. Howell, with his 2012 election into the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame. ➤

# “G2 gets the G2 on” CYC Blazer Patches

text by **GREG FREEMAN**

photos by **JANET CRABB & GREG FREEMAN**

Many members of CYC wear the CYC Blazer Patch; I’ve worn one for years but I was surprised at the Annual Meeting last November when several people asked me if the patch I was wearing was an indication that I was a club Director. While it is true that the Club’s Directory, in Appendix D, does specify a dress code for Officers and Directors which includes wearing the patch, it is also our tradition that any member may wear a patch affixed to the left pocket of a blue blazer. The patch is a symbol of membership in our Club. Blazer patches are available at the Front Desk.

I thought it would be interesting to look into the various blazer patches that you might see worn around our club. There are more of them than I realized. Here are pictures of various patches including those worn by our Flag Officers, by members of the Race Committee, the Old Guard and the Island Goats. Also included are photos of some older patches and the special CYC Centennial patch from 1975.

Do you have other, unique CYC patches or other memorabilia? If so, let me know and we’ll try to print photos of those items in future *Blinkers*.



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CYC Centennial Patch - 1975



CYC Old Guard  
The CYC Old Guard  
are our 25  
most senior members.



Older CYC Blazer Patches

# OFFSHORE REPORT

by **VIVIANA FANIZZO**, CYC OFFSHORE COMMITTEE

## A NEW RACE FOR AN OLD TROPHY

### *The Hamilton Club Cup Race to Racine*

Some of you may have seen this outré nautical trophy in the cabinet at CYC Monroe. Some of you may even enjoy the distinction of having your name on it. But how many of you actually know what this trophy is



for? The Hamilton Club of Chicago gave this trophy to Chicago Yacht Club in 1926 as a prize for its triangular cruising race run over Labor Day; for the first 10 years it was restricted to yawls, schooners and ketches. Time passed, the Hamilton Club dissolved, and yawls, schooners and ketches fell out of fashion. Chicago Yacht Club relinquished stewardship of many, then all of the legs of the Labor Day race. The Hamilton Club Trophy was reassigned several times as a prize for the best CYC finisher in races run by other clubs including various incarnations of the Tri-state as well as the Chicago to Black Lake Race.

This year the Hamilton Club Trophy will enjoy a fresh start as the trophy for a new CYC distance race, the CYC Hamilton Club Cup night race. Run as part of the 2013 CYC Annual Cruise to Racine, any CYC member sailboat game for the adventure can participate in a race on the evening of Friday, June 28 and finish by dawn (hopefully) at Reef Point Marina to the cheers of our Power and Cruising Sail Fleet friends who will (also hopefully) welcome us with Bloody Mary's in hand. Cheers!

Saturday will be a non-stop event featuring boat parties hosted by the PF and CSF, a pig roast and live band; or you

## CROSSING THE LINE:

### *Making a Successful Transition to Offshore Racing*

Do you own a sailboat but have never raced it? Have you watched the race boats come in from a regatta and wondered what all the excitement is about? Wonder how you can join in the fun but don't know where to start or whether it will just become some enormous hassle?

The answer to "how" and "why" was the topic of a seminar and panel discussion during Strictly Sail and is now an outline available to CYC members at the front desk at Monroe St. as well as a PDF link through the Offshore page on our new website. The outline will guide you through the thought process of determining where you are today, what your options are based on your skills and your boat and the exact steps you need to take to get racing your sailboat or moving to the next level through the exploration of four "aspiring" programs:



#### RACING YOUR BOAT WILL:

- Improve your overall sailing skills
- Increase your ability to use your boat regularly
- Expand your circle of sailing friends

#### BEFORE YOU START RACING - ASSESS YOUR LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE

- Seamanship/safety
- Sail trim
- Boat handling/helm
- Racing Rules of Sailing
- Racing tactics & strategy
- Determine your level of interest and commitment

#### THEN COMPLETE THE STATEMENT - "I'd like to":

- Race casual buoy races on Wednesday nights
- Race Port-to-Port or distance races occasionally on weekends
- Build a regular racing program and willing to race at least 2 weekends per month
- Race my boat in the Mac Race

The answer to this question produces a large inventory of preparations you will need to make; rating certificates, required membership in national and area associations, entry websites, boat prep, finding crew, organizing crew, safety and first aid education, coaching programs and budgets for all your ambitions. But don't worry, the answers are here for the asking; go to the Offshore Fleet page and download the PDF and get your summer started. The CYC Offshore Committee is here to help us all have "Fun with Boats!" Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have questions, we'd love to hear from you. ➤

can just kick back and soak in the Reef Point Marina whirlpool and swimming pool. Sunday morning early risers can participate in a casual race back to Chicago and wager rum

with your frenemies – or not. Mark your calendars for the CYC event of the summer and a chance to get your name on a cool, old trophy. ➤

# Associates' Sonar Series

by **TED TOWEY**



This year the Associates hosted the 2nd Annual Associates Sonar Series featuring the club's Sonars. It was an incredible time this past year, we had enough entries to warrant two divisions; Spinnaker and JAM. The participants were:

- Aaron Tucker
- Avraham Mor
- Ivan Sagel
- Jim Walsh
- Kent Webster
- Ted Towey

The series was open to any Associate to skipper their boat to fill in with crew as they saw fit. We had crew of Regular members, fellow Associates and even some non-members interested in sailing the Sonars.

The series began in May and we hosted two races a month on Thursday and Friday evenings. It has been a great addition to our current Racing Yacht Fleet, Beer Can and Offshore racing. We have had several Associates not familiar with racing (or sailing) enter boats to get on the water.

We had all types of wind conditions from light westerly shifts to 20+ with 4-foot waves. It has strengthened our sailing skills and made a nice competition among friends that do not always have the opportunity race against each other. Also, we have had new Associate Members join the series and participate in more club functions as a result.

Entering into the final month of the Series for a chance to have our name engraved the re-dedicated Knud Riemers Trophy on Oct 28th. The racing was quite tight with only several points between 1st and 3rd. We had our final day of racing on Saturday, October 28th. It was



L to R: Don Maxwell and Ted Towey during the Associates' Sonar Series.

blowing hard from the north, we ended up sailing in Belmont Harbor for the extra protection.

It was gusty, shifty day on the water, which made for more obstacles to avoid while navigating the course. At the end of the day we added 8 more races and a very tight finish for first place.

Jim Walsh was the 2012 Champion for the Associates Sonar Series, he narrowly beat out Kent Webster in the final race to claim victory. Jim will have his name added to Knud Riemers Trophy for the second time.

Overall it has been a great event, we will host another series in 2013 with additional info to come. Please contact the Keelboat Director for more info at [keelboats@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:keelboats@chicagoyachtclub.org). ▶

# 2013 Race to Mackinac Committee

by **LOU SANDOVAL**, CHAIR, 2013 CHICAGO YACHT CLUB RACE TO MACKINAC

The 104th running of the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac was one that we will all long remember. Great conditions and great competition among our 330-boat fleet resulted in a fun race for all.

Excitement is already building for the 105th running, beginning in Chicago on July 12 and 13, 2013.



The 105th Mac kicked off with a well-attended and very successful Pink Pony party in January 2013 at Belmont Station. Special thanks go out to our Associate's Committee, which organized a great event in conjunction with our Belmont staff. The pink accent lighting on the club and moving white spotlights were visible for miles!

Over the winter, your Mac Committee has been hard at work reviewing what we did right and what we could improve upon as we geared up for the 105th running in 2013. The Committee continues to place heavy emphasis on the safety of our competitors. Several modifications were made to the Mac Safety Regulations which we believe will enhance the race's already-admirable commitment to safety. Belt pack Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) have been banned, and we are encouraging all competitors to wear crotch straps on their PFDs. Aside from those changes, we are continuing the safety changes brought in for the 104th, including strongly recommending attendance at a US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar. The Club will be hosting a seminar on April 20, 2013, and we encourage all club members to attend.

A challenge we expect to face in 2013 is the historically-low level of water in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. In January, a new record low level was set, besting 1964's low level (records have been kept since 1918). The Committee will face challenges in docking boats at Mackinac Island, given the shallow nature of that harbor and the silting issues caused by ferries. The Committee is reviewing all available options, including expanded use of harbors in St. Ignace and Mackinac City. Our talented docking team led by Lynn Walls is already planning ahead for this summer.

The Mac will continue to engage the City of Chicago and all of our land-based fans through the use of Yellow Brick tracking which will be back again for the 105th. Family and fans will be able to follow the racers up the lake from their computers, tablets and smartphones.

Celebrating its 11th year on Navy Pier is the Parade of Boats, now known as "Ashore Thing." Done in conjunction with our friends at Michigan Avenue Magazine and Veuve Clicquot - the land-side celebration of the race will provide a great celebration of one of Chicago's venerable maritime events - The Mac. Navy Pier offers a family-friendly viewing platform for all who have a curiosity for learning more about the race.

The 105th running of the greatest freshwater race in the world will no doubt be one we will all remember. Your Mac Committee has taken a proactive stance to identify the challenges we face in 2013 and are confident we will deliver a great race to our competitors and a great experience to our fellow members.

The race of the season, the adventure of a lifetime, a destination like no other.

See you on the starting line in July! ➤

# Juniors Activities Report

## SUCCESSFUL FINISHES FOR CYC'S JUNIOR SAILORS AT 2012 ORANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

by **MARTHA PITT**

Just after Christmas, the Chicago Yacht Club Race Team headed south to compete in the 2012 Orange Bowl in Miami, FL. The Yacht Club was represented by seven 420s, two Optimists, and one Laser. The four-day event, spanning the days between Christmas and New Year's, is one of the premier junior events of the year, with sailors from around the world coming to compete. Coaches Bobby Collins and Emily Reich were there to lead the team with great success!

The conditions for the regatta were generally light but built throughout the week. Only the Lasers were able to get any racing in on the first day. The wind managed to build in the remaining three days of the event to allow for a total of eleven races on the Opti circle, and twelve races for both the Laser and 420 fleets. The winter storm hitting Chicago that week was stretched as far south as Miami keeping it unusually cool, and with the local sea breeze struggling to overpower the gradient wind, the sailors had a few very long days out on the water.

Nevertheless, CYC's junior sailors proved themselves tough and competitive! In the 420 fleet, CYC boats took five of the top 20 spots in the 74-boat fleet. Clay Danly with crew Sophie Kerr of Houston, Texas finished in an impressive 3rd place. Another junior member, Alex Woloshyn, sailing with Newport, RI sailor Bradley Adam, finished just a few points behind Danly in 4th place. Other CYC finishes included Will Holz in 8th with crew Kennedy Placek, Alex Vasiliou and Katherine Jones finishing admirably in 14th despite not sailing the last two races of the event, Taylor and Jordan Ladd close behind in 15th, and Rose Edwards with Lake Forest sailor Brittney Manning in 19th. The team worked hard to represent CYC's strong junior racing program.

Wade Wagner, a new junior member, sailed with the Lauderdale YC team, one of the strongest Laser programs in the country, and in one of the most competitive fleets in the event. Wade finished 19th in the Full Rig fleet, and has a great future on the racing circuit. Also sailing the event from CYC were Owen Patterson and Marleigh Belsley sailing in the Opti

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Clay Danly and Sophie Kerr, 3rd place finishers at the Orange Bowl.



Will Holz and Kennedy Placek, 8th place finishers at the Orange Bowl.



Team Chicago on a tow back from the race course.

Championship Fleet, the largest fleet in the regatta with 250 sailors.

Three more events remain on the race teams' calendars for the winter regatta travel: first up is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Valentine's Day Regatta for the Optimist team to which three of our sailors will be traveling. Following that, the 420 team will be returning south for the 420 Midwinters Championship hosted by the US Sailing Center Martin County. Finally, a few of our Laser sailors will be competing in the Laser Midwinters East Regatta in Clearwater, Florida. We are hoping for a few more distinctive finishes from our sailors this winter – best of luck to them! ➤

## CYC SET TO HOST THE ISSA MALLORY CHAMPIONSHIP THIS SPRING

by **MARTHA PITT**

This May, Chicago Yacht Club will be hosting the 2013 ISSA Mallory Championship, the high school fleet racing national championship for the Mallory Trophy. Twenty of the top high school teams from around the country will come to compete for the coveted title. Teams qualify for the event by competing in their respective districts; each district is allocated a number of berths based upon their respective team enrollment. The event will be run out of the Belmont Station, teams showing up to register and practice on May 10th, and then racing May 11th and 12th. The sailors will be using CYC's fleet of 420 double-handed dinghies and will sail under the standard high school sailing format, each team with an A and B division boat with two-race sets and boat rotation. This is the first time that Chicago Yacht Club has hosted this event! ➤



## NEW CLASSES FOR CYC JUNIOR PROGRAM

by **TED ANDERSON**

The Chicago Yacht Club Junior sailing program is gearing up for the 2013 summer season. Each year, the program gets bigger and better, and this year is no exception.

This year's offerings include two new types of courses, Junior Powerboat and Junior Keelboat.

The new Junior Powerboat course is perfect for students between 13 and 18 who want to learn how to drive the family boat, are considering a job teaching sailing, or just want to experience the fun of driving a powerboat. The course is hands-on and focuses on developing boat handling skills using the club's rigid inflatable boats – but the skills transfer to all boats. Other skills covered include rules of the road, aids to navigation, safety, and docking. Students successfully completing the class will receive a certificate recognized by most states.

The Junior Keelboat classes are taking place on the club's 23-foot Sonar sailboats, and are offered on two levels, both for youth sailors at least 13 years old. In Level 1, Students will learn basic boat handling, sail trim, and seamanship skills in the Sonars. The class will focus on working as a team to sail the boats together and learn. By the end of the course, the students will be self-sufficient at day sailing in a keelboat.

Junior Keelboat Level 2 is an intermediate level class open to sailors who have completed Level 1 or have been approved by the sailing school staff. Topics include advanced sail trim and racing drills. At the end of each course, students may elect to take the US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification exam. Any student who passes this exam will receive a certificate from US Sailing, and club members who pass will be qualified to rent the club Sonars. At the end of the summer, there will be Junior Keelboat Race Week.

In addition to the new courses, the extensive list of other courses, from Dinghy Demons (designed to introduce 5 to 7 year-olds to sailing) through our Advanced Race Team, which competes in events across the country. More details on all the courses are included on the CYC website.

Don't delay, register today online on the yacht club's website. Classes fill up quickly. ➤

# Fleet Review

by **ROGER MACDOUGALL**, CHAIR, FLEET REVIEW COMMITTEE

## What is fleet review?

A couple of years ago, when I was asked to be on the Fleet Review Committee, that was the question I quietly asked myself. I knew that it was a day of special traditional significance in yacht club lore. I knew that people got dressed up, put flags on their boats and drove them around in a circle, but other than that I didn't know much. Fortunately, after many years of university education, I knew how to do a bit of research.



I discovered that a Fleet Review is a traditional gathering of ships from a particular Navy that is inspected by leaders of the state. It typically occurred only when the fleet was mobilized for war or for a show of strength to discourage potential enemies. The first Fleet Review in recorded history took place in June 1346 when King Edward III reviewed the British fleet before it sailed to war with France. Fleet Reviews were sometimes used to show a visiting monarch the strength of the fleet, as a deterrent. This was done in March 1700 on Peter the Great's visit to England. Since the 19th century it has often been held for special events on a more regular basis. In the United Kingdom, it was often held to commemorate the coronation of a king or queen or on special Royal Jubilees.

In the US, a Naval Review takes place when the whole, or a very large part, of the United States Navy is paraded to be reviewed by the President of the United States or the Secretary of the Navy. One of the first Naval Reviews occurred in 1883 before President Grover Cleveland, as part of the Colombian Exposition.

At yacht clubs, fleets are reviewed by the Flag Officers of the club. The ensign from each yacht is dipped as the boat passes the reviewing stand. In return, the Flag Officers salute the ensign. The boats have been "dressed" with signal flags, which were originally used to send messages. In addition, more recently, the yachts have displayed flags indicating wins in various races in which they have participated.

The Chicago Yacht Club's 67th Annual Fleet Review will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013. If you have a boat,

**Save-the-Date!**  
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**June 23, 2013**



please join us for this historic event. If you don't have a boat but would like to join us as a guest on one, there will be many open spots for members and families. As in past years, we look forward to including military dignitaries, the Sea Scouts, members, families and friends in this annual tradition. The Associates Committee also plans to host a Dock Party the evening before at Monroe Station. Further details will follow, but please block the time on your calendars today.▶

# Belmont goes to the dogs aka CYC's ANNUAL DOG PARTY

by **ANN RUNDLE**



2012 marked Chicago Yacht Club's 6th annual "Belmont Goes to the Dogs" annual dog party. For those CYC members "in the know" this is the see and be seen event of the year. Every fall John Cummings and the Belmont staff put together a tasty outdoor grill, and CYC dog owners and their furry friends have the chance to spend a lazy Saturday afternoon socializing and enjoying Belmont's outdoor patio.

The festivities have varied from year to year, with the inaugural event in 2007 being the most ambitious, with a talent contest, owner-dog lookalike contest, biggest dog, smallest dog, shortest dog and lots more. One year there was even a special award for largest veterinary bill,ouch very glad to not be the winner of that award! There was the year when a group of Race Committee members attended with their four-legged counterparts; the dogs were dressed in slickers and each carried items standard issue for RC duties: radios, wind indicators, hand-held compasses and

more. That was really impressive! Some owners have been known to come dressed as a dog, some members have even borrowed a dog, and one year a family attended that didn't own a dog, but simply wanted to join in on the fun. And of course every year, Gibby and Jane Vartan attend, even though they don't own a dog, but they know when it's a party that Fred Gorr plans, it's a party not to be missed.

Every year there is the famous parade of dogs, when all of the owners and dogs line up and parade around the Belmont patio, and that is probably the most fun to see the assortment of all breeds, shapes and sizes and of course the dotting owners!

If you have a dog and haven't yet attended this fun party, stay tuned for the date for the 2013 party! If you don't have a dog, but want to join in the fun, come on down and join us when "Belmont goes to the Dogs."▶



# Belmont Winter Update

by **JOHN CUMMINGS**, BELMONT MANAGER/CHEF

Belmont came back to life in January after having been somnolent for much of December. With Monroe closed for the annual January maintenance shut-down, Belmont was pinch-hitting and keeping CYC open year-round.

During January, Belmont was open on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM with special menus, bar service and plenty of space for committee meetings. The “barge” was well used. Belmont was also open for special events including the Winter Carnival hosted by the Associates, Dancing with the Stars hosted by the Cruising Sail Fleet and of course the world famous Pink Pony Party presented by Veuve Clicquot and hosted by the Mac and Associates Committees. The Pink Pony actually makes the trip down from the Island to attend the party held in her honor. She reports that it’s an exhausting trip but worth the effort to see all of her sailing friends over the winter!

In February, Belmont goes dark and takes some time to rest up for the months to come. March 10, sees the return of Spring (?) Frostbiting which runs through the end of April. A seasonal menu, Breakfast 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM and Lunch 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM is available during Frostbiting. March also sees the return of education seminars presented by our staff. Watch for notices in *DockLines*, on the Club’s website and in the *Burgee*.

Belmont is always ready for a “rockin” good time. See you here soon. ▶



## April and early May bring special events at Belmont:

**APRIL 9th**

*Chicago Maritime Society Annual Meeting  
and Dinner*

*Guest Speaker: Jenn Gibbons from Row4Row.org*

**APRIL 23rd**

*Sea Scout Auction and Reception*

**APRIL 27th**

*Newly revised Smelt Night featuring the  
Piano Man, hosted by the Associates*

**MAY 4th**

*The Annual Island Goats Dinner and  
Induction Ceremony*

**MAY 11 and 12**

*The Mallory Championship*

**MAY 17th**

*“Taste of Belmont” the official  
Belmont Opening for the season*

In addition to a full calendar of events and races through-out the season, and following on the heels of the Mallory Championship in May, Belmont will also host the following Special Regattas in 2013:

**JUNE 20 TO 23**

*Melges 24 Gold Cup Regatta*

**AUGUST 15 to 18**

*J-111 Worlds*

**SEPTEMBER 5 to 8**

*The Beneteau 36.7 North American  
Championships*

# 2013 North American Challenge Cup

by **ANN RUNDLE, CHAIR**

Chicago Yacht Club is looking forward to hosting the 22nd annual North American Challenge Cup (NACC). This year's regatta will be held on July 26 – 29, 2013 at CYC's Belmont Harbor Station.

The NACC regatta has grown from its inaugural year in 1992 with racing in only one class, the Freedom 20s, to the addition of two Paralympics class sailboats, the one-person 2.4mR and the three-person Sonar. The NACC is one of the longest running events in the North American disabled racing circuit.

The NACC steering committee is comprised of Jim Armstrong, Cliff Black, Peter Goldman, Joey Harris, Aaron Levine, Liz Garr Newman, Dick Schweers, and Jennifer Wohlberg. Ann Rundle serves as chairperson. While the harbors may be iced up at this time of year, the steering committee is hard at work lining up sponsors, supporting the review and publication of race documents, planning press and communications items, assisting the sailors with travel and local accommodations, and plenty of details in between. As with every major regatta, there is a lot of behind the scene tasks that must be completed in order to deliver the world class-racing event commensurate with



CYC's stature. It is as my dad would say "FUN, spelled W-O-R-K".

There are always opportunities for CYC members to join in on this FUN, especially during the time of the actual regatta. The NACC requires a number of volunteers to help the sailors rig their boats and put them away at the end of each day's racing, plus for the Freedom 20 class, each boat sails with an Able-Body (AB) to serve as an

additional back-up crew member. CYC's On the Water Director, Lynn Lynch, always takes Carrier out on each day of racing as the official spectator boat, which affords a good opportunity to watch the racing from on the water.

Stay tuned to future issues of the *Blinker* and *Dock Lines* for information on how CYC members can join in on the FUN.

For additional information on the NACC, please be sure to look us up on the regatta web site, accessible via [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org). There is also a Facebook page "NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP," filled with photo albums from the past few years, capturing plenty of fun and informative posts. Take a look at both sites to learn more about one of the best regattas we host at CYC ➤



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# POWER FLEET

## MEET THE POWERFLEET'S 2013 CHAIR DR. PAT MAREK AND VICE CHAIR NICK BERBERIAN

by JESSICA CHONICH



Pat Marek



Nick Berberian

host family events, but I also try to have business lunches on the patio as often as I can during the summer. There is no better place in the City!

### **Why did you become involved with the Power Fleet?**

Pat: There is no better way to meet fellow power boaters than to get involved with the Power Fleet. We started by just attending a few Power Fleet Committee meetings (the meetings are open to all Club members by the way) to see what it was all about. Everyone was welcoming and friendly. It didn't take long for us to sign up for cruises and other events organized by the fleet that extended our yachting experiences.

Nick: I believe getting involved with the Power Fleet Committee gives each member an opportunity to shape the type of events he or she would like to participate in with their fellow boaters. That in turn increases the value added of being a member of CYC.

### **What are your main motivations about chairing/vice-chairing the committee?**

Pat: As Chair I want to continue the work of previous Power Fleet Committees and leadership to further enhance member value. Striving to ensure our events are relevant to our members is a top priority. We have an outstanding committee whose members are excited to make that happen.

Nick: There is no question that there is extraordinary talent among the members of the Power Fleet Committee. I consider it a privilege to serve as Vice-chair in order to be able to assist Pat in coordinating that tremendous talent to provide a wide variety of activities for everyone's enjoyment.

### **Are there any changes that you'd like to implement within the PF Committee?**

Pat: I want to make sure the interests of all power yacht owners are represented to the extent possible. I believe we are already well on our way with the expanded PF committee with membership ranging from new to long time club members, young to old, and male and female who all have an abundance of ideas and energy to match. We are always looking for new ways to provide value to members and entice prospective members to the Club. One such example is the new Power Yacht In-Water Technology Showcase that debuted this last summer. Furthermore, Nick and I want to contribute to enhancing the image of CYC in Chicago and the nation as the premier yacht club for power boaters as well as sailors.

Nick: I want to work with Pat to explore more ways to continue to expand upon the fine work the Power Fleet has done in the past. In particular, I would like to actively reach out to newer members of the Club to solicit their input and participation, and give them a vested interest.

### **Do you have a favorite boating experience?**

Pat: My favorite experience overall was bringing our current boat up from Fort Lauderdale to Chicago up the East Coast. The route was both the intercoastal and the ocean to New York City, the Hudson River, Erie Canal and Oswego Canal to Lake Ontario, and then the Well and Canal, to Lakes Erie, St. Clair, Huron, and Michigan completing over half the Great Circle Route. For us the highlight of that journey was from New York Harbor including the Statue of Liberty and New York City and up the Hudson River to Albany, NY. Viewing the statue of Liberty from our yacht stirred up unexpected emotions even though I have in the past climbed all the way to her crown and the Hudson River Valley is just downright gorgeous.

Nick: I have wanted to go to the North Channel for many years. Nancy and I finally did it this summer as part of the Extended Cruise. It was absolutely fabulous and truly a dream come true! ■

### **When did you join the CYC?**

Pat: I joined with my wife Nancy in 2005.

Nick: My wife is also a Nancy and we joined the club in 2007.

### **How have you used the club in the past?**

Pat: Since joining the club we have used it for business when I entertained customers from around the world, as well as personal use with family and friends, everything from casual and formal meals to special events. Everyone loves to come to the club whether it is for a casual lunch or dinner on the patio, Mac Bar or main dining room. The view is spectacular and the atmosphere as a result of being right on the water is unbeatable.

Nick: We have not only utilized the Club to entertain guests and

## POWER FLEET 2013 CALENDAR

### **Predicted Log Review Class,**

May 15th at Monroe

### **Predicted Log Review Class**

May 23rd at Monroe

### **Power Yacht In-Water Technology Showcase,**

June 1st at Monroe

### **Predicted Log Contest #1,**

June 1st from Monroe

### **Predicted Log Contest #2**

June 7th, long-distance from Chicago to Michigan City

### **PF Spring Cruise**

June 7th - 8th at Michigan City, IN

### **Special Needs Cruise**

Tuesday, June 18th at Monroe

### **Predicted Log Contest #3**

June 18th from Monroe to follow Special Needs Cruise

### **Predicted Log Contest #4**

June 22nd from Monroe

### **Predicted Log Contest #5**

June 28th, long-distance from Chicago to Racine

### **CYC Annual Cruise**

June 28th - 29th, (CYC event in which PF will participate)

### **Predicted Log Contest #6**

July 14th from Belmont

### **PF Summer Cruise**

July 19th - 20th, Milwaukee Yacht Club

### **PF Extended Cruise immediately following the PF Summer Cruise**

Air & Water Show, August 17th - 18th

### **Cruise for the Sight-Impaired**

August 20th, Monroe

### **Predicted Log Contest #7**

August 20th from Monroe

(to follow the Sight-Impaired Cruise)

### **Dock Party/Fall Cruise**

Sept 6th - 7th at Monroe

### **PF Family Day Cruise to Boater's Beach, IN**

with dinner at Monroe, no date yet but will work around regattas

### **PF Chicago River Cruise**

no date yet but will work around regattas ■

## Employee of The Year Jacek Basak

Please join us in congratulating the Chicago Yacht Club Employee of the Year, Jacek Basak! Each year the club management team reviews the performance of the hourly staff and makes recommendations for the honor of employee of the quarter. At the end of the year the team selects an Employee of the Year. That employee receives a cash reward, a parking place in the club's lot (even during the summer when staff parks in the garage!), and their photo is displayed in the lobby.

This year's quarterly winners were:

1st quarter Jacek Basak (Maintenance Monroe)

2nd quarter Ernie Lagunas (Busser/server Monroe)

3rd Michael Ramos (Belmont Cook)

4th Heक्टर Mizhquiri (Bartender Monroe)

Jacek Basak was selected as CYC's Employee of the Year. Jacek, a member of the crew since April of 2009, is originally from Warsaw Poland, and was an aircraft mechanic in the Polish Air force for five years. He studied as an aircraft technologist before coming to the states. Jacek is married with three daughters and two sons. Please congratulate Jacek and our quarterly winners when you see them at the club! ➤



## New CYC Staff Members

The On the Water staff is happy to introduce two new members of the crew! Chuck Nevel joins as our new Keelboat Director and Scott Souders has taken over the role of Marine Superintendent. Chuck comes to us with a long background in the sailing industry having been the Executive Director and Head Coach of Sheridan Shores for 14 years and most recently the General Manager for Laser Performance/Hedlund Marine. Scott is a native of Wheaton, IL and has spent the last several summers leading live-aboard sailing trips for high school students from Raleigh, NC to the Caribbean Leeward Islands. We are excited to have them as part of our team! ➤



Chuck Nevel



Scott Souders

# CSF Adventures For 2013

by **DWAIN LUTZOW**

photos by **DWAIN LUTZOW** and **HECTORIVAN**

To think the CSF is sitting idly by waiting for spring underestimates the planning and effort that goes into the development of our year-round calendar of events. CSF began the year by putting on our dancing shoes and tangoing the night away with our personalized dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio for Dancing with the Stars! Belmont Station was aglow as CYC members learned some of their favorite dance steps and enjoyed a delicious dinner with great friends.

February brings our high-style Pinstripes Bowling event, where CYC members compete for the coveted traveling CYC CSF Traveling Bowling Trophy. Fred Gorr seems to win this trophy every other year, so this could be his year again. Win or not, this event is always fun!

In a grand departure from our regular cruises, the CSF will be making their way to the Spanish Virgin Islands for a week in the sun. March 16 – 26th will find at least four boats from CYC cruising the blue waters of the Virgin Passage and the



Isla of Vieques and Culebra. The group will be leaving from St. Thomas on their charter boats and heading out to explore these history-filled islands. If you are still interested in joining them, get a boat of friends together and contact Alan Haag [alligusto@gmail.com](mailto:alligusto@gmail.com) or Lars Wilhelm [lawrence.wilhelm@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.wilhelm@gmail.com) for further information. It promises to be anything but ordinary.

April brings us two outstanding events. Mark Thornton is providing his expertise to CYC on April 6th with a comprehensive look at wind and weather affecting sailing. Mark is a great resource and self-taught meteorologist with practical advice for better understanding of our local weather system.

Finally our true kick-off to the sailing year will start with our Meet the Fleet Dinner



Fatty Goodlander, speaker for CYC meet the fleet.

event with guest speaker Fatty Goodlander. Fatty is a local Chicagoan who, with his wife, has been cruising the world

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for the past 40 plus years. Fatty is a regular contributor to Cruising World and recently successfully cruised from Oman to Yemen and the Gulf of Aden. His stories of his high seas adventures will have you holding onto the edge of your seat!

The CSF has over 30 Club and CSF events planned for this year. Contact Dwain Lutzow D.lutzow@dla-ltd.com for further information. Happy Cruising! ➤

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## CRUISING SAIL FLEET 2013 CALENDAR

### **Pinstripes Bowling,**

February 9th in Northbrook

### **Power Fleet Winter Rendezvous in Miami,**

February 15th

### **CSF 3rd Friday**

(6:00 pm Social; 7:30 pm Dinner),

February 15th at Monroe

### **CSF 3rd Friday**

(6:00 pm Social; 7:30 pm Dinner),

### **March 15th at Monroe**

Winter Caribbean Cruise in the Spanish Virgin Islands,

### **March 16th – 23rd**

CSF Meet the Fleet Dinner,

### **April 27th at Monroe**

CSF Third Tuesday - Driehaus Museum Tour,

### **May 21st**

Dinner and Bilge Auction to Benefit Sea Scouts,

June 1st at Belmont

### **Spring Cruise,**

June 14th – 16th, Winthrop Harbor - Illinois

### **Fleet Review,**

June 23rd at Monroe

### **CYC Club Cruise to Racine,**

June 29th – 30th

### **Main Summer Cruise to South Haven,**

August 1st – 4th

### **Club Family Day,**

August 25th (TBD) at Belmont

### **Cruise to New Buffalo, Michigan,**

August 30th – September 2nd

### **CSF Annual Meeting,**

September 20th at Monroe

### **Annapolis Boat Show,**

October 10th – 14th

### **CSF Awards Dinner,**

October 26th at Belmont

### **CSF 3rd Friday**

(6:00 pm Social; 7:30 pm Dinner),

November 15th at Monroe ➤

# WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

by **SUZY PHELPS**, photos by **ANN RUNDLE**



In 2012 the Women's Committee was very busy. In addition to the Annual Fashion Show, the Women's Committee hosted many other events. Liz Ware and Janet Crabb organized a sushi rolling event in February that was a great success. Sandy Bober coordinated Loving Frank Sinatra, a Barbara Rinella luncheon. As always at CYC, Barbara packed the house. In November, we held a presentation by Leslie Goddard, entitled Remembering Marshall Field's. It was an interesting evening of pictures, history, and stories of one of Chicago's most beloved institutions.

The committee also started a Craft Night held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. It is an opportunity for ladies to get together and share their creativity in the company of friends. We have knitters, crocheters, needle pointers, sewers, paper crafters, beaders, and people who just come and visit.

There is more to come in 2013! Keep watching the *Burgee* and *Dock Lines* for more information. ➤

# Timme Angsten Regatta

by **KENT WEBSTER**



For the last 66 years there comes a weekend in November when college sailors descend upon the club to compete in the Timme Angsten Regatta with the hope to raise the Angsten Trophy in victory and to have their school engraved next to the previous winners. The honor is always earned, as teams must compete against one another, while also facing Lake Michigan in November.

This year's regatta saw thirteen teams from the Midwest and East Coast compete. The teams were a mix of Midwestern staples like University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Northwestern University and University of Minnesota, and first time competitors such as Purdue, University of Buffalo and Bates College. Bates College in Maine had the honor of having traveled the furthest compete in the regatta.

The teams enjoyed competing at Chicago Yacht Club. By having the regatta so late in the year, the moorings of Monroe harbor have been pulled out, which allows the Race Committee to run the races in close proximity to the club. Spectators enjoyed Saturday afternoon racing, especially as the leeward mark was placed only a few yards off the clubhouse seawall. Several parents who traveled to watch the regatta exclaimed that they have never been so close to the racing!

For how close the racing was, this weather was not with us. It was bitterly cold, and there was a general lack of wind for the entire regatta, which cut short the Sunday race schedule. However, the racing was still intense and places were decided at the finish of the last race.

Michigan University came out victorious, winning overall and in the A division. Placing second was Wisconsin and Minnesota came in third. Michigan, a regular competitor, had not won the regatta since 1977 which is a 35-year drought. Michigan also ended Wisconsin's four-year winning streak.

The Timme Angsten Regatta is only a success because of the numerous volunteers who donate their time, talents and enthusiasm. Without them CYC would not be able to keep this lasting tradition going. I would like to acknowledge the following members for their support:

- Safety Boat Chairman Bill Fox and his Safety Boat Team
- Chief Judge Ted Jones and his Judges



- Principal Race Officer Tim McCarthy and his Race Committee Team

I would also like to thank Lynn Lynch and her staff for all they do behind the scenes to have the 420 fleet and support boats prepared for the regatta.

This November the tradition continues. For the 67th Timme Angsten Regatta the teams will descend again upon the club to compete against each other and the lake. Michigan will be back to defend their title against Minnesota, Wisconsin and others. Who will win the Timme Angsten Trophy this year? Find out in November. ▶

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE SOCIAL EVENT

photos by **CHRIS ALBANIS**



## CYA

photos by **CHRIS ALBANIS**



## CYC ANNUAL MEETING

photo by **JIM CLARK**



## COMMODORES OPEN HOUSE

photos by **CHRIS ALBANIS**



## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTIES

photos by JIM CLARK



## ASSOCIATES TACKY SWEATER PARTY

photos by **CHRIS ALBANIS**



## BEARS BRUNCH

photos by **JIM CLARK**



## POWERFLEET HOLIDAY PARTY

photos by **CHIRS ALBANIS**



## DANCING WITH THE STARS

photos by DWAIN LUTZOW and JIM CLARK



# CY-Scene

## PINK PONY PARTY photos by JANE VARTAN and PHOTO BOOTH



# Membership

## New Members: Regular



**Steve Clancy-** Senior Director at Rank Group North America in Lake Forest. Mr. Clancy resides in Highland Park with his wife, Abigail and two sons. The Clancy family has past international yachting adventures, and on both the east and west coast.

**Michael Gallagher-** Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Chicago. Single and resides in Chicago. Mr. Gallagher has a 31' Sail Boat in Monroe Harbor.



**CJ Getz-** Executive at Rank Group North America in Lake Forest. Mr. Getz resides in Chicago with his wife, Laura. The Getz's are also members of the Clear Lake Yacht Club in Indiana and previous boat owners and members at the Mosman Rowing Club in Sydney, Australia.



**Helle Getz-** Retired teacher who now resides with her significant other, Clemens Boltz in Lombard. Ms. Getz has been an active member of the CYC Race Committee for many years and involved with sailing in Chicago at many levels. Ms. Getz owns a 40' Sail Boat, Can Can Deux in DuSable Harbor.



**Rebecca Hedman-** Owner of the Chicago Pain and Orthopedic Institute in Chicago. Ms. Hedman owns a 34' Power Boat, Lady Revkoh in Montrose Harbor. Ms. Hedman is an active boater and finds it a privilege to be a member of the Chicago Yacht Club. Ms. Hedman is sponsored by Steve Salk.



**Dr. Matthew Horowitz-** Physician/Partner at South Suburban Gastroenterology in Homewood. Dr. Horowitz and his wife Kimberly and have three boys and reside in Chicago. Dr. Horowitz owns a 60' Power Boat, Hakuna Matata in Burnham Harbor.



**Dan O'Connor-** Attorney at Baker & McKenzie in Chicago. Mr. O'Connor also resides in Chicago and owns a 52' Power Boat, Bel Giorno in Burnham Harbor.



**Dr. Pierre Wakim-** President at Emergency Care Providers in Oak Brook. Dr. Wakim resides in Burr Ridge with his wife, Karla Jean and their three children. Dr. Wakim owns a 37' Power Boat.



**Richard White-** CEO at Flexco in Downers Grove. Mr. White resides in Lisle. Richard and Joan White own a 28' Sail Boat, Meander in Lewis Bay-Cape Cod, MA. The Whites are also members of the Racine Yacht Club and he has sailed the Mac Race seven times.

## Associate



**Alex Makhotin-** MBA Student at University of Chicago. Mr. Makhotin crew's on Pegasus. Alex began having an interest in sailing in his late teens and it has held strong for over 10+ years now.



**Mr. Graham Allan-** Senior Product Designer at High Sierra, Inc. located in Gurnee. Mr. Allan is engaged to Lauren and they reside in Chicago.

## Junior



**Charlie Gallagher-** Son of current members Matthew and Emily Gallagher. Charlie is looking forward to continuing his sailing education through the Chicago Yacht Club Sailing School.



**Jordan Ladd-** Brother of current Junior member, Taylor Ladd. Jordan is looking to continue being a student at the Chicago Yacht Club Sailing School.

## Member Milestones:

### Veteran I - 30 Years

John Crossan  
William Fanizzo  
Brian Jackman  
William McIntyre

### Veteran II - 35 Years

Roy Hammond  
Thaddeus Hajduk  
Roger Hruby Sr.  
Michael Kamerlink  
T. Paul O'Donovan  
Roger Ryan  
Raymond Teborek  
Robert Williams

### Veteran III - 40 Years

Donald Basler  
Tomm Harty  
Ed Stein

# Member Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following members and spouses!

## JANUARY

John W Barr  
Reid Bauer  
Beth Baxter  
Joseph Bernardoni  
Gene Bernardoni  
Robert Bilhorn  
Clifford Black  
Hill Blackett Jr  
Thomas Blasco  
Philip Cacciatore  
Donald Cameron  
Lee Canfield  
Jamie Cioe  
Steven Clancy  
Don Clark  
Howard Clausing  
Tony Czupryna  
Bruce Danly Jr  
David Daul  
Keith Dierberg  
William Downe  
Victor Ecimovich  
Keith Eickenberg  
Todd Feiwell  
Patricia Feller  
Andrew Fine  
Mrs Edward Finlay  
Matthew Gallagher  
Alan Gordon  
Peter Goschi  
Sarah Griggs  
John Guida  
John Halston  
Roy Hammond  
Theodore Handrup Jr MD  
Robert Harper  
Larry Harris  
Rebecca Hedman  
Richard Hoffman  
William Hunter  
Jonathan Jachimiec  
Helmut Jahn  
Heather Jane Johnston  
Eric Kalnins  
David Kirk  
Richard Klarchek  
Jason Klinowski  
Ms Anne Koch  
Peter Kokenes  
Jan Kramer  
A Peter Lawson  
Cody Leipprandt  
Robert Lepkowski  
Andrew Lestingli  
John MacAdam  
Joseph Maggio DDS  
Scott Marks  
Kristy Mau  
Michael Mayer  
Paul McCarthy  
Susan McGarity  
Edward McGuinnis  
Bruce Mendez  
Pamela Metz

Gregory Miarecki  
Lt Col Robert Moorman  
Jay Muller  
David Muslin  
Charles Norris  
Mark Oscarson  
Thomas Papanek  
Steven Pearlman  
Joseph J Perillo  
Randall Pittman  
Gary Powell  
James Prendergast  
Barrie Ricketts  
Jeffrey Roberts  
Ryan Ruskin  
Joseph Scandariato  
Regina Scannichio  
Peter Schellenbach  
Roy Schnackenberg  
Joseph W Blane Shea  
Ronald Silvia  
Ron Sims  
Timothy Snyder  
Winn Soldani  
G Michael Sollitt  
Richard Stearns  
Momoko Steiner  
James Stephen  
Richard Stuckey  
James Sugrue  
Kevin Teborek  
Marcus Thymian  
Aaron Tucker  
James Walsh  
Alfred Wenzel DDS  
John Whelan, III  
Donald Wilson  
Todd Woelfl  
Alex Woloshyn

## FEBRUARY

Jeremy Alexis  
Daniel Baldwin  
Janet Baxter  
John Beery  
Judson Bergman  
Zenon Bienduga  
Aaron Block  
Boris Bonutti  
David Bossert  
Beth Brooks  
John (Jack) Butler, Jr  
Nicole Campbell  
Nikolas Chambers  
T Kevin Coffey  
William Conrardy  
Madeline Cooney  
Timothy Corkell  
John Coyle  
Mark Croll  
Victor Damato  
William Dauska  
Brendon Docherty

Ray Drexler  
Anthony Durpetti  
Brian Egger  
Gary Feracota  
Jessica Fine  
Jack Fisher  
Robert Gecht  
Douglas Gifford Jr  
Nancy Glover  
Karl Gross  
Thaddeus Hajduk  
Jonathan Haley, Jr  
Bart Heimlich  
Jennifer Herz  
Donna Hobbs  
David Hughes  
Brad Jirka  
Mrs Robert Knauer  
John Kosowski  
Jan Kramer  
Phillip Kweton  
Gary Lauger  
Douglas Leik  
Anna Lestingi  
Walter Lisowski  
Mark MacDonald  
Patrick Marek  
John Massey  
John Mathews  
Philip May  
Wanda McDonald  
James McGinnis  
William McIntyre  
James Meece  
Robert Miller  
James Montgomery  
A Thomas Munizzo  
Jerome O'Neill  
Stephen Outlaw  
Suzy Phelps  
Roland Rayment Jr  
Louis Rosenthal  
Paul Rosenthal  
Philip Rudolph  
Mark Sandell  
Lou Sandoval  
William Seibold  
Ross Shelleman  
Lucy Sievers  
Leif Sigmond Jr  
William Simpson  
Scott Sims  
Todd Stanley  
Wallace Stenhouse Jr  
Nathan Swift  
Mrs. Emanuel Tarrson  
Theodore Tetzlaff  
Bruce Toman  
Thatcher Waller  
Derrick Wallery  
Suzanne Weichselbaum  
Mary Whittemore  
Lucy Whittemore  
Donahue Wildman

Michael Wilkie  
Arthur Wong  
John Zienda

## MARCH

Robert Albert  
Marjorie Allabastro  
Marie Aruffo  
Arthur Atkinson  
Peter Bauer  
Amy Baxter  
John Baxter  
Donald Bensing  
Richard Brennan  
Edward Bretschger  
Kristin Brill  
John Bycraft  
Grace Cappelletti  
Jerrold Cohen  
E W Corrigan  
J.R. Davis  
Daniel DeVos  
David Dickerson  
Chris Doubek  
Bruce Dunn  
Terry Ebert-Mendoza  
Thomas Falck  
Mrs Beverly Ford  
Lawrence Framburg  
Leonard Franks  
Michael Frecker  
Michael Gallagher  
Anthony Geroulis MD  
Thomas Goldstein  
Robert Graham  
Jerry Gurthet  
David Gustman  
Melvin Guthrie Jr  
Alan Haag  
Frederick Hagedorn  
Katherine Harris  
Peter Holz  
Steve Hossa  
Robert Hough  
Roger Hruby Sr  
Jessica Jamieson  
Brian Jensen  
Anne Johnston  
Alexander Kapecki  
Mary Claire Kiernan  
Anna Kimball  
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Andrea Krasinski  
Martin Krasnitz  
Christopher Lamb DDS  
Thomas Leonard  
Nolen Levine  
Bruce MacArthur  
Roger MacDougall  
Fiona Martin  
Padraig Martin  
Christopher McNicholas  
Joanne McSweeney

Joseph Messer  
Bruce Metcalf  
Eric Moore  
John Muir  
James C Murray  
Robert Naclerio  
Harry Niese  
John Norsym  
Mr Thomas A O Grady  
Lisa O'Toole  
Mark Phelps  
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Derek Smith  
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Eugene Stunard  
Steve Szczepanski  
William Taylor  
Michael Terrien  
Alex Byron Vasiliou  
Jason Veatch  
Thomas Vigil  
James Wallgren  
Lawrence Weeks  
John West  
John Whalen  
Brian White  
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Charles Wurtzbech  
Robert Zeman Jr



## Mark Your Calendars

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2013

## VERVE CUP REGATTA

August 9-11  
Offshore

August 10  
Distance

August 24-25  
Inshore

# Meet Sandy Bober

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by **GREG FREEMAN**

The New Year brings many changes to Chicago Yacht Club, as it always does. Chief among these is a new Flag and Board of Directors. Incoming Commodore Jerry Bober is well known to most members but you may not know his wife, Sandy Bober.

Sandy and Jerry have been married for more than 50 years, they were high school sweethearts. In June 2012 they celebrated their 50th anniversary at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island during Mac week. They were joined by their daughter Jocelyn, her husband Richard, and two-year-old grandson Søren. Fifty years earlier they celebrated their honeymoon on Mackinac Island, at the Chippewa Hotel. Did they have drinks at the Pink Pony? No doubt they did.

Sandy and Jerry have two children. In addition to Jocelyn, who lives in Lincoln Park with her family, their son Chris lives in San Rafael, California with his wife Leanne, nine-year-old twins Jack and Megan, and six-year-old Annie. Chris races his J/105 and he and Jerry sailed the 2009 TransPac Race on Hula, a Santa Cruz 52.

Sandy and Jerry had a number of boats over the years – a Venture 24, a Catalina 27, a Pearson 10M and their current boat, Jocelyn, a Catalina 42. When the children were young the family sailed almost every weekend. A favorite destination was South Haven, MI, also a favorite of today's Cruising Sail Fleet. Talking about the children, Sandy says, "I always say our children grew up in the Yacht Club. Both were raised on sailboats. We spent our summers sailing along the Michigan shore. As the kids got older, a favorite activity after a day sail was watching them take our dinghy to the Yacht Club (in Monroe), tie up, and charge candy bars at the front desk."

Sandy worked in the finance business for many years, in addition to spending more than 25 years at a real estate appraisal firm. She started working part-time and eventually transitioned to a full-time vice president position, but says she was fortunate to have always been able to take time off for the children's activities.

Traditionally, the Commodore's wife is Chair of the Women's Committee. Sandy said, "I have enjoyed



working on the Women's Committee and making many new friends for the last three years and look forward to 2013. We sponsor the Yacht Club's annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. It will take place on May 1 and is a full day of entertainment and fun. Also, the famous academic entertainer, Barbara Rinella, will entertain us at a luncheon and book dramatization on October 9. This is another very exciting event!"

What else can we look for? "The Women's Committee plans to add more events to its calendar this year, which will be announced in *Dock Lines*." We'll be looking forward to these events and wish Sandy all the best in the coming year. ➤

*Personal note – I was very pleased and honored when Sandy asked me to interview her for this piece. We've become good friends over the years and I'm sure she'll do a great job. I hope everyone at CYC will have the chance to get to know her. Thanks also to Jan Kramer for suggesting we profile Sandy.*

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