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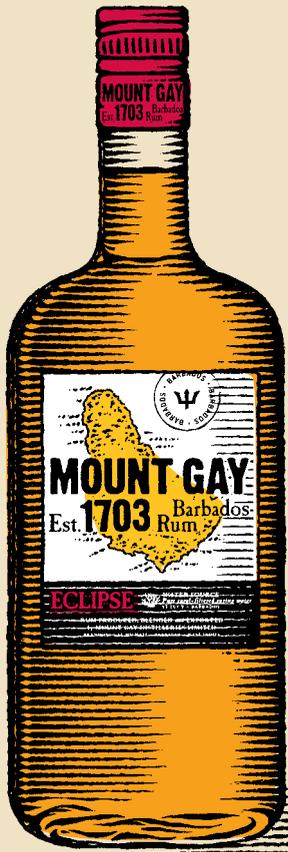
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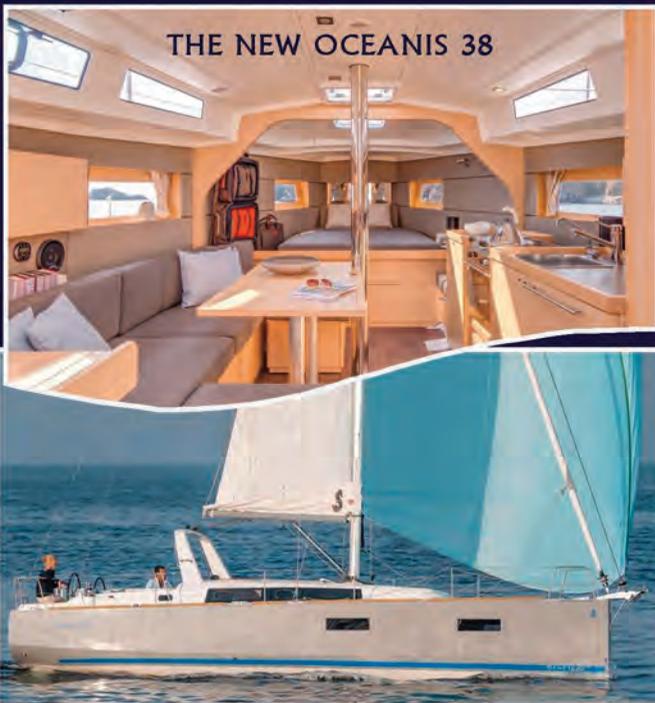
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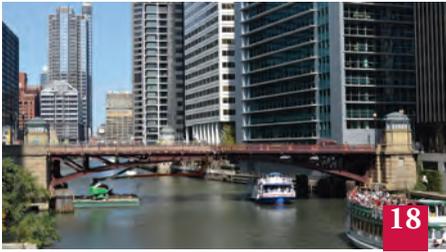


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On Our Cover: Robert Cameron, CYC Member #1, celebrated his 101st birthday with family and friends at Monroe Street Station. See article on page 23. Photo by Brad Baskin.

Chicago Yacht Club Calendar of Events



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November

- 1** CSF End of Season Dinner (B)
- 2** Mac Awards Celebration/
Open House & Trophy Hug (M)
- 3** Frostbiting (B)
- 9** Fall Prime Rib Dinner (B)
- 10** Frostbiting (B)
- 10** Bears Brunch (M)
- 13** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 13** Wine Dinner featuring
Gauthier Wines (M)
- 13** Chicago Yacht Club
Foundation Annual Meeting (M)
- 16** Belmont's 90th
Birthday Celebration (B)
- 16** High School Great Lakes
Championship (B)
- 17** Bears Brunch (M)
- 17** Fall Chili Cook-Off (B)
- 17** Frostbiting (B)
- 20** Annual Meeting (M)
- 23** Michigan Avenue Fireworks
River Cruise
- 23** Race Committee
Appreciation Dinner (B)
- 23-24** Timme Angsten (M)
- 24** Frostbiting (B)
- 28** Thanksgiving Day Buffet (M)
- 30** Pickup Gingerbread House Kits (M)

December

- 7-8** Children's Holiday Party (M)
- 8** Deadline to drop off Gingerbread
Houseboat Kits (M)
- 9** Bears Night Game (M)
- 11** Ladies' Craft Night (M)
- 15** Commodore's Open House (M)
- 24** Club Closed Christmas Eve
- 29** Bears Brunch (M)
- 31** New Year's Eve Celebration (M)

January

- 11** Wine Dinner (B)
- 18** Associates Winter Carnival (B)
- 18** CSF Mad Night at the Lanes
- 23-26** Strictly Sail at Navy Pier
- 25** Pink Pony Party (B)

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Commodore's Comment



Fellow Chicago Yacht Club Members,

When we find ourselves looking for game time information for football and hockey, we are reminded that we will soon be planning trips to boat yards and winter storage. CYC has had an excellent 2013 season, as, thankfully, early spring's inclement weather changed to good summer and autumn weather for boating and increased club usage. Our club operation has been doing well, in no small part due to Dwight Jensen, who took the reins as CYC's General Manager on August 1. Dwight is working with a management team that has demonstrated excellent leadership and skills in

several important areas of the Club's operation. And I'm pleased to report that Club membership has grown markedly in all categories during 2013.

I trust we all appreciate our numerous member volunteers who do so much for the club. Our Cruising Sail Fleet, under the direction of Dwain Lutzow and John Zienda, hosted a number of well-attended parties and cruises. Our Power Fleet, led by Pat Marek and Nick Berberian, was also very active, with dock parties and other fun events, including its annual Special Needs Cruise and the Cruise for the Sight-Impaired. Given the success of our first Chicago Yacht Club Annual Cruise and Offshore Regatta to Racine, this new annual event is being planned for next year.

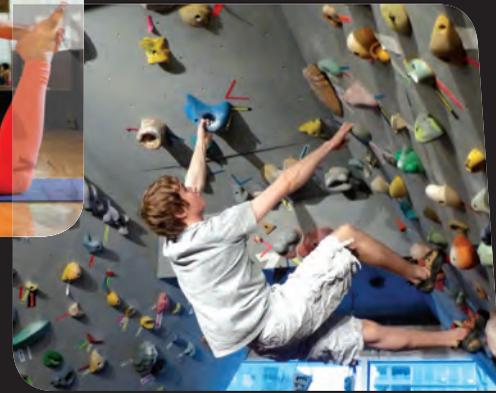
It was a great time for yacht racing this year as well. Our Offshore Committee and Racing Yacht Fleet Committees, led by Ken Colbert and Sam Veilleux, organized a stellar series of races for offshore and inshore boats. Our Belmont Station based racing has become very popular for Chicagoland sailors. Our Mackinac Committee, led by Lou Sandoval, produced a very successful 105th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. Martin Sandoval and the Verve Cup Regatta Committee staged a great set of races and post-race parties. CYC's reputation continues to be enhanced by our usual annual regattas and hosting national regattas like this year's J/111 North American Championship and the Beneteau 36.7 North American Championship, as well as the Mallory Championship and Melges Gold Cup. Particular thanks to Janet Baxter and the world-class Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee for managing over 100 regattas. The Chicago Yacht Club is proud of its long-standing "Tradition of Yachting Excellence."

CYC has undertaken numerous other member-focused activities, including our premier sailing school program and the adult Sonar program. We continue our vigorous community outreach efforts to provide appreciation and awareness of nautical history, arts and traditions. Among other excellent activities, our Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, under the leadership of Gibby Vartan with instructor Mark Mitchell, is on track to again have more than 1,000 elementary school students participate in educational programs at CYC.

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

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From The Editor



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As I bite into a perfect honey crisp apple from a friend's apple orchard in Traverse City, Michigan, I am reminded it is fall. The summer has gone by quickly indeed as it always seems to feel this time of year.

I spent most of the spring and summer on Mackinac Island. Upon each return to Chicago my first stop - aside from the grocery store to get fresh milk

for the children - was the Chicago Yacht Club. It didn't matter if it was Belmont or Monroe, I just needed my CYC "fix." It felt so good to get a cheerful, "Hi Liz, how is the project going? We missed you," from our great staff as I walked in the door. Undoubtedly, I would run into friends and trade stories and laughs about summer fun.

Our Club is engaging. It has a way of capturing you whether you are involved in on-the-water activities, social events, volunteer leadership or business entertaining. We have great tradition, camaraderie and leadership. While we as members might know this, Sam Smith, a summer dockhand at Monroe, has written about his experience working for the Chicago Yacht Club, which I hope will remind you just how special and impressionable our Club is. I have known Sam since he was born. His mother and I went to college together. I am proud to be part of a Club whose members, people I refer to as my friends, foster an environment where a college kid seeks to put his nose to the grindstone and work hard so one day he can decide...power or sail. (Sam, work hard and you can do both if you like!)

As your volunteer editor, I am so delighted to present this issue of your member magazine on behalf of the editorial advisory board. It is filled with wonderful stories demonstrating the positive influence the Chicago Yacht Club has on many communities, with articles and photos on the Neil Advanced Sailing Clinic, Sisters Under Sail, Sea Scouts, NACC, the Power Fleet volunteer cruises, and of course the CYA Yachtsman of the Year, fellow member and friend Lloyd Karzen, who is turning 75 this year and is "Grandpa 2" to my children Grace, Lucy and Jack.

Speaking of birthdays...WOW, Happy Birthday to Robert Cameron, Number One of the Old Guard at 101, our cover shot. Bob, I have loved talking with you and thank you so much for contributing to the *Blinker* in so many ways. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please enjoy this issue of the *Blinker*; it is an exceptionally good one thanks to all of the contributors!

Sincerely,

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

Chicago Boats Sweep Four of Five Top Spots in the

BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 NAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Grizzly Dominates to Win

by **SUE MARSHALL**
photos by **MICHAEL THONEY**

The 11th annual Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship (NAC) was hosted by Chicago Yacht Club at Belmont Station September 5 – 8, 2013. (This event marked the third time the traveling championship has been hosted by Chicago which is the largest organized 36.7 fleet in North America.) Home to over 20 members, the fleet has one-design starts in all major regattas, including the Sperry Top Sider Chicago NOOD Regatta, the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, the Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Offshore Regatta, the Belmont Station Racing Yacht Fleet Series as well as Area 3 offerings.

As a testament to the 36.7 racing durability, four of the first 10 hulls participated in this NAC regatta. Detroit boat *Grizzly* held its virtually unbeatable lead with an impressive 1-2 on the final day to win the overall regatta. Second place was aggressively contested, with Chicago boat *Maggie Mae* edging out *Tequila Mockingbird* in a tie-breaker. Other flag winners include Chicago boats *Tried and True*, skippered by Robert Foley taking fourth and fifth-place *FOG*, owned by Charlie Wurtz bach and Mike Bird. Racing was so competitive, the last day of racing determined podium positions with the difference between second and fourth place ending up a mere two points.

Chuck Bayer, the skipper of Detroit-based *Grizzly*, said, “This feels great after 10 years of competing in these NACs. We’ve been second five times and entered the last day with the lead three previous times, and never pulled it out. It has been a long haul to get here but practice makes perfect. I have to say that I brought the best crew possible and they were the reason for our success. The other boats were all fast, and the competition was as fierce as expected. I’m just thrilled to finally get this win.”

Foley from *Tried and True*, said, “We’ve been to a number of NACs and this is the most competitive fleet we’ve ever experienced in this 36.7 class nationally. One important aspect that I appreciate is the camaraderie between all of the teams. The host club is providing terrific racing and a collegial environment. It’s a pleasure for our team to be involved with such a great, competitive class.”

In addition to the overall championship, flags were presented for top finishing boats with all amateur crew and a family flag for the boat with at least three family members on the crew. *Maggie Mae*, skippered by Peter Wright; *Patriot*, a Detroit boat owned by Ken Sharpe; and Mark Norris’ *Split Decision* won the Corinthian flags placing first through third, respectively. Norris also claimed

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*Beneteau 36.7 North American
Championship at the Chicago Yacht
Club's Belmont Station,
September 4-7, 2013.*





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the family flag, having sailed with his two sons.

Patriot, Beneteau First 36.7 hull number one, is from Bayview Yacht Club and the North Star Sail Club. Sharpe, skipper and a colonel in the Air Force Reserve hence the name *Patriot* said, “We’ve enjoyed great hospitality here in Chicago along with the good racing. This week we saw everything from big waves to flat water. It was a great regatta.”

Wayne Bresch, the regatta PRO, said, “We’ve seen some beautiful sailing days over the course of the regatta. The starts were good and very close. *Grizzly* did a fantastic job – in the second race of the last day, they had a problem with their halyard and consequently started the race five boat lengths behind the fleet and ended up finishing overlapped with the first place boat. They were the cream of the crop in this regatta. The rest of the boats were very close. We saw really good racing, excellent sail trim and dramatic wind shifts all four days. How the tacticians responded to those wind shifts was the difference in the regatta.”

Bresch added, “Chicago Yacht Club should be proud of two things: One, they were a fantastic host of the regatta, and two, the quality of their race committee. They were highly qualified and excellent to work with over the course of the races. I also saw a lot of camaraderie between crews after racing which is a really nice thing in a one-design class.”

Regatta chairman Charlie Wurtz bach said, “We are very thankful and appreciative of the support and help of the Chicago Yacht Club and its top notch Race Committee and Club staff. Their hard work and commitment made this regatta the big success it was.” ▶



Fifty Yards from the Finish in a 5-Boat Race

text and photos by **STAN MEHAFFEY**

On June 26th, Chicago Yacht Club held the 2013 edition of the Old Guard Race and Dinner at Belmont Station, an annual tradition since 1950. Five Old Guard skippers – Mel Guthrie, Raoul Allesee, Don Glasell, Gene McCarthy and Peter Barrett – vied for bragging rights as the winner of this year's race.

Lloyd Karzen and Nancy Sindelar ran Race Committee and provided the sailing instructions to the sailors equipped with T-10s prior to leaving the docks. The five boats were crewed from a capable pool of CYC sailors, including Betsy Altman, John Buenz, John Guthrie, Sara Guthrie, John Kiener, Glen McCarthy, Kathy Massel, Chuck Sindelar, Aimee Smith, Justin Williams and Art Wong. Special thanks should go to T-10 owners Tim and Nancy Snyder (*Cheap Thrill*), Ken Colbert (*Rover*), Stan Mehaffey (*Talisman*), John Schellenbach (*Mutiny*) and Darren Beck (*Mikazi*), most of whom also crewed in the race.

The four-leg, windward-leeward race started off Belmont Harbor with last year's winner Gene getting called over early. Aboard the race committee boat, spectator and photographer Barbara Mehaffey captured much of the action in ideal conditions, partly sunny, west winds 8-12 knots and one-foot waves. Peter Barrett is seen below right, wearing his Island Goat hat, some 50 yards away from the finish, ran away from the fleet to win the race. Peter's last race as skipper was in 1989, and he was recently overheard contemplating ending on a high note and retiring from racing. After the regatta, the Clubhouse was awash in decades of hard-fought sailing experience, camaraderie, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and the swapping of stories. Friends and family joined the sailors and additional Old Guard members for happy hour and dinner, which was well attended by the 100 most senior members of Chicago Yacht Club. Other notable Old Guard members attending were William Fox, Ray Burchett and the newest member Paul Magruder. After dinner, Commodore Bober awarded Jefferson Cups to the Old Guard and the First Place to Peter. ▶





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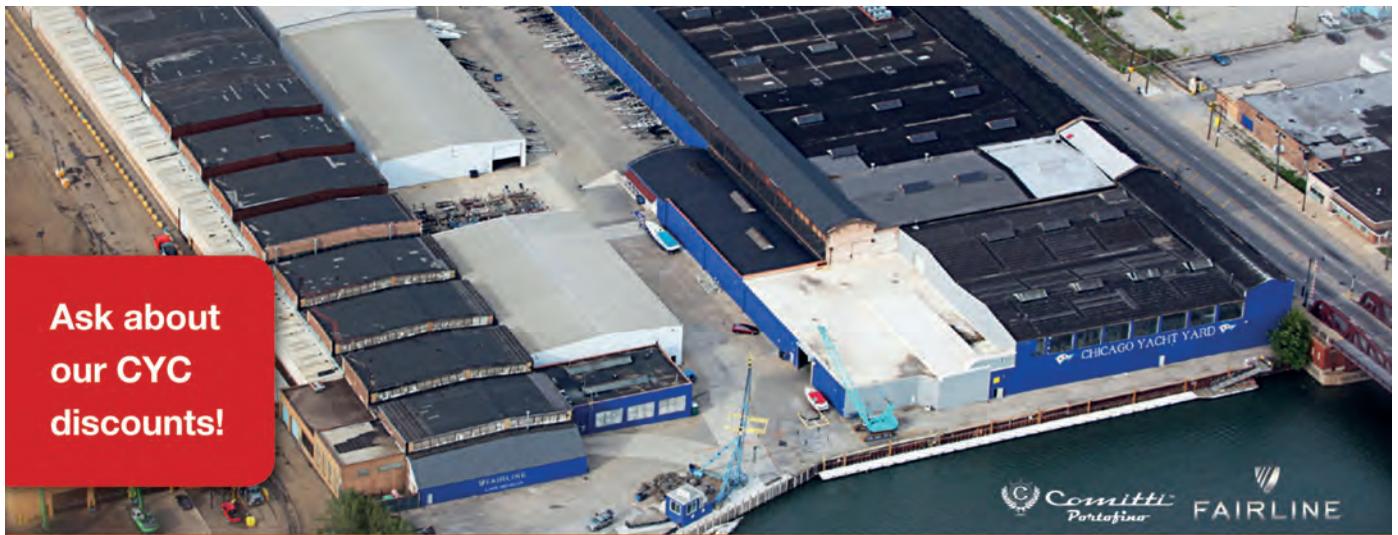
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My summer working on the docks at the Chicago Yacht Club

by **SAMUEL SMITH**

Working at the Chicago Yacht Club this past summer was one of the greatest things that could have ever happened to me. I was lucky enough to have met many new people, as well as kindle relationships that are continuing to blossom each and every day.

I am currently a second-year student at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, where I am studying business administration at the Stuart School of Business. I am a starting player on the men's Division III varsity soccer team, as well as a member of the Illinois Tech cycling club. I work part time at the IIT library and I am also a current United States Marine Corps Officer candidate. My life is very busy, but I am happy to say that the Chicago Yacht Club is now a big part of who I am.

This past summer, I was in need of a summer job. I contacted the Chicago Yacht Club and found out that a position was available at the Monroe Station to become a dockhand. From my very first day on the job, I felt an instant connection to the CYC. I quickly developed a very good relationship with my boss and co-worker, Michael Davey. Michael has truly made me appreciate hard work and the ability to succeed in any environment. From day one, Michael was constantly teaching me new boating terms, docking procedures and other dock-related work that I had never heard of before in my life. I truly think that Michael was one of the reasons why I appreciated working at the Yacht Club so much.



Although Michael was a great mentor, I believe that it was the members of the club who made my job most enjoyable. I was able to build relationships with some of the finest people from the city of Chicago and beyond. Every day I would come

into work with a smile on my face, and I can honestly say that I enjoyed every minute of it. The environment I was working in has showed me where hard work and determination will lead you. Although working at the Club was a fun experience, I believe that this summer experience has showed me what I can achieve in life by simply putting my nose to the grindstone and working hard.

All in all, working at the Yacht Club this past summer has opened my eyes to many new opportunities that I would have never seen before. I am not quite sure what my future may hold, but I now know that one of my life goals is to be able to one day call myself a member of the Chicago Yacht Club. Now, I truly only have one tough decision left to make: power or sail? ➤

Chicago Yacht Club at Great Conversations

photo by **DAVID A. RODRIGUEZ**, Office of the President UTSA

"CYC Member Denny Ware (seated, center) hosted a table at the "Great Conversations" fund raiser for the University of Texas at San Antonio this past February. Ware, who owns several boats, both power and sail, was an amiable host. The topic was long-distance sailboat racing and power boat cruising. Invited speakers were Phil Harberger to Ware's left, and Greg Freeman, to Ware's right. Harberger is the past mayor of San Antonio and cruises his Fleming 55 extensively with his wife. They are known to other CYC Fleming owners whom they often rendezvous with in their travels. Greg Freeman is a past Mac Race Chair (2010 and 2011) and also an Island Goat. The lively conversation focused on the differences and similarities between both sports. As you can see in this group photo, the "Mac Swag" supplied by Freeman was well-received."



Junior Activities Report

CYC TEARS IT UP IN THE GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA AT BALBOA YACHT CLUB

by **KIM JOHNSON**

This past July 17-20 marked the 47th annual Governor's Cup at Balboa Yacht Club in California. Originally created by Ronald Reagan in 1967, this regatta is oriented toward the younger crowd eager to dip their toes in the competitive sport of match race sailing. The Cup was established by Chet and Glee Purcell in hopes of replicating the national match racing competition for younger sailors. As all participants in this regatta must be under 21 years of age and the regatta is by invitation only, only the best competitors are invited, currently from nine countries around the world. Many of its champions have gone on to elite championships such as the Olympics, Congressional Cup and America's Cup.

This year, 12 teams competed in both light and medium breeze conditions, one of which included Chicago Yacht Club's very own Will Holz (Skipper), Clay Danly (Middle) and Alex Woloshyn (Bow). The first day of racing ended successfully with a 4-3 record and CYC's team tied for fourth place with Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club. On the second day of racing, the team continued to sail well and ended the round robin tied for the last semi-final spot. Unfortunately, Holz, Danly and Woloshyn did not win the tiebreaker with San Diego Yacht Club, but still had the opportunity to sail against San Francisco Yacht Club in the 5-6 place race off. CYC swept SFYC winning their first three races to finish fifth overall in the regatta. Their placing was the highest ever for a Midwest team!

Match racing, where two boats race against one another around a course for the first finish, is a wonderful way to combine everything that one learns in sailing, from fleet racing tactics to team racing tactics to boat speed principles. All skills are necessary for success. Will Holz particularly enjoys this type of racing. He says that it is "the most exciting discipline of sailing. The keelboat aspect of match racing is also very cool because as junior sailors we are almost strictly sailing dinghies. It's fun to see how keel boats and dinghies are so similar yet so different at the same time." Holz, who just graduated from New Trier High School, will continue on to Fordham University this fall as a freshman. He plans to compete on their team and bring future success. We wish him the best! ▶



THE EAST COAST TRIP

by **KIM JOHNSON**

This summer, 24 sailors from Chicago Yacht Club left the morning of July 24 to drive over 1,000 miles to Hyannis, Massachusetts for the annual East Coast Trip. Over the span of approximately two weeks, these sailors competed in three competitive regattas against 420 and Laser sailors from all over the country.

The first regatta, the 2013 Hyannis regatta, occurred on July 26-28 and saw a good showing from the Chicago Yacht Club. With nine 420s and one Laser, CYC's presence could not be ignored.

A three day regatta, no races were completed on day one due to heavy wind, a rarity in the sailing world as many regattas are postponed for a lack of wind. Day two was much more successful, and four races were completed on the 420 course in about 10-15 knots of breeze. The sail out to the racecourse, over an hour in duration, caused a handful of sailors to miss the first start, but the rest of the day went more smoothly. On day three, there was less wind and the wind direction took a while to settle in. Races could not be started after 1:30 p.m., so one last race was completed, allowing for a drop.

Alex Vasiliou and crew Mark Davies finished first of the CYC crew, in an impressive third place out of 100 420s. Rose Edwards and Peter Bied finished in 28th, in the top third of the fleet, and three more CYC boats finished in the top half.

But the trip wasn't over yet; sailors packed up the boats and drove East Greenwich, Rhode Island, for the CJ Buckley regatta. Wind conditions for the first two days were cooperative, blowing 10-15 knots with a nice sea breeze filling in the morning, while the final day produced light, shifty wind. For this regatta, all teams went through an initial random seeding to determine fleets. Teams then raced the other members of their fleets, gaining points and moving up a fleet for a win and losing points and moving down a fleet for a loss. The competition at the regatta varied, with some very tough teams and other less experienced ones hoping to learn through practice. CYC faced a tough qualification round for initial seeding, as they were pitted against very experienced racers. However, the CYC sailors continued to climb towards the top each rotation afterwards. In the end, Chicago Yacht Club sailors finished 5th in silver fleet (Bella Loosbrock & Katherine Jones, Rose Edwards & Peter Bied, Wade Wagner & Audrey Jacobs), 3rd in red fleet (Will Curtiss & Christian Koules, Alex Vasiliou & Clare Perry, Mark Davies & Jack O'Donnell, alt. Eamonn Austin), and 5th in blue fleet (Margaret Johnston & Zach Schenkman, Cailin Considine & Kate O'Donnell, Bailey Cornog & Madeline Wakenight, alt. Charlie Koules).



The third and final regatta was Buzzards Bay Regatta, known colloquially as "BBR," in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The first two days were pretty windy, blowing 10-15 knots with gusts up to 20 knots. No races were sailed on the third day due to shifting breeze. Each day, a sea breeze filled in around noon, which made for very good sailing conditions. Chicago Yacht Club sailors sailed well on the first day, but the second proved more challenging due to the more aggressive conditions. The first boat from CYC was Alex Vasiliou and Mark Davies in 13th, and the next CYC boat finishing after them was William Curtiss and Christian Koules in 65th out of 141 boats.

Overall, Chicago Yacht Club held a strong presence at all three regattas! Sailors raced well, learned a lot and had a great time! ➤

GM Jim Clark Retires

by **GREG FREEMAN**

photos by **CHRIS ALBANIS, MD**

Jim Clark, Chicago Yacht Club's General Manager since November 2006, retired at the end of July. I had the opportunity to interview Jim not long before he left us and asked him to reflect on his tenure as GM.

Jim is particularly proud of how CYC weathered the economic slide over the past few years and said that by focusing on member value, we did not see the decline in membership and services that other city clubs experienced. He also takes great pride in CYC's ability to enhance our on-the-water presence, to host a variety of regattas, to improve our equipment, hire and retain great people, our world class Race Committee and our educational programs.

Jim sent a very strong shout-out to our on-the-water staff, who are very professional, and he's especially proud of On-the-Water Director Lynn Walls Lynch. He said that we've done a great job of being welcoming and friendly to all of our communities – both sail and power – and he's worked hard to make sure that all of our services, be they food service or race management, were top notch at both regattas and every day.

Jim agreed that we have challenges going forward. No job is ever done. In his mind, and many of us agree, we need to continue to expand our services and offerings. Jim said that the Club should target a membership goal of 1,000 regular members and a total of 1,700 members (today we're at about 1,400 members in all classes). A membership in the 1,700 range, with 1,000 regulars would sustain our business model, including addressing sponsorship issues.

Jim is a big fan of the Sonar Keelboat Program. He said that he thinks CYC should have at least nine Sonars and this number would provide a good base for team racing, match-racing and inter-club racing, as well as in member use. He said that Sonars have been a very positive amenity for the Associates in particular and have helped net several new members. He also wishes he'd been able to see the Mac Bar renovation completed on his watch.

Jim welcomes his replacement Dwight Jenson and believes that Dwight has already become very engaged with the Club and is immersing himself, pun absolutely intended, in our on-the-water activities. He said he knows Dwight will work diligently with the Flag and will move quickly to establish good relationships with members, staff and the Flag. Even before assuming the GM position, Dwight worked as a full partner with Jim on Fleet Review, the NOOD, and he went to the Island for the Mac to see



how it operates on the other end of the lake.

When asked, "What's next?" Jim said that he's been working for 44 years. His wife has been waiting patiently for his retirement. In the many years he worked for Marriott hotels, every promotion was also a geographic move. He spent many years in Saudi Arabia, for instance, and says that his "gypsy lifestyle" has had a very positive effect on his family. "We've lived all over the world."

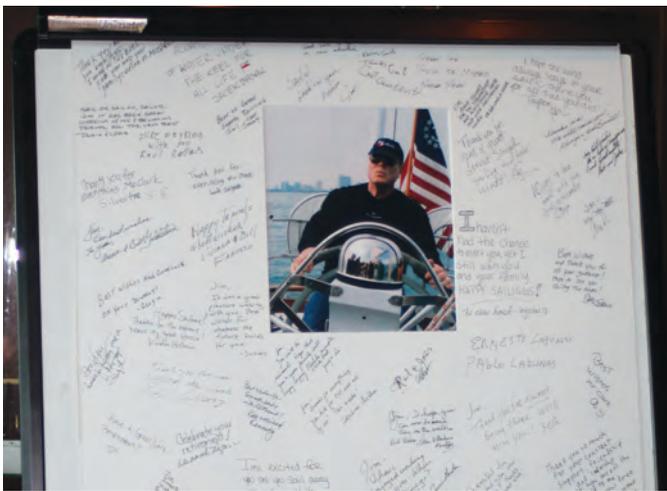
What's next for the Clarks? There's an RV in their future and after having seen most of the world they'd like to see the "homeland." Probably at least eight months crossing the South, then up the West Coast, Alaska, Washington, Montana, South Dakota then back to Naples, Florida. Or, maybe the Maritimes and Prince Edward Island.

Jim expects he won't be unemployed for long and will probably take work as an interim manager in hotels or clubs. In addition to being a CCM (Certified Club Manager) he is also a licensed CAM (Community Association Manager) in Florida and can work as a community manager there. He also has a valid insurance license.

In summary, Jim said that he's looking forward to spending holidays with his family – something he has not been able to do in his line of work. He'll also do some sailing, scuba diving and traveling as described above.

Asked for a last thought, Jim said, "I've had a good life. I've been blessed."

From all of us at CYC, members and staff, we wish Jim, good luck, smooth sailing and may the wind be always at your back. ➤



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Chicago River Bridges

text and photos by **PATRICK MCBRIARTY**

The Jackson Boulevard Bridge, a Joseph B. Strauss patented bascule design.

This spring the Education and Entertainment Committee invited CYC member Patrick McBriarty and Chicago filmmaker Stephen Hatch to present a special pre-broadcast screening of *Chicago Drawbridges* at the club. Subsequently, the film was shown several times on Chicago Public Television station WYCC in May and again this summer. This October, the companion book to the film *Chicago River Bridges* was published by the University of Illinois Press. This history and photographic guide to the fantastic steel and concrete spans crossing the Chicago River received the 2013 Barkhausen Award for original research on Great Lakes maritime history. The *Blinker* has exclusive excerpts from this newly released book.

FUN CHICAGO BRIDGE FACTS:

- Chicago is the Drawbridge Capital of the World – although second to Amsterdam in the number of drawbridges, Chicago is the Drawbridge Capital because of its storied history and contribution to moveable bridge innovation and design over the past 150 years. Chicago is home to the greatest variety of drawbridges, drawbridge designs, and patents of any municipality on earth, with

over a dozen unique moveable bridge designs. Many of these bridges were either built and/or invented in Chicago first, and Chicagoans produced over 100 of the approximate 350 total U.S. drawbridge patents and 60% of the 120 U.S. bascule bridge patents.

- City of Chicago engineers invented the Chicago-type drawbridge around the turn of the last century based on the Tower Bridge in London. [Bascule is a French word meaning seesaw.] The very first Chicago-type bridge was built at Courtland Street in 1902 and received Chicago Landmark status in 1991. The bridge is still in use today, although it no longer opens and was converted to a fixed span in the mid-1990s.

- There are both single and double leaf Chicago-type bascule bridges and each leaf consists of a long arm over the river and a short arm holding a counterweight below the roadway. The counterweight balances against the structure crossing the waterway to move the center of gravity to or very near the huge axle (or trunnion) they rotate upon. By balancing these many thousand-ton bridges they can be operated using of a motor of 60-110 horsepower (or about the same size as the engine in a VW Beetle).



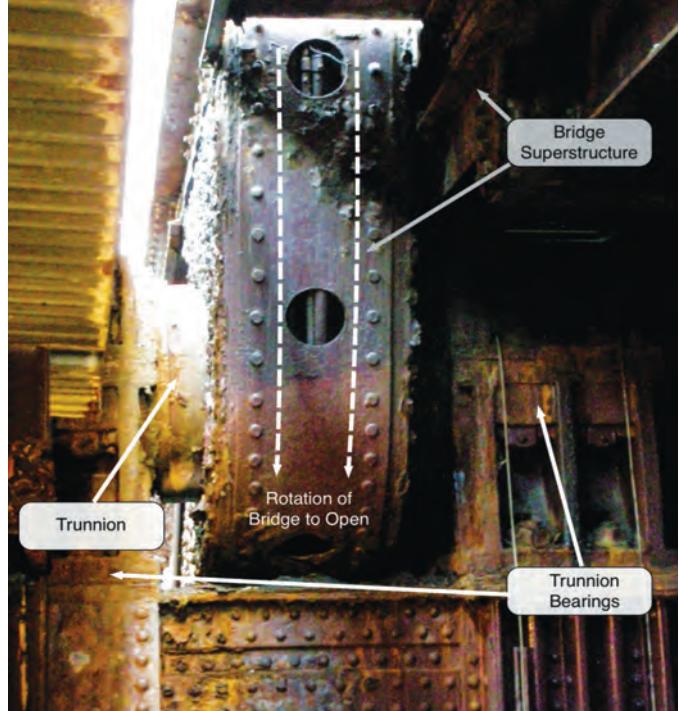
Columbus Drive Bridge the world's second longest bascule.



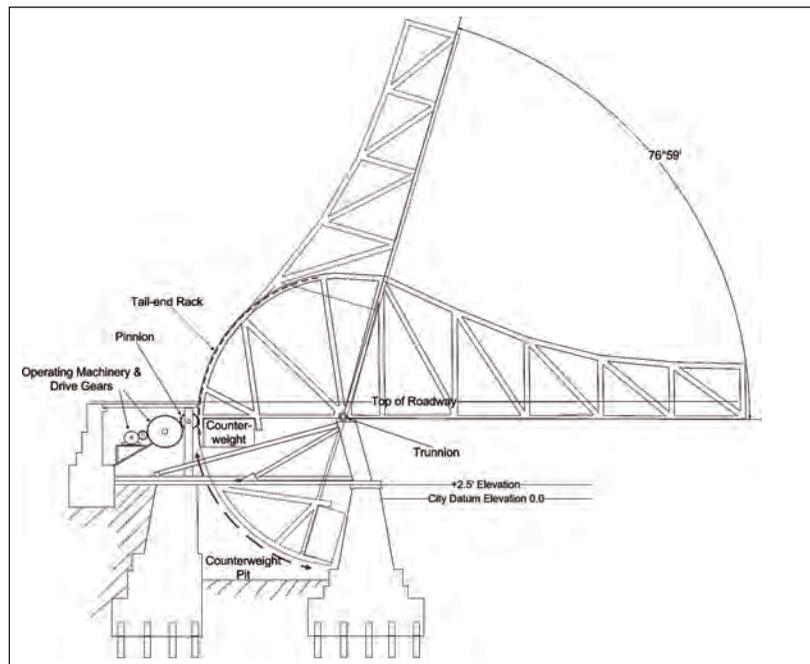
Chicago's first drawbridge at Dearborn Street (1834-39).

- The Columbus Drive Bridge built in 1982, is the world's second largest bascule bridge. The largest bascule bridge is in Spain crossing the Bay of Cadiz. The Columbus Drive Bridge was constructed with eight-welded steel, box-girders, four on each leaf and eliminated the hundreds of rivets used on earlier bridges. These box-girders were constructed in Pittsburgh, shipped by barge to Chicago, and assembled in the upright position into the bridge. With only one point of adjustment, the two leaves were lowered together for the first time and were off by less than an inch. This refinement took the Chicago-type design to a whole new level of precision. There are two additional box-girder designs at Loomis Street (1978) and at Randolph Street (1984), Chicago's newest drawbridge.

- The Michigan Avenue Bridge is our most decorated bridge and is actually two parallel bridges, divisible down center. It is one of four double-deck bridges in Chicago, but the only one designed specifically for automotive use on both levels. The other three were designed for automotive and train traffic. The Wells Street and Lake Street bridges carry 'L'-train and the Lake Shore Drive Bridge was originally supposed to carry trains on its lower deck, which was never used until the early 1980's when its approaches



A trunnion the Chicago-type Lake Street Bridge.



Drawing of a first-generation Chicago-type bascule design.

were redesigned during removal of the S-curve on Lake Shore Drive.

- Jackson Boulevard and Lake Shore Drive Bridges are not Chicago-type bridges, but rather Strauss bascule designs. This design was invented and patented by Joseph B. Strauss, who was born and educated in Cincinnati, and moved to Chicago in 1895. Several years later establishing his own engineering firm with offices in the famous Monadnock Building. This was one of fourteen bridge patents Strauss received in his lifetime, which also includes the iconic railroad bridge at Kinzie Street. However, he is best known as the chief bridge engineer of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. ▶

North American Challenge Cup at Chicago Yacht Club

by **ANN RUNDLE**, NACC Chair
photos by **MARC ANDERSON**



The Chicago Yacht Club's North American Challenge Cup (NACC), was held at Belmont Harbor on July 26 – 29, 2013. The first NACC regatta was in 1992, and has grown over the past 20 years, 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 considered to be one of the “must-do” regattas in the disabled racing circuit, and is one of the premier disabled sailing regattas. It counts as one of the longest running events in the North American disabled sailing circuit.

In past years, the NACC regatta has hosted competitors from around the globe, including many Paralympics sailors and medal winners. This year, we had a number of medal winners, including Jennifer French, winner of the Silver medal in the SKUD 18 class at the 2012 Summer Olympics. Jennifer was the only US sailor to bring home a medal at either the Olympics or Paralympics in England in 2012. Brad Johnson is a two-sport Paralympic athlete and has represented the USA at three Paralympic Games; Sydney 2000 on the volleyball team, Athens 2004 where he won bronze for sailing and London 2012 where he finished 6th. Ken Kelly is from Canada and is a Paralympic sailor, having competed as part of the Canadian sailing

team in 2008 in Beijing, China. Tracy Schmitt is also from Canada and is a bronze medalist Paralympics athlete in alpine (downhill) skiing.

This year's event had three days of solid racing, with unseasonably cold and gray skies for the first two days of racing. The final day was sunny, but still not the typical hot summer Chicago weather. Saturday winds were light at the beginning at 5 knots, building to 15 knots, with shifty winds off the shoreline. Sunday winds were 7 knots, building to 12 knots, and just as shifty as Saturday. Monday winds started out low, at 5 – 7 knots, and began to die as the land mass heated up, and clocked around from 340 over to 30. The race committee was able to get in a fair number of races each day, allowing for the opportunity for a throw-out race in each fleet.

The Sonar class, a 3-person Paralympics class boat, had six boats competing, and completed a total of 12 races over the three days. Andy Fisher from New York Yacht Club, and his team of Mike Hersey and Brad Johnson came in 1st place with a total point score of 17 and were awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy. Jennifer French from St Petersburg Yacht Club, with her husband Tim French and Scott Ford came in 2nd with a score of 24 points, and Sarah Everhart Skeels from Teverton, RI with her crew of Brian Skeels and Brenda Hopkins, came in 3rd with 31

points. Both Jennifer and Sarah race as wife-husband teams.

The Freedom 20 class, a disabled class boat sailed by 2-persons with one Able Body for assist, is the class of boat that has been raced in the NACC regatta since the first event held at Chicago Yacht Club in 1992. This year's event had seven boats competing in the event, the maximum number possible. A total of 12 races were completed over the three day event. Ken Kelly from Royal Victoria Yacht Club and Bob Jones from Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle captured 1st place with a total point score of 18 and were awarded the American Eagle Trophy. Bob and Ken had previously won the Freedom class in 2010 and 2012. Local Chicago sailors Bridget Bodo & Larry Campbell won 2nd place with 37 points, and Chris Murphy from Charleston, NC and Donna Demarest came in 3rd, also with 37 points (Bodo & Campbell won the tie-breaker).

The 2.4mR class, a 1-person, Paralympics class boat, had a total of six entries, and completed 11 races over the three days of racing. The 2.4mR class is the newest class to have been added to the NACC regatta, with 2008 marking the first year in which 2.4mR boats competed. Charley Rosenfield from Sail Newport sailed a flawless regatta, winning every single race and won 1st place with a total point score of 10 and was awarded the Chicago Yacht Club North American Challenge Cup Trophy. Jody Hill from Miami, FL won 2nd place with a point score of 24, and Tim Ripley from Nyack Boat Club came in 3rd one point behind Jody with 25 points.

Kevin Holmberg from Davis Island Yacht Club was awarded the Marcy Gorov Memorial Rookie of the Year Trophy, and Tracy Schmitt (aka Tracy from Toronto) was awarded the Pete Paganis Trophy for Sportsmanship.

In addition to three solid days of racing, the event was kicked-off by a pre-race clinic and on-the-water water practice sessions and boat tuning led by lead US Sailing/Sperry Topsider Paralympic coach Betsy Alison. Lee Icyda and Hunter Ratliff rounded out the coaching staff. Bob Johnson and Don Glasell were the Race Officers for the event and Ted Jones served as Chief Judge.

CYC's Monroe Station was the venue for the Winner's Dinner. Competitors were treated to a wonderful cocktail reception followed by a sumptuous dinner prepared by Kevin Smith and his staff. We were honored to have in attendance Commodore Jerry Bober, as well as Rear Commodore Leif Sigmond and past Commodore and CYC Foundation President, Gibby Vartan. This year we had a new sponsor, Crystal Cave, who generously donated custom designed cut crystal trophies for all of the winners. The front table was laden with sparkling trophies and the sailors were thrilled to have such beautiful pieces to bring home.

The NACC event has had a long history of very generous sponsors who continue to support this event over the past two decades. American Airlines has been a



supporter since day one, providing air travel for a number of the sailors. Cook-Illinois Corp. has provided the sailors with bus transportation throughout the four-day event, plus transit both to and from the airport for a total of six days of bus service, which is a tremendous level of support. Chicago
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NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP

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Yacht Club Foundation is another key sponsor for the event, as is the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation, which provides the sailboats for the competitors, as well as the on-the-water support staff and equipment. Additional sponsors for this year's NACC regatta are: White Lodging Hotels, Chicago Match Race Center, Chicago Park District & Westrec Marinas, the Crystal Cave, Carol's Cookies, Sikich, Weather Routing, Inc. and Crowley's Yacht Yard. In addition to these sponsors, the NACC regatta depends on the help and support of volunteers to assist the disabled sailors with rigging of boats, physically getting onto the boats, and in the Freedom 20 class serving as AB sailors and participating out on the race course. We have been fortunate to have a good solid core group of volunteers who look forward to this event each year and keep on coming back. If you are looking for some of the most rewarding volunteer work you will ever experience, please plan to come down to Belmont in 2014 and join in the fun as a volunteer.

The NACC regatta has been held at CYC for 21 years, and is the longest continuously held major disabled sailing regatta in North America. This is an event which helps showcase the facilities and capabilities of the Yacht Club to sailors from around the world, and is one for which Club members should be very proud. In addition to the regatta web site, accessible via www.chicagoyachtclub.org, there is also a Facebook page, "NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP," filled with photo albums from the past few years and plenty of fun and informative posts. Take a look at both sites to learn more about one of the best regattas we have here at CYC. We are always looking for additional volunteers to join the ongoing NACC steering committee and welcome all interested club members. Please contact NACC chair Ann Rundle (ann@eldnur.com) and come join in the fun. ▶



Robert K. Cameron, Chicago Yacht Club Member #1

by **GREG FREEMAN**
photos by **BRAD BASKIN**

Chicago Yacht Club's Member #1, Mr. Robert Cameron celebrated his 101st birthday at the Club on September 28, 2013. Mr. Cameron joined Chicago Yacht Club in 1939! In 1975, he became a member of the Old Guard, one of our 25 most senior members.

In 1939, upon joining CYC, he bought a 36-foot Chris-Craft named *Heather*. He also bought a Dyer dingy and learned to sail. He owned two Star-class boats, both named *Lochinvar*. The second *Lochinvar* was raced "all over the world," including Nassau, Hawaii, and Havana, where he attended the Star Worlds in 1946. In 1940, he became a partner in an "R" class sloop. In 1947, he towed his Star to Los Angeles to compete in the Star Words. The year 1947 brought a new yacht to the Camerons, a 70-foot motor yacht designed by Henry C. Grebe and Co., and built at Grebe Shipyard in Chicago. *Loch Lomand* had accommodations for eight, plus four crew including a governess for the Camerons young daughter. She left Grebe's in early November, stayed briefly in Belmont Harbor and then went on to Florida. He continued to race his Star and in 1949 in Toronto he won the Telegram Trophy, named for the local newspaper.

By 1960, he had taken up golf, though the Star remained. He married his current wife Gertrude in 1963 and they are still together some 50 years later. Golf became their passion and never ones to sit idly by or to do things only locally, they began to play golf literally all over the world, from Medinah to Melbourne, from Butler National to the Fiji Islands.

To Mr. Cameron, from all of us at Chicago Yacht Club, we wish you a Happy Birthday. It's an honor to know you and have you in our midst. To our fellow members, if you would like to read more about this incredible man and his family and his amazing life's journey including photos of his boats, his cars, his business, and much, much more, go to his website, it's very interesting reading. ▶

To read more about Mr. Cameron's fascinating story, visit:
www.cameronhistory.info/RobertKennethCameron



Sisters Under Sail

by JAN KRAMER, CYD ARCHER, AND ANN RUNDLE



Who hasn't dreamed of an adventure of sailing on a Tall Ship! Twelve deserving Chicago area teenagers achieved that dream this summer and picked up some positive life lessons along the way.

Imagine living in the inner city of Chicago and never seeing Lake Michigan, let alone ever getting out on the lake or in a boat. Imagine traveling two and a half hours each way, each day on public transportation to attend public high school because you know a good education is the only way to a better life. Or imagine no longer having a home, or parents who support you, and trying to concentrate on studying wherever you can, just to make it through school. These are the realities for some of the 12 young women that the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation sponsored this year on Sisters Under Sail, on the Tall Ship *Unicorn*, with an all-female crew.

There are few opportunities designed just for young women to help them build self-esteem, promote teamwork and develop leadership skills. Sisters Under Sail, under the stewardship of founder Dawn Santamaria, is among the best. The Chicago Yacht Club Foundation started its relationship with the Sisters Under Sail program in 2009, providing scholarships for two young women from Chicago Public Schools on a one-week trip along the Boston coast. The response from both girls was that this was a life-changing experience. We then knew this was a very worthwhile endeavor to continue.

This unique experience was afforded these young women as a result of their being finalists in an essay contest. The essays, explaining why they wanted to participate in the Sisters Under Sail program and written as metaphors with the challenges of life and the sea, were submitted to the CYC Foundation. These essays all speak of the strength, courage, and hope, that some have in the face of aching personal tragedy, defining these amazing young women.

If only we could publish every essay. Suffice it to say, the submissions would surprise readers with the strong messages of determination, sense of self-worth, self-

evaluation, optimism for the future, awareness of others' needs and assumption of responsibilities to help out, and inspiration to reach for every opportunity for personal improvement. They are okay out of their comfort zone and meeting challenges for self, family, school, and community. You'd agree it's a pleasure to be involved with a program for such highly motivated and responsible teenagers.

Post-trip, the participants all wrote to the Foundation about the achievements during the SUS program that they are most proud of and some of the skills learned that will be transferable to life on shore. Their letters depict their and their sail mates' reactions to the physical and psychological stresses of this program and how they thrived. This self-discovery, within the context of the responsibilities of sailing a Tall Ship, of barriers overcome and wisdom gained is best told with some of their own comments. Comments are shared below.

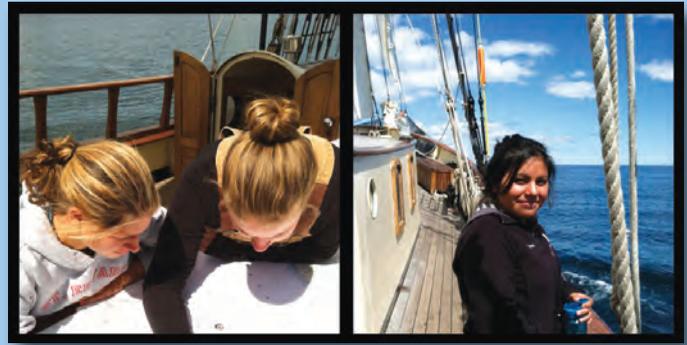
...This experience has taught me so much in the past week and a half. Not only about the ship I was on but also about myself. ... one thing that stretched me beyond what I thought I was capable of was steering the boat through the buoys, while I was with the Captain. It was a very important job that required me to navigate and also pay attention to everything going on. Through this, I realized that I have the power to navigate through obstacles in my own life but I really have to take hold of my own steering wheel and motivate myself to always stay on course. You guys have given me this. Thanks again.

...looking back at all the amazing things I've done (on the Unicorn) makes me see that I am strong and I can be confident in myself. Climbing the shrouds didn't sound fun at all, I was terrified, but once up there I saw that things in life are scary but if you keep looking up and take one step at the time, anything is possible.

...Steering the Tall Ship was amazing. It wasn't as easy as it looked. Relating that to my life: if you don't hold on really tight to the wheel, the ship will go some other direction; life isn't easy but if you navigate yourself and your decisions you can reach your destination.

...This past week I not only learned the basics (of sailing), I also faced two of my biggest fears - heights and deep water.





...we faced our limitations and took steps beyond them, learning the only limitations are ones we set for ourselves....

...we made friends and used our newly acquired communication skills to help guests....

...During this trip, I've experienced a lot of things I wouldn't even think of doing. Such as: climbing the shrouds, steering the ship, going down in the engine room alone and doing an engine check, and so on. This trip has given me confidence and leadership skills I never knew I had.

...The surroundings of an all-female crew is empowering. They have all shown me different perspectives, various lessons and advice. No matter how difficult the task may have been, they kept me going and I'll end as great and strong as I first had started. I have gained more respect and a new image of what the females today can actually accomplish. How so many underestimate what we can do, and we can handle a whole ship. Thank you for the journey of a lifetime....

...This amazing ship and crew members have found ways to change a girl's mind. Helping by not allowing for someone to say "no" or even "I can't do it". This is a challenge because these words are usually spoken when there is no confidence in yourself. However, the crew helped to encourage and gain confidence, finding yourself....

...During this trip I learned so much about myself. My confidence was built as well as my attitude. When I first heard that we needed to do boat checks, I worried. There's just so much I needed to check and look at. But throughout the week, the more I did it, the more



confident I became. Practice does make perfect.

...This experience did not just teach me how to sail a Tall Ship but also taught me how to be confident about myself and how to be a leader in my future goals in life.

...I have learned how not to be afraid and to take charge, to handle the unexpected.

...It's best to keep pushing forward, so there is never fear, only hope.

...In every situation, good or bad, there is a life lesson taught.

...Everyone needs support to thrive.

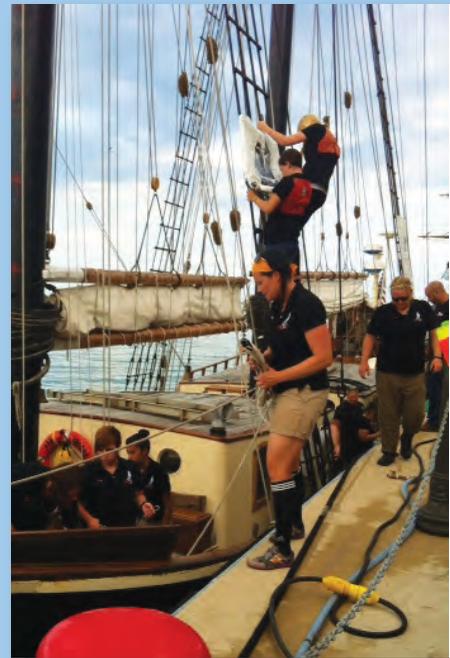
...I now understand the value of friendships and teamwork.

...This was an empowering experience for me. Thank you again for your kindness and consideration. It has really made an impact on my life.

The SUS participants' comments from the parents of some of the participants sum up the importance and value of the CYC Foundation's sponsorship of Chicago teens in the Sisters Under Sail program.

"Our daughter arrived yesterday from her sailing trip on the Unicorn full of wonderful stories and richer for an incredible experience. I want to thank you so much for this amazing opportunity, guidance, and support you gave to (our daughter) during this trip. She will remember it for the rest of her life! Thank you again."

The CYC Foundation's participation in the Sisters Under Sail program is overseen by Cyd Archer, Jan Kramer, and Ann Rundle, who passionately add: "The Foundation's Mission is to give back to the community and promote the nautical arts. What better opportunity than the Sisters Under Sail program to do both!"



W.G.Vartan is the President of the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation.

Associates on the Island

by **ANDROMACHE MASON**

Many participants, volunteers and support crews contribute to making the Race to Mackinac a success and many of our Associate Members were included among them this year. Their involvement covered all aspects of the race from serving on Race Committee, racing up to the island, shore support for the racers and taking out press and VIPs to watch the action on their yacht. Here are some of their stories.

Preston Scruggs – Preston raced to the island aboard the yacht *Slapshot*, a J109. He's been racing offshore boats for four years now and this was his second Mackinac. His favorite part of the Mackinac is the bonds it forms among the crew members. The changing conditions along the race course keep things interesting and challenging for him. This year was notable since the slow race allowed for more crew interaction than normal, and he enjoyed the opportunity to form strong bonds with his fellow crew.

Phil Boardman and Whitney Key – Phil and Whitney both raced to the island aboard *Munity*, a T-10, owned by fellow associate member John Schellenbach. Both have raced five Mackinacs, Whitney all five aboard *Munity*, Phil's last two aboard *Munity*. At one point during the race, they noticed they were actually drifting backwards instead of making any forward progress towards the island, so they dropped an anchor and went for a quick cooling off swim to escape the heat. During another slow patch near Sleeping Bear Dunes, the crew made a small batch of mojitos to make the most of their time together and enjoy the view. Their most memorable moment was when the wind picked up and they passed through Gray's Reef doing seven knots and trimming the spinnaker to a soundtrack of Bob Seger.

Nick Norris – Nick has raced three Mackinacs and was aboard *Split Decision*, a Benetau 36.7. They were the first boat forced to retire due to a crew member suffering from heat stroke. The coast guard was called in to take him off the boat and to the hospital. Fortunately he made a full recovery and the crew decided to motor the rest of the way to the island on a pleasure cruise. Nick, his girlfriend, and two other friends cruised the boat back to Chicago from the island, taking their time and making a summer vacation of the delivery.

Ted Towey – This was Ted's third Mackinac and the first for *Rocking Horse*, a J105. They were also at a standstill in the Manitou on Sunday and took the opportunity to cool off with a quick swim. The crew was not expecting such a long race and ran out of water on Tuesday, so coffee and meals were made with boiled lake water. Ted's favorite part of the race was the tight racing in the J105 class. In Grays Reef the boats were so close together that they were swapping positions from first through fifth. There was no wind on the water, but the sails were full. The tight racing kept up through the Straights and to the finish. The time

between the second place finisher and the eighth place finisher was only 30 minutes after three days of racing.

Kristin Brill – This was Kristin's fourth Mackinac aboard *Sin Duda*, a Santa Cruz 52 skippered by fellow associate Lindsay Duda. Kristin remembers this race as a hot and slow race to the finish, the last two boat lengths took what felt like an eternity. Being so close to the island and still having to push the boat and concentrate was difficult for everyone. The best part of sailing the Mackinac race for Kristin is docking the boat and heading to the Pink Pony – it doesn't matter what time you get to the island, there is always a large crowd of friends waiting at the Pony to welcome you and share the experience of the race.

Kent Webster – Kent raced his seventh Mackinac on *Fineline*, a Nelson Marek 46. The crew was in pretty low spirits going into Sunday night due to the light air, so the skipper brought up rum drinks for the crew to toast the sunset. As if on cue, just as the toast finished the wind picked up and the boat was making four knots of speed. The drinks were finished quickly and the crew positions resumed. While Kent enjoyed the race this year, he felt he missed his favorite part of the island due to the light air and late finishes, which is spending time with friends and sharing the experience. His wife, Aimee, enjoyed her time on the Island with friends waiting for Kent to finish, including the lovely Veuve Clicquot Porch Party at the Grand Hotel on Sunday afternoon.

Avraham Mor – Avraham showed his support for friends sailing the race by attending the Warning Gun Party and accompanying Veuve Clicquot representative Anna Kimball Bauer, along with a number of other club members, to the Wit Hotel, where Anna was promoting the brand and pouring champagne from Super Magnums. On Saturday, the morning of the start, he worked with Tom Merlin spotting boats driving by Navy Pier for the Ashore Thing event. He helped Tom identify boats and add color and background to the commentary. He was impressed by the dedication of the Race Committee coming straight off the water and immediately boarding a bus to the island. He enjoys blending the race with a summer vacation, relaxing on the island waiting for his friends to finish the race and join him.

Jim Walsh – This was Jim's third Mackinac, he sailed on *Hiwassee*, a Farr 395. The first Mackinac he sailed, the steering on the boat broke and they were forced to drop out of the race. His second Mackinac was uneventful, the wind was steady and they just sailed straight up the lake. This year was pretty uneventful, but slow. They ate their last lunch at 1 p.m., two hours before they finished. They wound up finishing so late, that Jim missed the group photo because he was at dinner with his crew.

Amanda Mason – Amanda has participated in a



ABOVE: The Rocking Horse Photo is: (L-R) Sandy Curtiss (Owner-CYC) Mike Hatch, Paul Gross, Jenna Herhold, Ted Towey (CYC), Mark Boruta (CYC)

TOP RIGHT: In the island photo: (L-R) Whitney Key, Amanda Mason, Jessica Chonich, Adam Chonich, Ted Towey, Avi Mor, Preston Scruggs, Andromache Mason, Sam Veilleux

BOTTOM RIGHT: Porch party: (L-R) Cody Leipprandt and Nick Bakken (Cody is an associate and Nick was on RC)



combined seven Mackinac races between Chicago Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club. Instead of sailing this year, Amanda volunteered to help out with Race Committee and was a member of this year's Dock Squad. Her most memorable experience was helping to dock the late finishers, particularly the double handed boats, who were so tired after the extremely long race that they were having trouble docking. She was very glad to be there to help and give them a warm welcome to the island. She loved the experience all around, from the Porch Party at the Grand, to sharing jokes and laughs at 4 a.m. with her fellow Dock Squaders. Seeing the harbor empty before any boats had finished was a bit surreal for her, as was having a hotel room, access to a hot shower and restaurants, but still working around the clock on the sleep deprivation shift schedule. She loved serving on Race Committee and would definitely repeat the experience. Welcoming the sailors to the Island was her favorite part of the experience.

Lindsey Duda – Lindsay has sailed 13 Mackinacs and skippered *Sin Duda*, a Santa Cruz 52, in this year's race. Lindsey enjoys getting offshore and is already excited for next year. She had fun connecting the puff down the Straights where the class converged and the race became tactical again. This year's race broke down into three separate races, to the Manitous, through the Manitous, then from the bridge to the island, each one with its own set of challenges. Sailing outside of the Manitous was the most memorable part of the race this year for Lindsey.

Sam Veilleux – Sam has sailed one Mackinac prior to serving on Race Committee as Jury Secretary for this year's race. This year was memorable for Sam as a relatively slow and non-eventful race. There were no incidents, which translated into no appeals for redress and only a handful of protests. Sam is a US Certified Club Judge and Race Officer and found the opportunity to work with so many

seasoned Judges amazing. Sam is also an active inshore sailor on his Shields and feels it is important to give back and help out. The amount of time and dedication it takes to run the races is sometimes underappreciated and so many of the offshore sailors help out with running the frostbiting and inshore races that he is happy to help out with the offshore events.

Adam Chonich – Adam and his wife Jess have participated in three Mackinacs with their power boat, taking press and sponsors out to view the finishers. His favorite aspects of participating in the race are watching the competition, the energy, and social aspect of the Island. They both enjoyed spending time with friends on the Island.

Andromache Mason – I have had the fortune to sail in many Chicago Mackinacs and Bayview Mackinacs and opted to help out with Race Committee this year. I was very impressed with the effort and dedication of the Race Committee, staff, and volunteers in organizing the event. The monumental effort that goes into bringing an event like this together and have it run so seamlessly is truly amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed the amazing people of the Race Committee this year and, surprisingly, had at least as much fun helping out as I do sailing the race. The same dedication to the goal and camaraderie is present among the volunteers as develops on the boats. I am looking forward to serving on the Race Committee again in years to come.

I would like to thank all of the associates that took the time to speak with me and share their experiences and also thank all the participants, volunteers, staff, and sponsors who make this race possible. We are all looking forward to hearing the stories from many more to come! ▶

The 21st Annual VERVE CUP OFFSHORE AND INSHORE REGGATAS



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One hundred thirty five boats took part in the 21st annual Verve Cup Offshore Regatta, which occurred August 9-11. The event featured a three-day offshore course race on Friday through Sunday, as well as a one-day distance race on Saturday. Chicago Yacht Club welcomed over 1,800 racers, spouses and guests at their Monroe Station clubhouse.

Overall prizes were awarded to the top finishers in each section, with one offshore boat winning the perpetual Verve Cup Trophy. The Verve Cup trophy dates from 1893 and is Chicago Yacht Club's oldest trophy. Overall prizes are awarded for each class of boat.

Congratulations to all of the Verve Cup racers, including overall Verve Cup Trophy winner *Honey Badger*, a T-10 owned by Thomas Kane of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club.

Winning the Distance Race in the ORR Division were *Liberty2*, a C&C 115 owned by Thomas & Virginia Blasco of the Chicago Yacht Club in Section 1; *On Edge*, a T35 owned by Steve Dorfman of the Chicago Yacht Club in Section 2; and *Providence*, an Erickson 35 MK II owned by Jerry and Greg Miarecki of the Chicago Yacht Club in Section 3. ORR section winners will get their names on the 8 Mile Buoy Trophy.

The J/109 North American Championship featuring

four days of racing took place in conjunction with the Verve. Winning the J/109 North American Championship Trophy was Rick Lyall's *Storm*. Lyall is a member of the New York Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club.

Also taking place at this year's Verve was the Beneteau 40.7 North American Championship, with first place going to *Vayu*, owned by Ron Buzil of Chicago Corinthian YC.

Verve Cup Chairman Martin Sandoval said race organizers put an emphasis on making this regatta one that sailors find challenging, yet a good time. "We would like to thank the racers for participating in this year's Verve Cup. We strive to make it a sailor-friendly regatta, where we try to provide a venue for fun, competitive racing and camaraderie."

In addition to the offshore race, 86 boats raced in the 2013 Verve Cup Inshore Regatta, hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club at Belmont Station on August 24-25. Race organizers said this annual regatta features two days of the best one-design sailing in the Midwest, with identical classes competing to determine which boat has the best skipper and crew.

Laser, Vanguard 15, Melges 24, Etchells, Shields, Luders 16, Colgate 26, Rhodes 19, Solings, J/70s and J/24 keelboat classes took part this year.

Of the boats registered, 20 were J/70s, an impressive



turnout for the fleet's debut year at Verve Inshore. It also was the first year for the Colgate 26 fleet.

"We're very happy we have the J70 class and the Colgate 26s for the first time," said Race Co-Chair Jessica Jamieson. "I think the event went very well, we received a lot of positive feedback."

Taking first in the J/70s was *Extreme*, owned/skippered by Dan Cheresh of Saugatuck, MI. Chicagoan Nicholas Petrovits' *Recess* took first place in the Colgate 26 fleet. In the Etchells fleet, Byron Ehrhart's *Lucky* of the Chicago Yacht Club finished first.

Race Co-Chair Sam Veilleux said participation was high for this year's Verve Cup Inshore Regatta and organizers hope to attract even more racers next year.

"We hope to keep growing this regatta as a premier one design sailing destination for sailors," Veilleux said.

For a full list of the Offshore and Inshore winners, see the Race Results insert sheet in this issue of the *Blinker*.

Thank you to our co-sponsors Audi and SLAM, as well as Boston Beer, Karma Yacht Sales, Mount Gay Rum, and West Marine. ▶

We look forward to seeing you on the water next year for Verve Cup Offshore (August 8 – 10, 2014) and Inshore (August 23 -24, 2014).



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CYC MEMBER VERVE WINNERS:

VERVE CUP OFFSHORE

Distance Race Racing

Offshore Racing 1

First	<i>Liberty2</i>	Thomas & Virginia Blasco
Third	<i>Paradigm Shift</i>	Dave Dickerson

Offshore Racing 2

First	<i>On Edge</i>	Steve Dorfman
Third	<i>Och!</i>	Brendon Docherty

Offshore Racing 3

First	<i>Providence</i>	Greg Miarecki
Second	<i>Rover</i>	Ken Colbert

Circle A Racing

One Design Division

J109

Third	<i>Northstar</i>	David Gustman
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J111

Third	<i>Lucky Dubie</i>	Len Siegal
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GL36/FT 10

First	<i>Solitary</i>	Jeremy Alexis
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Farr 40

First	<i>Norboy</i>	L. Sigmond / M. Thymian
Second	<i>Inferno</i>	Philip Dowd
Third	<i>Hot Lips</i>	Christopher Whitford

ORR Division

ORR 1

First	<i>Sin Duda!</i>	Lindsey Duda
Third	<i>Imedi</i>	Mark Hauf

ORR 2

First	<i>Eagle</i>	Shawn / Jerry O'Neill
Second	<i>Scout</i>	Dorsey Ruley

Circle B Racing

One Design Division

J105

First	<i>Sealark</i>	Clark Pellett
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T-10

Second	<i>Retention</i>	Mark Croll
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Beneteau First 36.7

Second	<i>Tried & True</i>	Robert K. Foley
Third	<i>Maggie Mae</i>	Peter / Dan Wright

ORR Division

ORR 3

First	<i>Bozo's Circus</i>	Bruce Metcalf
Second	<i>Big Meanie</i>	James Prendergast

VERVE CUP INSHORE

Circle A Racing

One Design Division

International Etchells

First	<i>Lucky</i>	Bryon Ehrhart
Second	<i>Pynate</i>	Donald Maxwell
Third	<i>Resolute</i>	Mark Teborek

Luders 16

First	<i>Clipper</i>	William Simpson
Second	<i>Amiga</i>	Harold Hering
Third	<i>Wild Irish</i>	Lawrence Weeks

Shields

First	<i>Peanut</i>	Kristian Martincic
Second	<i>Insidious</i>	Gary Ropski
Third	<i>Hellicat</i>	Sam Veilleux

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On The Water



The Best Secret Season

At the risk of crowding a wonderfully empty fall lake, I'd like to spill the beans and tell all you boaters that you are missing the best season of the year.

As unnatural as it may feel, the time has come to reconsider just

when the summer months in Chicago actually occur. No one can argue that May and June this past year were downright dismal but September and October have been sublime. (I would venture to say that May is almost always dismal except we are so numb to the cold that we force ourselves into shorts and t-shirts in 60 degrees and call it balmy.) With steady winds and warm temperatures, these 'fall' months are often the most ideal sailing conditions we see all year. Just in time for everyone to put their boats away!

As if the weather wasn't enough to convince you, Frostbiting started off with a bang on Sunday, October 6th with a record number of boats showing up to enjoy the start of the fall sailing season. With a combined total of 48 boats throughout the morning and afternoon sessions, just try telling these guys that the sailing season has ended. Temperatures were in the 70s with a perfect southwest breeze and the lake was all ours for the taking. Truly a perfect day on the water.

With club fleets of 420s and Sonars all members have easy access to enjoy the best kept secret in the business and end the real sailing season properly.

Just some food for thought as you plan your next sailing season...

CYC Members and Race Committee Volunteers who went through Education Classes with us this year:

US Powerboating Safe Powerboat Handling & Safety and Rescue
Cody Leipprandt, Linc Yates, Amanda Mason, Todd Hildwein, Cynthia Sopata

Red Cross CPR

George Miz, Maureen Miz, Joseph Rickard, Joe Rickard, Clare Marlin, Charlie Koules, BettyLynn Koules, Teresa Grant, Kevin Grant, Bob Knight, Tony Diar Bakerli, Nikki D'Ottavio, Emily Gallagher, Jerrold Senser, Lloyd Karzen, Darcy Cook, John Newman, Liz Newman, Chuck Norris, Gary Powell, Arthur Koegel, Dale Johnson, Robert Albert, Randall Schmidt, Bill Easom, Eric Harkna

Red Cross First Aid

Jean Capper, Ivan Sagel, Darcy Cook

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

CYA Presents 2013 Sea Scout of the Year

by **THE SEA SCOUT COMMITTEE**

On Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, the Chicago Yachting Association will be presenting Charlie Koules with the award of 2013 Sea Scout of the Year. This is an award that is presented to an active Sea Scout who demonstrates the values of seamanship through their participation, leadership, service, experience and accomplishments both in scouting and in life.

Charlie, 18, has achieved the rank of both Able as a Sea Scout and Eagle as a Boy Scout. He is and has been an active member of the Chicago Yacht Club Sea Scout Ship 5870 for the past five years. During his participation, Charlie has served in several leadership positions. Currently, Charlie is the Boatswain of Ship 5870. Charlie leads the young sailors as they learn new skills and is instrumental in recruiting new scouts to build our membership.

Charlie has volunteered for each scouting opportunity as it presents itself. Most notably is his work with the Judd Goldman Adaptive sailing Foundation during the North American Cup Challenge. Charlie has sailed with and assisted in establishing volunteers and crew for this regatta, in addition to other CYC hosted events. A favorite activity of Charlie is to assist with the distribution of Christmas trees from the US Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* to underserved families in the Chicago area.

As a Sea Scout in CYC Ship 5870, Charlie has sailed in four CYC-hosted Smith Regattas. Charlie has placed in the top three in the last three years. Placing first during the past two years, Charlie has qualified twice for the Koch International. Charlie plans to represent the Chicago Yacht Club at the 2014 International Koch Regatta.



During his senior year at New Trier High School, Charlie began the process of attaining his Captain's License in order to continue his involvement in sailing.

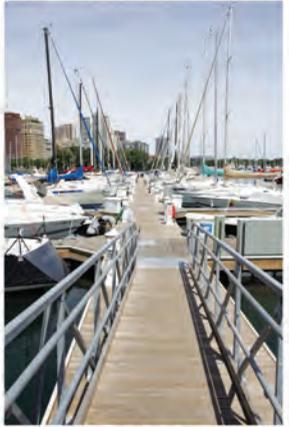
Through the CYC Summer sailing program, Charlie placed first in a Laser regatta. This earned Charlie a Junior Olympic medal! Charlie has received two coach recognition awards for his dedication to first to arrive, last to leave and for his continued efforts towards improvement.

Charlie is currently a freshman at Lake Forest College where he is studying Business and Business Law with plans to attend Law School for Business Law. Charlie has earned a place on the Lake Forest Leadership floor for students that demonstrate exceptional leadership skills. He leads by example, and displays good sportsmanship while sailing.

Charlie (nicknamed 'Sunshine') plans to be involved with CYC Ship 5870 for a many years to come. If there is a CYC volunteer activity, you will find Charlie there. He will be working and smiling.

Charlie is the son of CYC members Charles and Bettylynn Koules of Wilmette. ➤

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Lloyd Karzen named CYA's 2013 Yachtsperson of the Year

by **JULIAN ZENG**

When Lloyd Karzen talks about his six grandchildren, all boys, his eyes soften with pride.

As his grandkids' interest in sailing grows, so does Karzen's expectation of having them all join him on the deck of his newly purchased J-70, a family of crewmates.

Perhaps they will uncover the same passion for boating that Karzen has enjoyed for nearly 60 years, the same passion that has earned him the 2013 Chicago Yachting Association's Yachtsperson of the Year.

Initiated in 1960, recipients of the award will have "performed deeds and/or services of an exceptional nature, which have directly benefited the Chicago Yachting Association."

First introduced to sailing in high school, Karzen began his experience with an all-wood 1939 Islander. Owned by his wife's aunt, the sailboat piqued Karzen's curiosity.

"I didn't know anything about sailing at all," Karzen said. "I was green and so forth, and they taught me how to sail." He went on to start racing Luders and L-16s, followed by five to six years spent on a Vanguard 33.

Karzen's next venture was racing on a C&C Custom 43 for 12 years, the owner of which was in Toronto.

"We had to go up through the Welland Canal to get it," Karzen said, "and then sailed it all the way back to Chicago over a few weeks. We had a good time."

His most notable racing accomplishment is his 25 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac regattas. Karzen is now on the Mac Committee and has been the Island Coordinator since 2000.

"It's a challenging race," Karzen said. "I enjoy getting up to the Island, meeting the people and setting everything up."

As a competitor, Karzen said conditions are not always favorable, a sentiment with which any other sailor would agree. "You have good times and bad times," Karzen said. "Then you usually get up in the morning to solitude."

Though Karzen commented how the latest tracking technology has made everyone visible, he is of an old-fashioned mindset.

"See, some of the old-timers like me, you don't want anyone to know where you are," Karzen said. "We want to go where we want to go and that's that."

Despite wanting to stay off the grid on the water, Karzen has made a very visible mark with countless boating committees and organizations off the water.

A 25-year member and past commodore of the Heritage Boat Club, member of the Sea Scouts of Chicago Area Council and past chairman of the Sea Scouts Dinner and chairman of the Chicago Yachting Association's Christmas Committee, to name a few, Karzen has a history of contributions to the Chicagoland boating community.

The most important to him is arguably the Christmas Ship, on which he has served as chairman since 2010. Founded in 2000, Chicago's Christmas Ship is the city's largest all-volunteer charitable support program for inner city youth and their families during Christmastime.

"We have trees that we give away to disadvantaged families, it's a good group," Karzen said. "We're non-political – every dollar we raise goes towards a tree. Some of the people from the committee want to do things, we do it out of pocket ourselves. We don't want to be politically tied to anybody, we want to be honest."

His involvement in the Chicagoland boating community has been a rewarding experience, one that has given him lasting friendships and a true sense of belonging, especially as a member of the Chicago Yacht Club.

"We take this lake for granted, people don't realize what we have to offer here," Karzen said. "The club, the camaraderie, you find that you have more friends here around the sailing community – it's a nice thing to do."

Now, as his sailing life continues on, Karzen has more family with which to share the water, looking forward to his grandsons' sailing development.

"I'm enjoying my grandkids getting involved and seeing progression where they're getting excited about sailing," Karzen said. "I'm looking forward to getting them all involved on my boat."

His best advice to them, and to all others with a passion for sailing?

"Just go out and have fun, enjoy it," he said. "Turn your engine off and all you have up there is the wind god."

Karzen will receive the 2013 Yachtsperson of the Year award at the Chicago Yachting Association's Yachting Celebration to be held on Friday, Dec 6th at Monroe Station. See the CYC website calendar for more information on the event. ▶

The Middle of the Road

by **DAVE SOLLITT**

photos by **DWAIN LUTZOW** and **KELLIE LAWRENCE**, Grand Hotel



The 2013 Mac Race will be remembered for a lot of things by many of its different participants.

There were horrific tales of the “Pony Latitudes,” stretches of placid, windless water so vast, the very thought of the first rum drink seemed too far off to imagine.

Some old timers (my generation) were forced to think back to the last time they’d finished on a Tuesday, a time when the hair lines were longer and the waterlines shorter.

But for the crew of Joe Haas’s *Infinite Diversion*, 2013 will be remembered as the year when sailing the rhumb line was considered “taking a flyer.”

With two ex-Commodores (John Regan & Joe Haas), an ex-Vice Commodore and his far better half (Glen and Elsa Gustafson), a medical researcher Dan McGehee, three Sollitts (your humble narrator, brother Mike and cousin Joe – counting Joe twice here) and Suzy, who holds it all together, we didn’t seem to be a group ready to shoot a corner. Little did we know . . .

The weather prognosticators had predicted a dying breeze in which pressure would only be found along either shore. The middle of the lake would be a death zone, we were told. The wind would die and only the shore breeze would allow progress up the course.

When we started in a pleasant breeze on Friday afternoon, we’d heard of all the dire predictions, but lost in the translation was a nugget to cling to – wind in the northern half of the lake would sustain 12 or more hours

longer than the wind in the southern half. We decided our only course would be to let the Hanse stretch her legs in the wind we had and head north on the most direct course: 17 degrees, to be 5 miles off Pt. Betsie as soon as possible.

That also proved to be our fastest course, with flat water and the Hanse’s sail plan well suited for close reaching in the ENE breeze.

As we left the Chicago skyline behind us, we watched the rest of the cruising fleet fall off to the west, skirting the suburban shoreline. By the time we were abeam of Milwaukee late Friday evening, the Summerfest fireworks were faint flashes below the horizon, and we were but two miles off the original rhumb line.

And it was a terrific ride. With a fair breeze and flat water, the boat was a pleasure to steer and our only strategic task was maximizing VMC to the north. Spirits were high as the Yellowbrick data showed the boats along the shore in less breeze and continuing to sag west.

Of course, we feared the wind shut off that sometimes hits around 10:00 p.m. the first night out. As this was my 35th race, I was still wondering whether the ‘Saturday night fever’ would appear, forgetting that I was in the Cruising Division and it was only Friday. Accordingly, the wind wavered but never died, and we continued most of the night with between 6 and 8 knots of boat speed. Saturday found us well up the lake and smack dab in the



middle. But it was clear from Yellowbrick that we had more breeze than our fellow cruising fleet friends on the Illinois and Wisconsin shoreline, and more than the racing fleet, that Yellowbrick showed as a clump sagging west . . . slowly. Being north and in the middle seemed good.

Saturday evening found us several miles off Betsie and, still fearful of the ‘shore of broken dreams,’ reluctant to tack towards Michigan. The breeze looked spotty in shore but looked even more dire out. And to get through the Manitous, we’d have to tack east eventually, so we tacked onto a port lift that progressed as we went in, and promised that tacking away from the holes appearing further inshore would be onto an unfavorable course. A few tacks in light air through 120 degrees followed by a spinnaker set and takedown reminded us that this was still the Mackinac Race, where exhilaration and frustration share every watch.

After sitting in the hole between the lake breeze and the shore breeze for over an hour, the shore breeze filled in and we were able to get through the Manitous without incident and sailed north towards Grey’s Reef, our nemesis from the previous year.

In 2012, we enjoyed what we thought was a comfortable lead, only to fall into a hole off Grey’s Reef that allowed us to view the iconic light house in all its glory for close to eight hours, and allowed the rest of the

fleet to catch up. Mac racers, like generals, race the last race and we wondered what windless horror awaited us.

Yellowbrick told us the big boats in the racing fleet were moving steadily, if not briskly, and we feared a replay of 2012.

It was not to be. We sustained a light but pleasant breeze past Grey’s Reef and around Can 3, saluting the growing cadre of friends, gone but not forgotten, who rest there and add a fond memory to every turn east for the bridge.

The reach down the Straits again showed the lure of the middle. With good speed towards the mark, there seemed little benefit to reaching towards breeze lines to the south that promised a bit more breeze.

When the wind eased and veered as we got closer to the bridge, we allowed ourselves to veer south and into slowly building westerly that filled from the shore and carried us under the bridge and towards the finish line.

Spinnaker flying, spirits high, the smell of horse leavings and ferry exhaust promised another pleasant visit to Mackinac and another random inspection on the dock.

A quick look at a wind map on the iPhone showed only one more bit of concern. While we were enjoying a pleasant reach to the finish in an 8-10 knot westerly, a wind buoy five miles east of the Island showed a 3-knot easterly. Such vagaries don’t always break through the

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THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

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narrowing of the straits, we told ourselves, and we kept our fingers crossed. Several minutes later, with the spinnaker plastered against the rigging and the Hanse's 63,000 pounds slowing to a stop, the dread returned.

Our centrist course left us stuck in the middle again. Not that we could see breeze anywhere else. Ferry chop was the only signature on the water, and an occasional whiff of breeze took our head one way or the other.

With no smokers on the boat, and tiring of the fresh but unmoving air, I thought wistfully of a wind-seeking Arturo Fuente or Macanudo – anything to relieve the angst of two hours in the same place, playing the role of a still life art piece for those sitting on the porch of the Grand. We wondered if our parking exercise of 2012 would reprise itself, this time with spectators.

When a light but fluky breeze filled from the north, we chased it like a dog on a bone. Heading towards the beach with more urgency than Annette Funicello (you youngsters can look it up), we tacked only when we feared our keel would need curb feelers to continue.

On our final tack, seeing we would lay the finish, we girded for the one last hole that would dash our 'sprint' to the gun. It didn't appear and we finished at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday.

We motored to the dock, mindful of the hardships of long distance yacht racing. The air conditioning was on, but the ice-maker wasn't working at full capacity. We had only enough ice for two rounds of cocktails. The beds weren't made. We hadn't even taken Sunday's dinner out of the freezer, so dinner would have to be ashore. But we had endured.

We were met at the dock by Janet Crabb and others from the Race Committee, some tourists wondering what the fuss was about, a local reporter, and our old friend Lindy Thomas. I've raced countless Mac races, course races and ocean races with "Uncle Lindy" over three decades, and I wondered what he'd say to his long time crew member for being on the first boat to the Island. He didn't disappoint.

"Why'd you keep your spinnaker up so long? You guys really screwed up," he opined. I had to smile.

Sadly, Mike and I were on a plane and headed for Chicago before the next boat rounded Can 3. I asked our pilot – our brother in law – to take us west along the water. The paucity of wind everywhere was striking. We were home before the next boat finished.

We saved our time on the boats in our section and on the boats in the entire cruising division. My first triple bullet. In fact it was a race of firsts too numerous to count.

With a little luck and Joe's infectious laugh, it won't be my last. ▶



The 105th Chicago Yacht Club RACE TO MACKINAC, *presented by Veuve Clicquot*



by **MATT GALLAGHER**

photos by **GRIZZLY AIR PHOTOGRAPHY** and **MISTE PHOTOGRAPHY**

There is a saying that the Race to Mackinac has a “little of something for everyone.” The 105th running held true to that notion in the very light winds conditions that many sailors faced. For those sailors looking to get the maximum time on the water for the money’s worth- this was the year!

While 2012 was a fast race, allowing sailors to arrive about 12 hours earlier than usual, this year’s race was ranked among one of the slower races of record.

So slow, in fact, that around half the fleet of 301 boats and 2,472 crew made their way directly from the docks to the garden of the Grand Hotel to cheer on the winners at the Tuesday afternoon Sailor’s Celebration.

Race commentator Winn Soldani said this year’s race was similar to that of 2009, which also brought very slow wind conditions.

"It is years like these that show us how hard the final miles can be. Several boats I saw or spoke to took hours - as many as six, and perhaps a few even spent more - between the bridge and the finish," Soldani said. "But for what was sort of an ‘ugly’ race, the ending could not have been prettier with the boats coming in under spinnaker, going fast under clear blue skies."

There is typically just one post-race awards ceremony held on Mackinac Island, but due to the late arrivals, the

Chicago Yacht Club and the Club’s Mackinac Committee elected to add an evening ceremony as well this year to accommodate late arriving boats.

Chicago Yacht Club Commodore Gerald Bober said although the winds were not ideal, the reaction he received from many participants is that they a great time. It was important, he added, to provide a chance for them all to accept their awards.

"Our outstanding race committee was able to put together a lot of data needed for the scheduled awards ceremony at the Grand Hotel," Bober said. "Everybody was happy about the second awards party scheduled for later in the evening that allowed us to recognize everyone fully for their accomplishments."

For the second year, Yellowbrick provided the trackers for the race, allowing supporters from around the world to track the fleet on a map, which reported the positions every 15 minutes, and included the direction, speed and leader-board.

This year’s “Mac Week” was packed full of events for sailors, Club members and the kids, and featured ideal weather and wonderful parties in both Chicago and Mackinac Island.

We also joined for the second year with Michigan Avenue Magazine to host ASHORE THING, the Official
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THE 2013 RACE TO MACKINAC

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Parade of Boats Viewing Party at Navy Pier. This event, which brought out over 2,500 people, gave the public a chance to take part in the start of the Race to Mackinac.

In other exciting Race to Mackinac news, this year's remarkable race was chosen to be part of a CNN docu-series named "CHICAGOLAND," narrated by Robert Redford. Filming took place at the Club and during on-the-water activities at the race start at the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse. "CHICAGOLAND" is an unscripted series produced by Redford and Laura Michalchyshyn of Sundance Productions, and Marc Levin and Mark Benjamin of BCTV. The eight-part series is set to debut in 2014 and represents a creative exploration of stories relevant to Chicago and the people behind those stories.

Race Chairman Lou Sandoval said the 105th Race to Mackinac goes down in the history books as a memorable race for all.

"Each Mac holds memories for all contestants, and it speaks to the special nature of the race and is one of the reasons why sailors return year after year," Sandoval said.

The 105th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, presented by Veuve Clicquot, is a 333-mile invitation-only race from Chicago Yacht Club to Mackinac Island.

Plan to join us for the 2012 Mac Awards ceremony presented by the Race to Mackinac Organizing Committee on November 2, 2013.

The 106th Race to Mackinac will start on July 19, 2014.

RESULTS:

Congratulations to the winners of this year's race!

Winner of the Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division was *Sufficient Reason*, a J122 owned by Mitchell Padnos and Tracy Brand, representing Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. *Sufficient Reason* won the division with a corrected time of 47:05:21. This division included boats from Sections 1 – 4, Beneteau 40.7, J111, J109, J120, Farr 40 and Turbo.

Winning the Mackinac Cup Division was *Providence*, an Ericson 35 owned by Jerry and Greg Miarecki of the Chicago Yacht Club. *Providence* won the division with a corrected time of 57:16:27. This division included boats from Sections 5 - 8, Beneteau 36.7, J105 and Tartan 10. Last year, *Providence* won the Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division.

Windquest, a Max Z86 owned by Dick and Doug DeVos of Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, was first to finish in the racing divisions and the winner of the Royono Trophy. *Windquest* had a corrected time of 49:57:52.

Infinite Diversion, a Hanse 630e owned by Joseph Haas of the Chicago Yacht Club, was first to finish and first overall in the Cruising Division, crossing the line Sunday evening with a corrected time of 49:26:16. *Infinite*



Diversion wins the Vanenna Cup for the division win and also wins a new trophy - the Ile Aux Galets Cup - just established this year, for first to finish in the cruising division.

For the multihull division, first to finish and winner of the Manitou Passage Trophy was *Lucky Strike*, a Newick 50 owned by Fred Ball of Little Traverse Yacht Club. *Lucky Strike* - who also won the Martin D. Rieck Trophy for line honors in the multihull division - won with a corrected time of 50:08:07.

Safir III, owned by Robert E. Radway of the Chicago Yacht Club, winner of the double-handed division and the Harold L. Ashton Trophy, with a corrected time of 55:58:24. ▶



Congratulations to fellow CYC Members on their 2013 Mac Race wins!

First to Finish

Ile Aux Galets Cup (cruising)

Infinite Diversion Joseph Haas

Chicago-Mackinac Cup

First *Providence* Jerry and Greg Miarecki

Chicago-Mackinac Trophy

Third *Eagle* Jerry and Shawn O'Neill

Doublehanded Division

First *Safir III* Robert E. Radway

Cruising Division

First *Infinite Diversion* Joseph Haas

Second *Jug Band* Harry Simmon

Beneteau 36.7 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

First *As You Wish* John Heaton

Second *Maggie Mae* Dan and Peter Wright

Third *Tried & True* Robert K. Foley

Fourth *Karma* L. & M. Sandoval, J. Buoscio

Beneteau 40.7 Mackinac Cup Division

Second *Das Boot* Jay and Cindy Muller

Cruising 1 Cruising Division

First *Infinite Diversion* Joseph Haas

Second *Jug Band* Harry Simmon

Cruising 2 Cruising Division

First *Intangible* Tom Falck

Fifth *Jasmin* D. Ormesher, T. Anderson, J. Sawyer

J-105 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

Third *Sealark* Clark Pellett

J-109 Mackinac Cup Division

First *Realt Na Mara* Tom Londrigan and Joe Londrigan

Second *Vanda III* Jack and Jim Toliver

Third *Northstar* David Gustman

Level 35 Mackinac Cup Division

First *Bozo's Circus* Bruce Metcalf

Section 01 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

First *Pororoca* G. McCarthy & R. Zeman, Jr.

Section 02 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

Second *Hot Lips* Christopher Whitford

Third *Pendragon* Scott Jackman

Section 03 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

Second *Scout* Dorsey Ruley

Third *Hiwassee* John Bell and Ian Fisher

Fifth *Mosquito* Dave Radtke

Section 04 Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

Second *Eagle* Jerry and Shawn O'Neill

Section 06 Mackinac Cup Division

Fourth *Retriever* Matthew W. Beer

Section 08 Mackinac Cup Division

First *Providence* Jerry and Greg Miarecki

Tartan 10 Mackinac Cup Division

Second *Talisman* K. Mehaffey and B. Mehaffey

Fourth *Cheap Thrill* Nancy and Tim Snyder

Fifth *Rover* Ken Colbert

Turbo Chicago-Mackinac Trophy Division

Third *Il mostro* Peter Thornton

Annual Dog Show at Belmont

by **ANN RUNDLE**

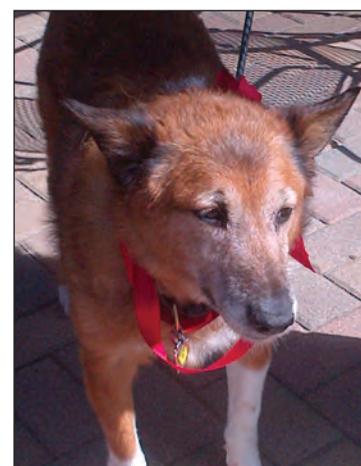
The 7th Annual “Belmont Goes to the Dogs” Dog Show was held on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Chicago Yacht Club’s Belmont station. This event was created by Fred Gorr back in 2007, modeled after Fred’s successful Auto Show Brunch held each spring at CYC’s Monroe Street Station. Fred envisioned an opportunity for members of the Club to mix, regardless of whether they were part of the Racing Yacht Fleet, the Cruising Fleet, the Power Fleet or simply just plain social members. Thanks to Fred’s wonderful idea, this has become a fabulous event.

For CYC members that are proud dog owners, this event is one we look forward to every year, and ranks right up there with events such as the Mac Warning Gun Party, the Commodores Open House and of course Easter and Thanksgiving. When I was a kid I used to look forward to the Children’s Holiday Party as the kick-off to the Christmas season, and now I look forward to the Dog Show as the kick-off to fall, and I am certain Dackel looks forward to this every year as well.

This year’s event had perfect weather for a fun Sunday grill on Belmont’s patio. It is the perfect venue for a dog party – with the gate closed, the dogs were able to freely mingle about sans leashes and the proud owners were able to relax a bit knowing their pooches were all safely playing with each other.

Fred Gorr and his trusty assistant Diana greeted guests with bowls of goodies and fun door prizes, like squeaky rubber balls, and these guests were thrilled. Jill Dedinsky and her Belmont staff put on a wonderful meal with delicious salads, barbecued chicken, pulled pork, burgers, and of course hot dogs. Desserts of yummy lemon bars and sinfully rich brownies completed the menu.

This year we had a number of CYC members who have attended each year. Janet Crabb was there with her two dogs, Purcell, a gentleman of “mixed” heritage, and Griff, a Shih Tzu. John Buenz attended with his pup, JoAnn, a Sheltie/Malamute mix. I was there with my long-coat miniature Dachshund, Dackel, and Keith and Shari Johnson were back with their petite little Yorkie, Chelsea. Mark & Joni Croll came with their Beagle mix, Glory, Cheryl & Bruce Toman attended with their Havanese, Koko, and Freddi Brown came with her Shih Tzu, Kody. New CYC members Paulo & Daniela Oliveira brought their two dogs, Sasha, a Border Collie and Molly a Japanese Chin. Dan & Kerry Costello and their two little girls brought Fiona, a Jack Russell/Chihuahua mix. The girls agreed to entertain the group and showed off Fiona’s clever trick of singing (howling?) as they accompanied her



on assorted plastic toy horns, which got a big round of applause!

This is a fun event that is open to all, even dog lovers who might not own their own dog, but recognize this is an event not to be missed. This year Lloyd Karzen came with his Lego pup, (lovingly created by his grandkids) named Penny. Steve & Lois Stack attended, as did Liz Ware and her kids, Jack and twins Lucy and Grace. And of course Commodore Gibby Vartan and his wife Jane were in attendance, as they are every year, to support their good friend Fred Gorr.

The Dog Show concludes with the renowned Dog Parade, where each dog owner walks their pup in front of the crowd, proudly extolling their dog’s story. It was a fun event for all and we all look forward (humans and canine alike), to next year for the 8th Annual “Belmont Goes to the Dogs.” ▶



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2013 Neill Clinic

by **SANDY CURTISS**



This summer, Chicago Yacht Club hosted the third annual Neill Advanced Race Clinic. Forty-eight of the most accomplished 420 sailors from across the country gathered at CYC's Belmont Station on June 8th-12th to polish their sailing skills with the guidance of six college coaches. Joining the sailors this year were coaches John Vandemoer from Stanford University, Nick Ewenson from University of Rhode Island, Brian Clancy from Cornell University, Zack Leonard from Yale University, Janel Zarkowsky from Georgetown University and Stephanie Roble from Northwestern University.

Sailors arrived in Chicago and met their host families on Saturday, June 8th and the next day they were ready to sail! Each day of the clinic the coaches focused on something different: boat handling, boat speed, tuning and racing tactics and strategy. After a morning briefing, sailors rigged their boats and set out on the water, taking only a brief break for lunch. In the afternoon, after de-briefing, the sailors shuttled over to the Chicago Match Race Center. Sailors had the opportunity to learn the basics of match racing from accomplished match racer, Taylor Canfield. The participants then got to wet their fingers with a little match racing themselves! The evening concluded with a dinner at the Match Race Center.

The next day brought uncooperative weather, as heavy fog resulted in postponed sailing. The sailors instead partook in some chalk talks on the patio and a pizza dinner at Belmont. Thursday the sailors received more on the water coaching and then took a bus to CYC Monroe Station. There, the sailors ate dinner and listened to a presentation from the world-renowned sailor Ken Read, who is recognized as one of the world's most accomplished sailors, competing in various types of boats and many different regattas, one of which was the Volvo Ocean Race.

The final day of the clinic was race day! The sailors had a morning briefing and competitor's meeting, and then raced a windward-leeward course, twice around, into the early afternoon. Storms held out long enough to provide good wind (although a bit shifty) and great racing for the sailors.



After completing four races, Rose Edwards and Alex Woloshyn won the race day, followed by Patrick Shanahan and Josh Dochoda in 2nd and Will Holz and Kennedy Placek in 3rd. Sailors then ate lunch and had a final briefing from the coaches, along with words of advice for the sailors. Trophies for the Most Improved Crew (Molly Davis), Most Improved Skipper (Nick Hernandez), and Sportsmanship (Molly Davis) awards were given during the awards ceremony, and then sailors packed up and departed to the airport with smiles on their faces!

Sailors from the 2013 Neill Clinic went on to compete during the summer. Some notable performances by attendees include Cassie Obel and Annika Garret placing second and CYC's Mary Claire Kiernan and Elizabeth Pemberton placing fifth out of thirty-nine boats at Ida Lewis U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship in Corona del Mar, CA. Mary Claire Kiernan and Lucy Wilmont placed second out of sixty boats at C420 Nationals. CYC's Alex Vasiliou and Mark Davies placed third out of one-hundred boats at the Hyannis regatta in Hyannis, MA. ▶

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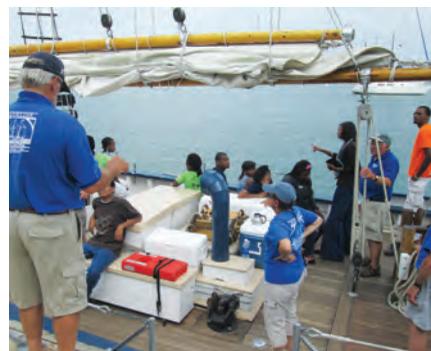
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CYC FOUNDATION/WADE'S WORLD TALL SHIPS EVENT

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FIRST CYC ANNUAL CRUISE and OFFSHORE REGATTA TO RACINE

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Membership

New Members: Regular



Richard Carden — Partner at McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP. Resides in Westmont. Mr. Carden is interested in sharpening his experience in sailing for himself and his children. Shares a 40' Sail Boat, *Chidragon* in Burnham Harbor.



Linda Chatman — Attorney/Owner Chatman Law Offices in Chicago. Resides downtown with husband, Donald. Loves to sail with family and friends on long cruises. Her son is currently serving in the Navy.



Charles DeGraff — (Legacy, son in law of Ted Hajduk) Tax Director at Acciari, Levy & Rabyne, LLC. Currently own's a 33' Sail Boat, *Carioca* in Belmont Harbor. Resides in Morton Grove with his wife, Joy. Charles knows several Club members and is looking forward to joining.



Rich Feffer — Math teacher/coach at Benjamin Middle School in West Chicago. Resides in St. Charles with wife, Janet and three children. Currently own's at 34' Sail Boat, Sun of a Sailor in Monroe Harbor. Former Officer in the US Coast Guard.



Ron Huberman — Operating Executive at Prairie Capital, LP. Resides in Lincoln Square with partner, Darren and two children. Own's a 31' Power Boat, *Bonnie Joyce* in Montrose Harbor. Very excited to join the Club and expand their yachting experience.

*Scott Jackman (Legacy, father Brian Jackman) — Group Marketing Manager, Tellabs, Inc in Naperville. Currently own's a 40' Sail boat, *Pendragon* in DuSable Harbor. Has sailed 31 Mac Races and has been very active at the Club since a young age.

Neil James — Sr. Business Development Manager at Burwood Group in Chicago. Resides with his wife and daughter. Currently own a 22' Powerboat, *Uber Rib* in Diversey Harbor.



Chris Klanac — Engineering Manager for Cars.com. Resides downtown with his wife, Amy. They own a 38' Power Boat, *Blue Moon* in DuSable. Looking forward to joining the CYC community.



Stanley Lerner — CEO at Color Communications, Inc. Resides in Glencoe with his wife and children. Mr. Lerner own's two Power Boats — 41' *Water Colors* in Burnham and 38' *Color Speed* in Montrose Harbor. Avid boaters and excited to join CYC.



John Marquardt Jr. — Legacy Regular, son of John Marquardt Sr. - Midwest Director of Integrated Brand Sales for USA Today in Chicago. Resides in Wilmette with wife, Jennifer and their two daughters. John has enjoyed sailing and attending CYC events for many years.



Tim Miller — VP Sales at Datameer in California. Resides in Chicago with significant other, Dawn. Recently moved to the area and are looking forward to meeting new friends and spending a lot of time at CYC.



Paulo Oliveira — Marketing Manager at Caterpillar Inc. in Aurora. Resides in Chicago with his wife, Daniela. Mr. Oliveira has been sailing for nearly 20 years and prior to moving to England was sailing with the Etchells at CYC.



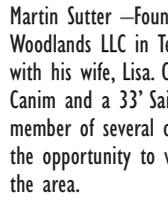
Dee Robinson — President at Robinson Hill, Inc in Chicago. Ms. Robinson belongs to a variety of local and national clubs and is well recognized in the business community. She is looking forward to purchasing a power boat in the near future and is honored to be considered for membership at the Club.



Jonathan Sawyer — Principal at Closerlook Inc in Chicago. Resides in Chicago with his wife, Tamara and two children. Recently raced in the 105th Mac.



David Shade — President and CEO of Prism Healthcare Partners. Own's two Power Boats, 55' *Spirit of Wellspring* and 25' *Spring Loaded* in Burnham Harbor.



Martin Sutter — Founder/Managing Director of Essex Woodlands LLC in Texas. Resides in Montgomery, Texas with his wife, Lisa. Currently owns a 96' Power Boat, *Canim* and a 33' Sail Boat, *Crescendo*. Mr. Sutter is a member of several other yacht clubs and would enjoy the opportunity to visit Chicago Yacht Club while in the area.



John Yonover — President and COO of Indiana Sugars in Lemont. Resides in Chicago with wife, Evonne and two son's. Currently own's a 60' Power Boat, *Hockadoo* in Burnham and 35.5' Sailboat, *Evonne.com/2* in Lake Geneva. Member of the various yacht club's and private dining clubs.

Associate



Patrick Brady — Vice President at Steinc. Co-own's a 37' Sail Boat, *Jung Frau* in Monroe Harbor. Has sailed for years and has been looking forward to joining CYC for a long time.



Jessica Burgett — Coordinator at Park Community Church in Chicago. Resides with her husband, Jason and son, Jack in Chicago. Looking forward to crewing and meeting additional members of the Club.



Melissa Campbell — Co-Administrator at Heart to Hearts Services in Orland Park. Resides in Chicago and is looking forward to learning more about sailing for her and her son.



Geoff Edwards (Legacy) — Student and son of current member, Lee Edwards. Resides downtown and family owns a 33' Sail Boat, *Bravo Zulu* in Monroe Harbor.



Andrew French — Manager at Advocate Health Care. Resides in Chicago and owns a 25' Power Boat, *Meow One* in Belmont. Has enjoyed being around boats all his life and is proud to own his boat.



Susan Guediguian - Associate at Grosvenor Capital Management. Resides in Chicago and is eager to learn everything about sailing with several members that she knows.



Hailey Halpin — Sr. Financial Analyst at National Surgical Hospitals. Recently newer to Chicago and looking forward to expanding her sailing experience with our adult programs and associate events.



Erin Henry — Project Engineer at Bear Construction Company. Took Crew U in 2011 and has been racing on *Sail Monkey* and sailed in the MAC last year.



John Koutoupis — Managing Director at Jeffries in Chicago. Own's a 47' Power Boat, *Petrina* in Diversey Harbor. Knows several members and looking forward to the camaraderie and community of the Chicago Yacht Club.



William Loux —Analyst at Heitman. Resides downtown. William has been sailing since age 5 and is looking forward to joining the Associates membership and meeting other young sailors.



Michael Marangell — International Trade Specialist at US Department of Commerce. Currently enrolled in Crew U and has met other CYC members and prospects. Looking to enhance sailing experience.



Nicolas Norris (Legacy 25) — Product Designer at Electro-Motive Diesel in La Grange. Son of current member, Mark Norris. Sails on 36' *Split Decision* and Cruises on 26' *Sound Decision* out of Belmont.



Sean Perry — Technical Sales Engineer at Lincoln Electric. Sailed at Purdue and now resides in Chicago and is following his passion for sailing and the love of the water.



Lisa Trimmer — Owner of Feeding Family, speech and feeding therapy. Resides in Chicago with her husband, Tom, who has sailed 5 MAC races. They own a 28' Sail Boat, *Imjatse* in Monroe Harbor.



Alex Vostrikov — Grad Student at University of Chicago. He and his wife, Olga reside in the city and are looking forward to learning to sail and meet new people in Chicago.



Paul Weichselbaum — (Legacy daughter of Suzanne Weichselbaum). Currently a student at Haverford College in PA. Has experience sailing the 420's and will be getting certified on the sonars to start racing. Grandfather, Will Martin is a member of the Old Guard and his mother has been a member for over 25 years.



Jacqueline Wilhelm — Legacy — Daughter of Alan and Lisa Haag. Consultant at FactSet Research Systems. Resides in Chicago and is looking to continue membership at the Club where she grew up. Has participated in CSF and Mac events in addition to Crew U and other CYC events.

Junior

Cuyler Fiesel — 15, New Trier HS.

Jacob Dannhausen — 15

Mark Davies — 15, Latin School of Chicago.

Audrey Jacobs — 16, New Trier HS

Ryan McCann — 15, Lake View HS.

Peter Bied — 17, Walter Payton College Prep.

Fabrice Philippe Ralph Guyot-Sionnest — 15, University of Chicago Lab.

Patrick Scherer — 16 — Student at New Trier HS. Has been sailing with NT and CYC for over 2 years. Good family friend of the Curtiss family.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

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David Froberg

Thaddeus Hajduk

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Francis Houlihan

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Homer Livingston Jr.

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Happy Birthday to the following members and spouses!

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