

SEPTEMBER 2020

**Zoom
General Meeting
& Election
September 22
7pm**

THE WATER'S HIGH BUT WE'RE HOLDING ON

The high-water level of Lake Michigan has impacted sailing in various ways the past year or two. Most of us have a basic understanding of the situation but there really is much involved. Our Fleet can't meet in person, but you can learn about this important topic at our next Zoom meeting on September 22. Deanna Apps, Physical Scientist, USACE - Detroit District will explain what has led to the high-water levels that are setting records this summer. Then she will discuss what the forecast/prediction is for the future of Lake

Michigan water levels and what the US Army Corp of Engineers expect to happen over the winter and into the 2021 sailing season.

Deanna Apps has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Detroit District for 4 years and is the lead forecaster for Great Lakes water levels. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from Oswego State University and went on to complete her Master's degree in Geography from Michigan State University. She grew up in Upstate New York and was a frequent visitor to Lake Ontario before moving to Michigan, where she was able to travel to the rest of the Great Lakes.

The Zoom meeting begins at 7pm. Look for a link to the meeting in your email a few days before. Not only will you hear this timely presentation, but it's a chance to see your fellow Fleet members. If you can sail, you can navigate a Zoom meeting! **Your attendance is especially important for this meeting.** Per our bylaws, this meeting will also be the election of Fleet officers for 2021 and we must have a quorum (16) for the election to take place. The Nominating Committee has proposed that the current officers serve for another year so they have the opportunity to implement what was originally on the agenda for this year.

In nomination for 2021 Fleet officers are:

Commodore: Branson Stone

Vice Commodore: Harold Hansen

Secretary: Laura Pohl

Treasurer: Pete Pohl

Beverages are BYOB! Join us!!!!

WINE WINNERS!



Members who joined us for our Tuesday, August 25 Zoom meeting were automatically eligible for our Fleet 21 "instant wine" random drawing. Dave and Carolyn DeAre won a 2018 Silverado Miller's Ranch Sauvignon Blanc. Fred and Shirley Collins won a 2018 Meiomi Pinot Noir.

We're doing it again at our Tuesday, September 22nd meeting. We'll have a drawing for two winners, wine to be determined. Zoom in to win.

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Branson Stone		219-201-5583
VICE COMMODORE		
Harold Hansen		773-480-7412
TREASURER		
Pete Pohl		630-319-3207
SECRETARY		
Laura Pohl		630-682-3204
PAST COMMODORE		
James Caldwell		312-391-7777
HARBOR CAPTAINS		
Belmont	Harold Hansen	773-480-7412
Burnham	open	
DuSable	open	
Hammond	Pat Reynolds	773-779-4949
Jackson Park	Wanda Robertson	773-538-7531
Kenosha	Deborah Ruxton	630-279-4533
Michigan City	Ted Kuenzli	708-539-9955
Monroe	open	
Montrose	Fred Swastek	773-578-6852
31 st Street	open	
Waukegan	Stuart Gordon	847-830-1033
DIRECTORY		
Bill Thompson		630-373-3594
MEMBERSHIP		
Pat Shereyk		708-645-1957
OUTINGS		
Dave DeAre		630-469-6117
PROGRAMS		
April Hansen		319-321-9751
RACING		
Bob Garrett		773-988-5501
RIGGING & EQUIPMENT		
Leo Beer		708-204-6771
Jeff Danhauer		270-570-0385
MEMBER AT LARGE		
Jack Bretall		708-974-4932
PUBLICITY		
Fleet Sheet	Carolyn DeAre	630-469-6117
Main Sheet	Fred Collins	219-762-4107
MARINER'S FUND		
Ted Kuenzli		773-517-1576
WEB SITE		
Bob Kuba		773-327-9331
CYA REPRESENTATIVE		
Lori Lauraitis		708-448-1382
BANQUET		
Madalyn Duerr		708-429-0005

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



It is already September. Sadly we have not been able to hold even a single Fleet 21 outing this year. With current restrictions and common sense, we are not planning to hold any outings for the remainder of this year. We have held two Fleet Zoom meetings, each of which was well attended. If you missed them, you missed an opportunity to see and catch up with your fellow Fleet members. I want to thank Steve Wash, who at the last meeting showed us several sailing and weather apps we could put on our smart phones to make sailing more fun and safer. A list of those apps is reprinted in this Fleet Sheet under Rigging and Equipment.

We are holding another Fleet 21 Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7 pm. You will be receiving a formal invitation with information on how to log on the week of September 14th. If you have not done a Zoom meeting yet, I assure you logging on is simple and easy. Just click on the invitation you will be receiving and follow the simple on screen instructions. During that meeting we will hold election of officers for the 2021 year. We **MUST** have a quorum of the general membership for the election. **PLEASE** – be sure to log in for this important meeting. We will also have a brief presentation on current and projected lake levels.

Like many of you, I have already received my winter storage contract, and I have even set a haul out date. Sad to see this sailing season come to end. However, I am looking forward to an end of 2020, and bright new 2021. Hopefully, we can put Covid-19 behind us and next season have all of our normal programs, outings, dine out, and sail with friends and family.

I hope everyone stays well and safe.

Branson Stone
Commodore

MEMBERSHIP

Please add the following late renewals to your 2020 Fleet Directory:

Rick & Debbie Bowald

17400 Capistrano Lane
Orland Park, IL 60467
d.bowald@hotmail.com
Home phone (708)364-7114
Skipper-Cell (708)737-8077
Mate –Cell (708) 951-6720
Boat name: **Bullet**
Michigan City
Mooring: 856
Size: 36

Mary Beth & Chuck Cybul

281 Olmstead Road
Riverside, IL 60546
mbcybul@gmail.com
Home: (708)606-8122
Skipper-Cell (708)606-8122
Mate-Cell (708)606-6122
Boat name: **Halycon**
Burnham
Mooring: EI-14
Sail: 5283
Size: 30

Since we have not been able to offer programs nor outings this summer, the board has decided that your 2020 membership will extend through 2021. If you're a member now, you'll be a member next year too! We will still send a renewal form in January so that we have your updated information. If you receive the Main Sheet through us, you will still have to pay for that.

MARINER'S FUND

At the request of the Mariner's Fund chairperson, the board approved a donation of \$300 to the Purdue Foundation for the improvement of the weather buoy near Michigan City, IN. This is part of the Indiana/Illinois Sea Grant program to support the buoys on Lake Michigan. This buoy was damaged and has not been in service since last month sometime. Safety is the prime reason for this buoy being in the lake and is used by many boaters along the southern shores of Lake Michigan.

BUY/SELL/TRADE

Fleet members may list items they want to buy, sell, or trade in this column. Listings are free and run for 3 issues of the newsletter. Send submissions to the Fleet Sheet editor at deare30@sbcglobal.net

FOR SALE: Spacious 1987 Catalina 30 Tall Rig ("ALLEGRO") with roller furling 120 Jib and 150 Genoa, Main sail has 3 reef points, full battens, Dutchman Reefing System and jiffy reefing from the cockpit. Telescoping spinnaker pole. Fin keel with reversing/auto-feathering MAX propeller. Navy blue dodger and cockpit awning with side curtain.
Approx. 426 hrs. on Universal M25XP, 25hp, 3-cylinder diesel engine. In very good condition and sails well. (Asking: \$21,500.00)

Call Roger Suhar for more information and extensive equipment list and other items included with boat.
(H) 630 / 961-1371 (C) 630-624-2628 or
rtsuhar@att.net

RACING

Bob Garrett, Racing Chairman

On 8/22, 3 Catalinas raced in the 2020 Leukemia Cup Catalina division. The course was a triangle around the 4 mile Crib, then a mark halfway toward Dever Crib, then finishing 1/2 mile from Monroe Harbor. Bob Garrett's *INTENTION* finished 1st, Mike Jeongco's *JUNIOR* 2nd, Pat Reynolds *KARIZMADDIE* 3rd. All boats finished less than 1 minute apart. Great race in ideal conditions!

HARBOR NEWS

There was a fire in the New Buffalo Municipal Marina building and they have closed the marina for the remainder of the season.

At the regatta, the blue sailboat hit the red one... They were marooned!

*How do you rejuvenate an old boat?
Boat-tox.*

RIGGING & EQUIPMENT

Useful Sailing Apps by Steve Wash

! Remember Apps that use the GPS or phones that are far from cell towers use a lot of power. Be sure to have a phone charger on board.

Safety and Security



BoatUS – Weather & Tides Weather, Buoys and Services at your location. You can also request a tow when needed. [FREE (Membership may be required to request a tow)]

United States Coast Guard – Boating rules of the road, safety equipment review, NOAA Buoys, State boating rules, float plan. [FREE]

Weather and Sailing Conditions



Weather RADAR – Nice App that has forecasts, animated wind display, RADAR with lightning activity. [FREE]



SailFlow A great App that shows current conditions and wind forecasts at buoys and airports. [FREE]

On the Web: www.iiseagrant.org – Realtime wind, temperature and wave height

Navigation



Boating HD Marine & Lake – Marine charts with detailed information about buoys, marinas, tides and hazards. Updated daily. Great for trip planning and tracking. Will download maps into your phone so web access is not required for use. [\$14.95 (and worth it!)]

Vessel Tracking

MMSI: (Maritime Mobile Service Identities) ID assigned to vessels to identify them using the AIS system. Recreational boaters can obtain one from BoatUS. This same number can be programmed into some VHF radios. It will send that ID out when you transmit (along with latitude and longitude, if the radio has GPS capability). This feature in VHF radios is their DSC (Digital Signal Calling) feature.



Marine Traffic ship positions – Uses AIS data broadcast by vessels to track position, speed and destination. Also has pictures and stats about the vessel. You can see vessels worldwide with this app. Recreational boaters can have an AIS-B transmitter installed. [FREE]



Boat Beacon – AIS Navigation - This app will give you a web based AIS presence. You can monitor other vessels and it will report your location. You must have connection to the web (cellular data) for this app to work. [\$14.99]

Cruising



Anchor Lite – This App monitors how well your anchor is holding. You establish a safe zone around your anchoring point. If your boat goes outside that zone an alarm sounds. [FREE]

Final thought ... There are hundreds of Apps for boaters. I did look for some Cruising Guide Apps. I found some but couldn't really evaluate them thoroughly.

Nautical Word Search

Nautical

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POWERBOAT
LIGHTHOUSE
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MOTOR
MAST
SAILBOAT
REEFING
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CAPTAIN
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BOW
YAWL
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