

OCTOBER 2020

**Zoom
General Meeting
&
Presentation on
Sail Care
October 20
7pm**

SAILS MEETING

The Time Has Come!

The time has come to move sailboats to the hard for the winter. We tend to pay attention to those items that will freeze when the temperatures fall, or things that need winterizing like the engine or AC system. But an important part of a sailboat-the sails-deserve TLC, too!

Todd Basch, sales and service coordinator at Quantum Sails of Chicago, will be our Zoom program on Oct. 20th with the general meeting starting at 7:00. A Zoom link will be sent out as we get closer. Todd will talk about the importance and techniques for sail care over the winter. He will discuss storage, inspecting, repair, storage environments, as well as other important considerations for keeping your sails in top shape over the winter.

Remember, our sails are the power that drive our sailboats, so you want them in good condition when your boat returns to the water in 2021. We hope it will be a longer, better season, and one filled with great sailing days next summer. Join this final Fleet program for the year, learn about sail care, and connect with friends.

Everyone who logs into the Zoom meeting will be eligible to win our random drawing for a bottle of wine. One red and one white will be awarded (and delivered) ! Our winners in September were Pete and Laura Pohl and Pat Shereyk.

Join us for the program. You'll not only learn something you'll see the Fleet friends you've been missing all summer.

This is the final issue of the Fleet Sheet for 2020. You're next issue will arrive in January or February 2021. We'll keep you informed of Fleet news by email, our web page at www.catfleet21.org and on our Facebook page.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



This year, 2020, has been one of disappointment after disappointment. Covid-19 has changed every aspect of our lives. Due to safety restrictions Fleet 21 has not been able to hold a single event all year. There was no margarita party, no shrimp boil, no summer solstice sail, no lobster fest, and there will be no banquet next month. Also no sailing to other harbors to visit friends. The only way the Fleet could safely participate this year was via Zoom meetings. We had to learn how to use and hold Zoom board meetings and Zoom general meetings.

Since this year was a complete non-event, all four Flag Officers offered to serve and were reelected to another year at the September General Meeting. We are hoping that Covid-19 will be eliminated, or at least be reduced in the coming months to the point where we can reopen the country, and with that Fleet 21 events. Since there were no events this year the board approved that all dues paid for 2020 will be deemed payable for both 2020 and 2021. Note, for those of you who purchase the Mainsheet though the Fleet, you will need to pay the \$10 for the 2021 subscription. When things can safely reopen we can begin to reestablish all of our standard events and programs. We also will continue to look for ways to expand with new events and programs.

We still have one more Zoom General Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 7 pm. There will be a brief presentation by Quantum Sails on sail care and cleaning. Following that we will have a short meeting, then open up things up for general discussions, as we have the pass few meetings. We will again have two drawings, one for a bottle of red wine, and one for a white wine. Everyone logged onto the meeting will be automatically entered into the wine drawing. A formal Zoom invite will be emailed to you about a week prior to the meeting. For those who have participated in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. For those who have not yet attended one of our Zoom meetings, we hope you will give it a try. Please join us.

I hope each and every one of you, your family and friends are safe and wish you happiness and joy during the upcoming holidays.

Branson Stone
Commodore

MEMBERSHIP

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.**

BUY/SELL/TRADE

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.

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HARBOR NEWS

Sail Place Update

Recently Tim Fulbright retired from Sail Place, our Catalina dealer located in Kenosha. Bill Strzelewicz has joined Sail Place as Operations Manager, Kenosha. Bill has many years of boating experience, most recently at Larsen Marine.

Bill will be handling the technical aspects of new and used yachts and will also be participating in the sale of new Catalina and Beneteau as well as Brokerage yachts. Bill has been working as a rigger, and new boat delivery coordinator for the past 15 years and has a US Coast Guard License, 100 Ton Master Mariner.

Bill's sailboat, *Surprise*, is a 35 foot racing sloop. He and his friends spend the summer racing and cruising *Surprise* on Lake Michigan, including the Chicago Mackinaw race.

Bill can be contacted at: 262-948-9662 or bill@sailplace.com



Virtual Fundraiser

Featuring Chicago's Very Own Around-the-World Sailor
Captain Bill Pinkney



and Renowned Maritime Folk Musician

**Lee Murdock and
Tom Kastle**

Thursday, October 22

Schedule of Events:

6:30: Maritime Groups Virtual Pre-Event Party

7:00 CMM Festival Program:

Keynote speaker Captain Bill Pinkney

Lively Paddle Raise

7:30: CMM Festival Concert

Registration is free and easy. Please register before October 15.

- **CMM Festival** will feature: Chicago-born Captain Bill Pinkney, the fifth American to sail around the world passing through all five great capes and the world's first black man to sail the great capes route via Cape Horn, considered the most dangerous.
- The evening's professional auctioneer will interact in real-time with the festival attendees and provide the opportunity to show support for the museum, its programs, and exhibits.
- A lively after-party music festival will open with a concert by maritime folk musician, storyteller and historian Lee Murdock and Tom Kastle