

## **CYA**

### **Reported by Jim Graham**

Meeting at the Museum Shores Yacht Club July 29th, the Chicago Yachting Association's most important news came from Scott Stevenson of Westrec, the Chicago harbor management company. Most of the following comes from Scott:

Chicago has more boats in its harbor system than at any time in the last 10 years, accompanied by more boating activity and not a few challenges. This means:

- \* More new and inexperienced boaters who can use guidance from more seasoned mariners.
- \* Fuel docks are busier
- \* Higher fuel revenues compared to last year, although he said Westrec mitigated fuel cost increases by reducing their profit margins

The Sail GP event in Chicago was one of the most successful events that organization has had. They have committed to return next year but no date has been set as they coordinate with Soldier Field to avoid concert dates. Father's Day Weekend June 17-18, 2023, is a possible date. If you want to see video of Chicago's event check it out on the Sail GP YouTube channel, episodes 2-3.

Illegal charters remain a problem, and there have been reports of unsafe boating among customers of charter boats in general. To limit their number, Chicago harbors have placed a moratorium on new charter licenses

The annual Scene Boat Party in the "playpen" was Saturday, Aug. 6 from noon to six. Organizers claim "500-1000 boats tie up with over 10,000 attendees."

The Chicago Air and Water Show is Friday (rehearsal day) to Sunday, Aug. 19-21.

Chicago Triathlon is Aug. 27-28 affecting DuSable, Burnham and Monroe Harbors. The swim portion is in Monroe Harbor.

## **OUTINGS**



A good time was had by all at the Kenosha Outing on August 6. 25 members, friends, and potential members attended with food, margaritas, and good stories enjoyed by everyone. Cathy Bredlau and her crew sailed all night from Monroe to arrive early Saturday morning while Jerry and Irene Gagerman along with their grandson Micha sailed over from Waukegan on Friday. The Friday group enjoyed a few laughs at the Union Park Tavern Friday night fish fry and 14 enjoyed the Irish fare at Ashley on the Lough after appetizers (and dessert) at the party room.

## **BANQUET**



Looking for donations for our Door Prize raffle being held during our annual banquet on September 24th. Gift baskets or any other gift items are welcome. And they don't have to be nautical, just new and suitable for a raffle. Questions? Contact Madalyn Duerr at [madalynuerr@hotmail.com](mailto:madalynuerr@hotmail.com) or 708/305-3342 to donate. Thanks!

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