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December

- 1 JINGLE BELL ROCK
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
BUILDING
- 4 BAR & GRILL MEETING
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MEETING
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- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
CLUB CLOSED
- 26 CLUB OPENS AT
3:00 P.M.
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

January

1- 25

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, BUT THE "WEEKEND WARRIORS" OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL BE IN FULL FORCE ALL MONTH LONG. WATCH THE WEEKLY UPDATE OR EMAIL HOUSE@COLYC.ORG TO FIND OUT MORE AND BE A PART OF WHAT KEEPS THE *ABBY* BEAUTIFUL AND MAKES OUR CLUB ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE ON THE WATER.

24 STRICTLY SAIL OPENS
AT NAVY PIER

26 OPENING NIGHT PARTY



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cordially invites you and your guests to an

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Sunday, December 2, 2012

2 pm until 5 pm
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President Jerry Thomas

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From our Commodore



MATT HOWARD

“...suffice it to say [the new tent] will provide a much better venue for any event the Club holds...”

Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on some of the things that have been going on around the Club in the last few months. I think we have made some good strides in keeping Columbia moving forward in a positive direction.

First I'm pleased to inform you that we have a new executive chef. Calvin Roberson started with us in early October and has been working with his staff to roll out a new menu of delicious items, while still retaining some of the classic Columbia fare we all love. Along with creating new food selections, Calvin brings business experience to keep costs down, so he can deliver great values as well as great meals. Welcome aboard, Calvin.

I also would like to give a big “thank you” to our executive sous chef Alberto Garcia and all the staff who worked so hard in the absence of an executive chef to maintain the high standards we have been accustomed to in the dining room and at our Club functions.

There have been some small but effective measures to increase our security on the Ship and in the parking lot. You may have noticed the new signage at the entrance, which has been helpful in deterring non-members from wandering into the ship. There also are new protocols in place for how staff let people in. Additionally, a new call box will be installed in the near future, which will be more efficient than the current system. We are also being very aggressive in enforcing the parking rules and I believe it has been effective in making more spaces available to members who have the right to be there.

Another area we have been working on is corporate compliance and risk management. Simply put, we are making sure all our licensing, leases, permits and rules in regard to our corporate status are up to date. In fact, the Park District audited the Club this year and we came through with flying colors.

The most visible improvement the membership will see in coming months will be a new tent on the aft deck. This new tent will be a quantum leap in quality from the current and past tents we have had. I could write a whole article about the technical improvements over the old tent, but suffice to say it will provide a much better venue for any event the Club holds and will extend our ability to have events for 200 plus people for three or four more months of the year on the aft deck.

Finally, I thank all the committee volunteers, board members, management and staff who keep our Club moving forward on a daily basis. These folks are the heart and soul of our Club and make it the great institution it is.

Matt Howard
Commodore

Area III Racing Results Announced at Boater's Bash

2012 COLUMBIA OFFSHORE WINNERS

T-10

- 1 – *Winnebago* Tim Rathbun
- 2 – *Wombat* Art Strilky

PHRF 1 AND 2

- 1 – *Eagles Wings* John Gotwald
- 2 – *Night Hawk* Steve Dembrowski & Tom Edman

PHRF 4 AND 5

- 1 – *Kutty's Ark* Joe McGinnis and George Morrissey
- 2 – *Truant* Walter and Holly Kawala

J-109

- 1 – *Full Tilt* Pete Priede

CHESTER KUTTNER AWARD

- Kutty's Ark* Joe McGinnis and George Morrissey

The summer of 2012 brought us record heat, some great wind, good racing and some fun parties. It's all over now, the results are in, and all that's left to do is congratulate the winners and start planning for next year.

On a chillier-than-normal Saturday night in late October, Columbia Yacht Club once again hosted the Boater's Bash. This annual event brings racers from several area clubs to celebrate under the Columbia tent, where each participating Club awards prizes for the races they run. This year the event included awards not just for Offshore racing, but also Beer Can Racing.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all the captains and crew who keep our racing circles going. We'll see you on the water next summer!

2013 AREA III TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

With the ink barely dry on the books for racing 2012, Area III representatives have already started to discuss the 2013 race schedule. The preliminary dates for Columbia races in 2013 are as follows:

Chicago-Michigan City-Chicago	Friday, June 28
Mayor Daley	Saturday, July 27
Fran Byrne	Saturday, August 3
Chester Kuttner	Sunday, August 4
Leukemia Cup	Saturday, August 24
Chicago to St. Joe	Friday, August 30

One note to remember when you're signing up for races: the web site charges a fee for each Columbia boat entering a Columbia race. So, if you do not intend to race that Columbia series, please do not enter your boat on the Draper web site. 



TRI-STATE WINNERS WITH THEIR BRAG FLAGS



BY OLOF ANDERSSON
AND MORGAN KINNEY

Columbia Keeps a Watch on the Line at the St. Joe Finish

The Race Committee's story of manning the finish for the first leg of the Tri-State is traditionally one of waiting. This year was no different. Suzanne Smith, Liz Real and Olof Andersson sat and finished all 117 boats along with members from the St. Joseph River Yacht Club.

We cast off from the St. Joe River Yacht Club at 11:30 P.M. onboard *Tinaca*, a 45-foot Morgan racer from the '80s, that would serve as our platform for the night—and it was quite comfortable, as a matter of fact. Vince and Deb (the owners), John (the SJRYC Commodore's husband) and Gordie (crew at large), completed our crew.

Winds were nonexistent as we left and anchored for the night a half mile outside the St. Joseph River mouth. And there we sat, waiting in the 3-4 footers that rolled in from the Northwest. These swells unfortunately meant you had to hold fast so as not to fall overboard or slide across the deck. Nobody was sick and we ate well from Vince and Deb's snacks, all the while rocking back and forth. Good abdomen exercise.

Around 12:30 a.m., the first navigation lights showed up on the horizon. *Defiance* took line honors, as expected, with *Ocean*, the 78-footer, 30 seconds behind. And then we sat. For an hour. And then *Imedi* showed up. Finally, another hour later, the bulk of the fleet was upon us.

A steady flow of finishers kept us busy until 6:00 a.m., when only the occasional straggler was left. Between 6:00 and 9:00 we finished a total of five boats. And, as we could no longer see any boats on the horizon, it was time to pull the plug and head back to SJRYC for a well-earned Bloody Mary (or four).

A volleyball tournament at Tiscornia Beach was set up by our very own Paula Bersie for the racers' entertainment that afternoon. Organized and not-so-organized teams came down to bump, set, and spike for a few bottles of Mount Gay Rum. A bulk of the games were over before a downpour came in and rushed people back to the Club for college football and drinks. Then it was time to party the night away with "PS Dump Your Boyfriend." If we have to see an end to the racing season in Chicago, it's nice to close it out with a race like the Tri-State. And Columbia is proud to be a part of this tradition. 



Beer Can 2012: A Little Bit of Everything

This summer we had excellent racing, new courses and plenty of wind. The series consists of 14 Wednesday night races starting in late May and going through mid-September. We had more than 130 boats registered from Columbia, Chicago, MORF and Burnham Park yacht clubs.

In response to racers' comments, we changed the start and finish line back to SA7 in the middle of the course; the response was overwhelmingly positive. Another change we made was switching to the Yacht Scoring system, which was a great improvement over the computer we had been using.

The new course we used was 5.37 nautical miles and had a little bit of everything...upwind, downwind and reaching. We only had to shorten the course a few times due to light winds. This longer course allowed us to have at least an hour (or so) of time spent racing each week. This addressed an issue from the 2011 racing season, when racers complained that starting at Mark 8 led to too little time on the race course.

Beer Can awards were handed out on October 27, along with the offshore awards at the Boater's Bash, hosted by Columbia Yacht Club. Congratulations to the winners in each section (See page 6 for a list of Columbia's top finishers)!

We added a new section this summer called "Newbies," designed for people who wanted to ease into the Beer Can racing program and see what it was all about. Several boats that had not been involved with racing signed up. Michael Kane and his crew had *D'Artagnan* out for almost every race. If there is additional interest from other boats, the plan is to keep this section for the 2013 season.

In what may be a first for Columbia racing, we didn't have many issues with the marks this year. Thanks go to Kurt Thomsen and the dock guys, who helped out with dropping them in and picking them up, so we didn't lose any to late storms. And this year Larry Kwiat experimented with strobe lights on three of the marks: there is a four-second strobe on Marks 1, 5 and SA7. The light on SA7 helped especially as the light grew dimmer late in the summer and boats finished in the dark.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with Beer Can racing this summer. A special thanks goes to Joe Sunshine and Liz Real for running the Committee Boat while I was out racing! Thanks to the boat owners who volunteered their boats and crew to serve as Committee Boats each week. And, finally, thanks to Morgan for helping out with the scoring. We've definitely had another great summer of beer can racing! 





1 CHUCK SHERFY 2 JOHN THOMAS & JOHN HORTON
 3 BRIAN TOBIN 4 JERRY RING 5 ERICA 6 SILVER SURFER
 7 KIRSTIN HARTMAN & BILL BARTZ 8 LYNN & DAN ARNTZEN
 9 JESSICA MARCUS 10 WINNEBAGO
 11 JANET HOLDEN, TOM BARNES & THE WHISPER CREW
 12 MIKE HETTEL 13 GEORGE GELIOUS, LARRY KWIAT,
 TOM PAPOUTSIS & STEVE CURTIS

The Power Fleet Bids Farewell to Summer 2012

BY WILLIAM GRANT
POWER FLEET CHAIR
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As we come to the end of another boating season at Columbia, the Power Fleet committee hopes everyone had a safe and fun summer. To mark the end of another great year, the Power Fleet hosted an End of the Season cocktail reception in September. Power boaters and sailors alike supported the event, and it provided us all a well-deserved chance to rehash the crazy weather and great times of the past few months.

We were thrilled welcome many new faces who are interested in learning more about the Power Fleet. Next year, the Power Fleet looks forward to having a few more events during the boating season. If any

members have ideas or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you—any input or feedback is appreciated.

The Power Fleet is enthusiastically preparing for the upcoming Boat & RV show as well as Strictly Sail, and hope we'll have many members to be "Columbia Ambassadors" with us. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Besides giving back to Columbia, it's a great opportunity to chase away those winter blues and meet new people! The Power Fleet Committee wishes everyone a pleasant off-season, where we hope to still see a lot of you on the *Abby*. 🚩



POWER FLEET CHAIR BILL GRANT (CENTER) WITH NEW MEMBERS CINDI AND CRAIG CAUDLE ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT ON THE LAKE AT THE END-OF-YEAR COCKTAIL PARTY.

World Airlines Fly to Columbia for Sailing Championships

Many airlines have employee-based sailing clubs that travel annually for their international regatta. This September, Susan Tonon brought 10 teams from airlines around the world to Columbia for a dose of Chicago racing with the World Airline Sailing Championship.

DAY 1—A day on the ‘mill pond’

With winds consistently over 20 knots and gusts approaching 30, the Windy City showed her true colors on the first day of racing. Small Craft Warnings were up with Full Gale Warnings displayed on the near shore waters from Winthrop Harbor to Burns Harbor. As teams tried to learn the 420s, there were times when a third of the fleet was upside down. The only race of the day ended in mayhem as boats crash gybed, death rolled, and crews fell overboard. The RC wisely decided postponed sailing to the following day.

DAY 2—Now this is more like it

More racing in varied conditions brought out the best in all 10 teams. The morning fleets saw light conditions of 6-8 knots in shifting winds, as the lake breeze fought to establish itself but never overcame the increasing south-westerlies. Afternoon sailors were treated to great planing conditions in the puffs. The A and B fleets were first off the dock making up for lost time on Day 1. Team Finnair sailed to a 30-point lead, and seemed to be in their established “fast championship form.”

DAY 3—The results are in

Teams turned up the heat for the final day of sailing to make the final cut for the gold, silver and bronze. The conditions were light and drizzly, but everyone was anxious to have a fast start. Their speed was a bit pre-emptive, though, as everyone was over early and there was a General Recall. Team Finnair focused on posting three straight bullets followed by three straight second finishes, cementing their first place.

“Sixteen races over two days is a lot for us,” said Susan Tonon, regatta organizer and member of Team United Airlines. “Same plan - day by day, nothing special, just one day at a time,” was her MO. And even if home-town Team United Airlines didn’t win the day, Columbia Yacht Club definitely showed everyone a that we’re a top-finisher when it comes to parties and fun! 

Dave Perry

A renowned sailor gives one of his famous “chalk talks” at Columbia

Dave Perry is the international go-to man when it comes to tactics, strategy, coaching and general consulting. Between advising the *Artemis* America’s Cup program, coaching several of our Olympic sailors and skippering his own match racing team, he found time to come visit us on a cool, rainy night in October.

After a brief meet and greet filled with race chatter, appetizers and glasses filled with 312 (thanks to Goose Island and Weather Mark Tavern), Dave began his talk by gauging the attendees. A large percentage of those who showed were regular crew and skippers from 30-35 footers. Several of the T-10 owners were in attendance as well.

Dave is well known for his entertaining chalk talks and creative terms of phrase. When it came to racing tactics, he literally had people out of their chairs and inspired comical quips between skippers and crew. Between laughs, there was a strong emphasis on starting tactics and strategy at the windward mark. The overall message was preparation and communication.

After speaking for three hours, Dave opened the floor to a question and answer session where no topic was off limits. He didn’t care how long he had to talk; Dave wanted to ensure no question was left unanswered.

“If you didn’t learn something tonight, then you have no business being out on a race course,” noted Vice Commodore Joe McGinnis. 

A Summer of Fun for the Cruising Fleet

Busy, busy, busy—boy has the summer flown by!

After the Cruising Fleet's Labor Day and Summer Solstice cruises, we were in full swing enjoying the mild summer weather. With June and July behind us, everyone got together in August for one of our more popular local events, the Progressive Dinner. This festive evening brings members to DuSable harbor, where we all spend the evening going from boat to boat. Each 'course' is hosted by a Cruising Fleet member, while everyone else brings something to contribute. It was a perfect evening with loaded docks, lots of laughter, and incredible food.

This year the Cruising Fleet attempted to bring the Turtle Race out of retirement. The Turtle Race was created years ago as a no-rules, no-handicap race around the CRIB. However, our first attempt was canceled due to lack of

entrants. But with renewed interest, we made a second attempt; this was canceled due to bad weather. To paraphrase what they say on the north side, "We'll try again next year."

One of our biggest events occurs over the Labor Day weekend, when we all board our boats and head to a harbor somewhere on Lake Michigan for the long weekend. This year we headed up to Northpoint Marina at Winthrop Harbor. And, for whatever reason, almost everyone decided to make it an extra-long weekend, leaving Friday morning instead of the usual Saturday departure. As members arrived at Northpoint we gathered on the docks and helped others tie up. Then about 20 of us headed out to Mangia, a trattoria by Tony Mantuano of Spiaggia fame, for an outstanding dinner.

On Saturday the weather kicked up the lake and few boats were

seen out, so most people lazed around and relaxed. Of course a few other brave souls went in search of shops. Late that afternoon the Wheelers sailed up from Chicago and arrived—soaked but grinning from ear to ear. That evening saw us all at another dinner out and another day done.

On Sunday the weather improved greatly, with sun coming out and warm temps from Hurricane Isaac reaching up and just clipping the harbor. That evening the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club opened their facilities and allowed our fleet to have our BBQ and pot-luck dinner. Taking over the outside patio, about 40 of us enjoyed the evening as the sun went down.

The next day turned out to be quite nice as everyone loosed their lines headed back to Chicago in light air for an uneventful trip back to the city.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:



THE CRUISING LIFE

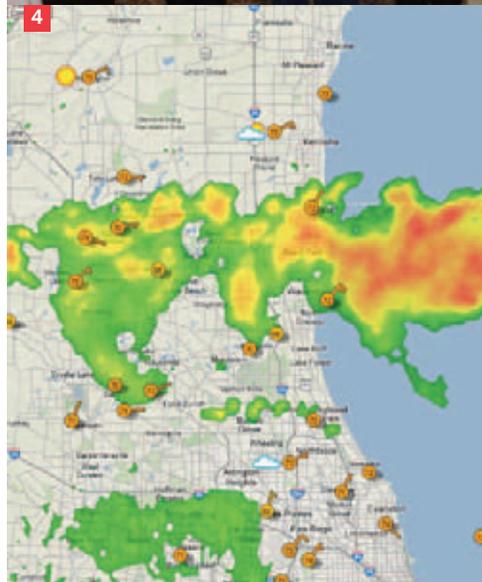
During the past year, the Cruising Fleet has presented several "Realities of Cruising" seminars, which attempt to look at the nuts and bolts of cruising as a lifestyle. In the fall of 2011, Bill and Judy Mintz, along with their three children, talked about their 18-month cruise. It began for them in Montrose Harbor, took them down the Caribbean Islands to Venezuela and back. In June of 2012, Stu Elliot and Sandy Tamilow discussed their 3-1/2 year circumnavigation aboard their Hylas 54 and in early October solo-sailor Webb Chiles spoke to us about his five circumnavigations on boats ranging from 18 to 37ft. He's currently in San Diego and, at 71, is preparing for his next trip. At the end of October, Club members Jim and Darleen Jackson talked to us about their past nine years

of cruising up and down the east coast from Maine to the Bahamas aboard their Island Packet 35. Each presenter brought very different and unique perspectives, but incredible value for members considering a cruising oriented-lifestyle. We hope to have more in the series after the first of the year.

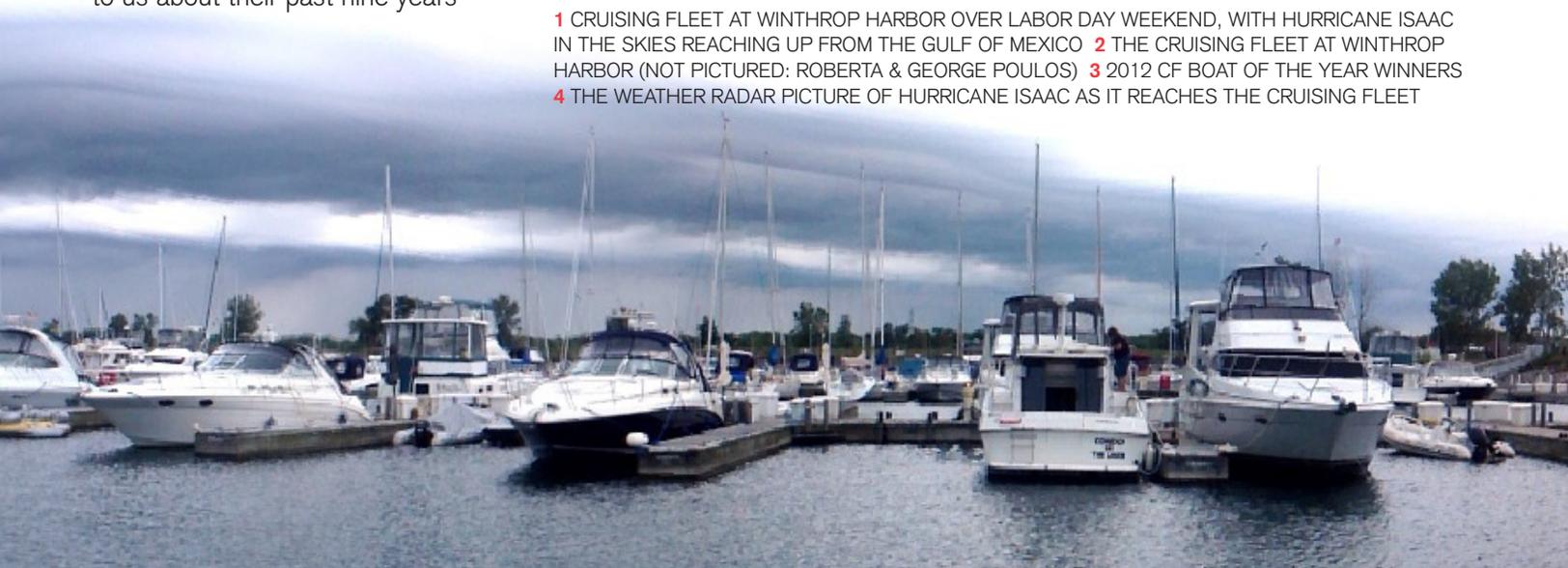
On November 2nd the Cruising Fleet held its Annual End-of-the-Year Party to celebrate another successful season and hand out awards to the top three Cruising Fleet Boats of the Year. Congratulations to this year's winners!

1st: Cindy & Steve Hopkins
2nd: Betty & Woody Hansmann
3rd: Janet & Lee Reighart

Keep your eyes out for the Cruising Fleet Calendar of events, visit our website at colyccf.ning.com 



1 CRUISING FLEET AT WINTHROP HARBOR OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND, WITH HURRICANE ISAAC IN THE SKIES REACHING UP FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO 2 THE CRUISING FLEET AT WINTHROP HARBOR (NOT PICTURED: ROBERTA & GEORGE POULOS) 3 2012 CF BOAT OF THE YEAR WINNERS 4 THE WEATHER RADAR PICTURE OF HURRICANE ISAAC AS IT REACHES THE CRUISING FLEET



• FEB 2: THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF • FEB 2-16: CRUISING FLEET WEEKS IN THE BVI'S

Sea Scout Ship *Challenge*

This year's Mac Race aboard SSTV *Nautilus* was fast, fun and full of great teamwork, with two of our Sea Scouts, 18 year-old Alex Zoiopoulos and 15 year-old Liam Gorzen invited to participate. Also aboard was the Assistant National Sea Scout Executive, Gary Butler, who is a cruising sailor from Irvine, TX. It was a memorable trip for these Mac 'virgins' and of course they endured and enjoyed their 'baptism' once we were tied up in the harbor. For the third year, a generous donation from COLYC members Russ Salzman, Neal Mehlman and their syndicate allow us to host motivated Sea Scouts, as well as help defray the costs of sailing a big boat in the Chicago area. And, once the boat is up at the island, it needs a way home.

The MAC return long cruise got hairy right from the beginning. A storm front raced across the straits from upper Michigan, bringing thunderstorms and winds to 50 knots. Wednesday was not the day to go for Charlevoix, but putting into Mackinaw City had its own

challenges. Record low water levels in both the old and new harbors forced us to send lines to the gas dock and winch off grounding. After fueling up, we were aground once again, and had to run a halyard to a cleat across the dock, lean the boat over and shove astern. It was good training, and with all hands, we departed at a dark and early 4:00 a.m., sailing 14 hours to Frankfort to make up for lost time.

Our sister ship, *Trippwire*, a fractional Tripp 47, was in a slip down the dock from us there. We met the owners, visited each other's boats, and compared rigs and amenities. It was a very fine fraternity. Friday's leg to Pentwater was a mixed bag of wind and calm, but we were rewarded with the Back from the Mac Party, a treat for the whole crew. Next morning we hauled across the lake to Racine, and on Sunday it was a short cruise home to Monroe Harbor. In total, five of our Sea Scouts made the trip, with another five adult leaders. Food, fun, friends and sailing made for a lovely cruise.

After a three-week stint of training and beer can racing, it was time for another long cruise, this time 135 nautical miles to Two Rivers, WI, for the third straight year. The early school start left us a bit short handed, but cabin camping at Point Beach State Park for three days was a snap. The Coast Guard Station at "T'ivers" hosted our vessel, and provided a flare demo. When winds shifted to the southeast, with gales predicted, we moved the boat down to Manitowoc, a chance to again visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. The run back to Chicago was a sleigh ride. Wind filled from NW and with full main and jib topper sheeted to the quarter and top choked down, we flew all afternoon and night, surfing at 10 and 11 knots, a record 18-hour run. Those night watch conditions demanded the autohelm; it worked flawlessly.

And since we were used to heavy conditions, it was no problem to deliver her to Crowley's in 20 to 25 gusting to 40, Dacron #3 battened jib solo. These kids have

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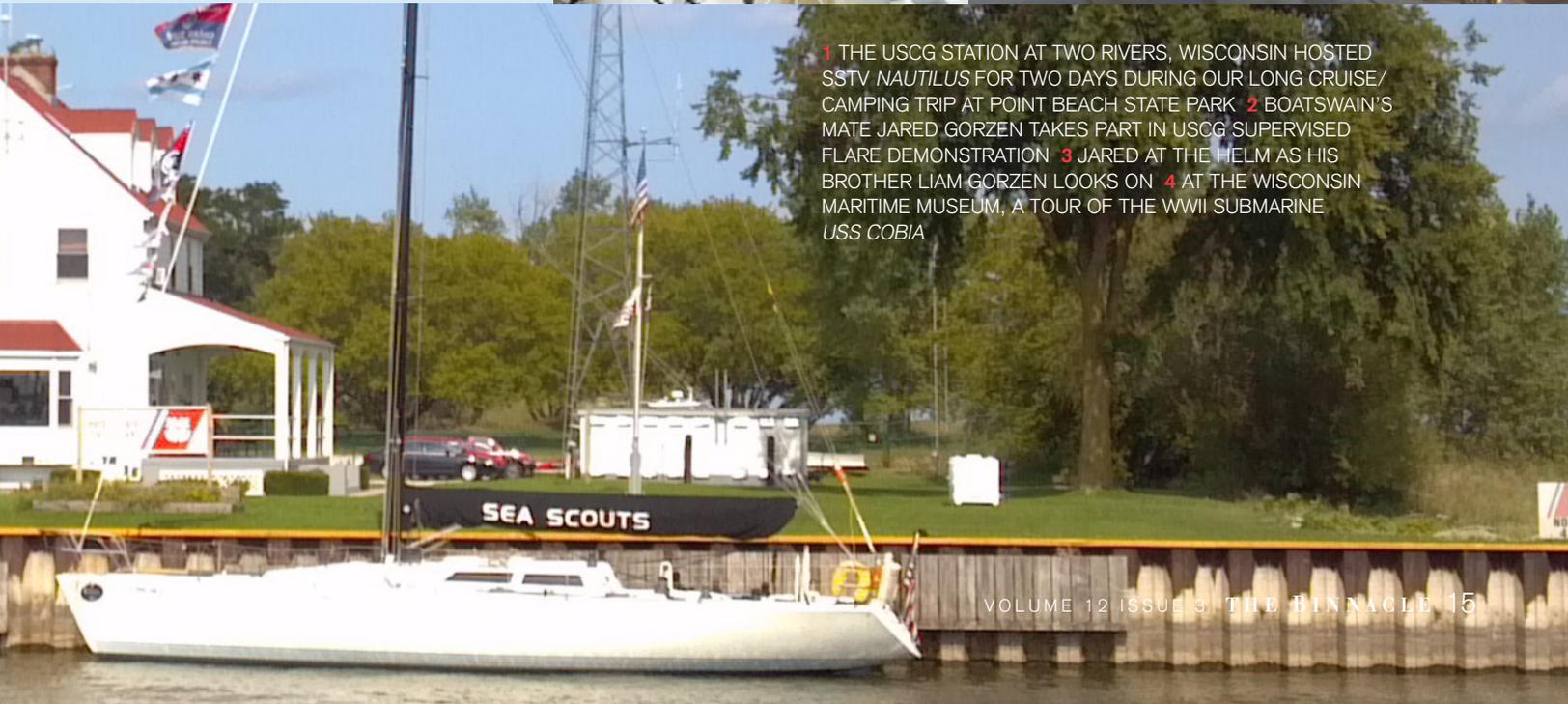


BY MARTY BERNSTEIN
SHIP #5111 SKIPPER

certainly earned their stripes this season, becoming well-rounded, knowledgeable, confident sailors. Bravo Zulu

The youth petty officers have just completed eight hours of Quarterdeck Training with games, teambuilding and reflection to give them the skills to run the Ship, and become leaders for life. And that hard work deserves a party – at the Park Monroe and a fantastic view of the lake. Our youngest, Keaton, and his parents hosted, and four new recruits got to know their shipmates over pizza and a movie.

As a final cap to his accomplishments, bringing further recognition to his Ship, our Boatswain Alex Zoiopoulos has been chosen as Sea Scout of the Year for 2012 by the Chicago Yachting Association. They will confer that honor on Alex in December. We are proud of this young man, as we are proud of all our Ship's members and leaders. We offer our continued gratitude and service, at the pleasure of the Flags, Board, staff and members of Columbia Yacht Club. 



1 THE USCG STATION AT TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN HOSTED SSTV NAUTILUS FOR TWO DAYS DURING OUR LONG CRUISE/ CAMPING TRIP AT POINT BEACH STATE PARK 2 BOATSWAIN'S MATE JARED GORZEN TAKES PART IN USCG SUPERVISED FLARE DEMONSTRATION 3 JARED AT THE HELM AS HIS BROTHER LIAM GORZEN LOOKS ON 4 AT THE WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM, A TOUR OF THE WWII SUBMARINE USS COBIA

Sailing School on the Go Throughout Fall

This fall we expanded our Optimist season and brought this team into the post-summer season. These are sailors as young as six years old who are practicing through November, and traveling to events with our older high school aged kids. A regular weekend for the sailing school this fall includes sending kids of all different ages and skill levels, from our Opti Team through College, in three different directions across the Midwest.

We finished our fall regattas this year by hosting the Shepherd Championship, November 10-11. This event brought in some of the top regional high school sailors to

our club for a busy weekend in the harbor. This is a great time to bring friends down to show them what sailing is all about since we sail right off our docks.

Our winter season looks to be a busy one, as we will be bringing the junior sailors down to Florida for Orange Bowl, 420 Midwinters, and Laser Midwinters. These are three different National and International events that take place December through February. We are even bringing some 7-year-old Opti sailors to Orange Bowl!

Recently we hosted the US Sailing Midwest Regional Symposium at Columbia Yacht Club.

This brought sailing professionals in from all over the Midwest for a round table discussion about issues schools and club face in the Midwest. US Sailing sent Karen Davidson, a long-time manager, to help lead the discussion that lasted a full Saturday. The exchange was lively, and it was wonderful for Columbia to host this discussion among peers.

We were fortunate enough to have the Rozalia Project join us to spend time with our sailors. The Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean has a mission to find and remove marine debris, from the surface to the sea floor, through action,

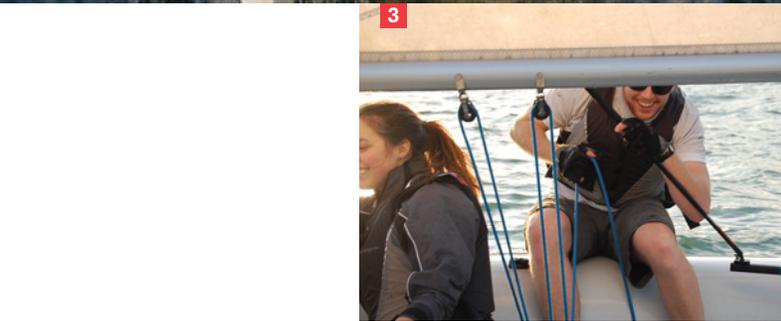


BY KURT THOMSEN
SAILING MASTER

technology, outreach and research. Rozalia Project is unique and action-based, taking trash out of the water, rather than just pointing at it. They operate nationwide from docks and shorelines, and throughout New England from the record-breaking circumnavigator, 60-foot Ted Hood, *American Promise*. They connect people of all ages to their underwater world and inspire them to be part of the solution by

using underwater robots (ROVs) and sonar as well as nets to locate and remove marine debris. You can only imagine how jazzed the junior Columbia sailors were to be able to actively participate in underwater trash-hunting with the ROV! This led to some cool discoveries under our docks, as well as some trash clean up. We hope to have them back next year, so please take a look at their website and learn how to help! <http://www.rozaliaproject.org/>

Finally, on October 13th we invited Dave Perry come to Columbia and speak to many of our racing sailors about tactics. He was hilarious and incredibly knowledgeable. We hope to have him back at some point in the upcoming year. You can read more about Dave's tactics session at Columbia on page 11. 



OUR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SAILORS IN A WEEKDAY PRACTICE SESSION 1 WADE & YUSEF OF WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREP 2 PARTICIPATING IN THE "DONUT DRILL" 3 SEAN TAKES A PEEK UNDER THE BOOM 4 DEPAUL'S SEAN & MALLORY 5 JEREMY & SABINA OF WALTER PAYTON

Leukemia Cup Regatta Hits Record High in Fundraising

Chicago area yachtsmen had cause for celebration on the last weekend in August, when the group came together and raised a record-breaking \$374,720 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This amazing fundraising effort moved the Illinois Leukemia Cup Regatta into second place nationally, beating out third place Savannah, Georgia, by \$15,000. San Francisco finished on top, raising \$850,000.

The 2012 Regatta saw more than 75 boats out on the race course in three divisions. "It proved to be one of those beautiful days we always wish for," said race chair Tom Barnes. "The large number of classes kept the rating bands tight for close racing and resulted in more winners – though everyone who entered the Regatta in support of LLS came out a winner."

After the race it was back to the dock for a pig roast, awards ceremony and dock party. 



2012 LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA FIRST PLACE FINISHERS

CLASSIC YACHTS – *Mystic* John Leach
CRUISING SPINNAKER – *Mise en Place* Paul Tompson

JIB AND MAIN DIVISION

JAM 1 – *Cookie Monster* Peter Goldman
JAM 2 – *Kutty's Ark* Joe McGinnis & George Morrissey
JAM 3 – *Tails Dragon* Boyd Jarrell
CATALINA 1 – *Lite House* Matt Mattern
CATALINA 2 – *Isis* Robert Moretti

RACING SPINNAKER DIVISION

PHRF 1 – *Imedi* Mark & Lily Hauf
PHRF 2 – *Measure for Measure* Brian Tobin
J/109 – *K III* Irv Kebel
BENE FIRST 36.7 – *Soulshine* Jarrett Altmin
TARTAN TEN – *Winnebago* Tim Rathbun

1 TEAM PERICO 2 THE POST-RACE DOCK PARTY 2 TEAM JAHAZI WINS THE WOODSIDE-WILHITE CUP 4 ALICE MARTIN'S PAINKILLER OUT ON THE RACE COURSE 5 THE MYSTIC CREW 6 MYER BLANK AT THE HELM ON BRISKET

**2012 LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA
TOP FUNDRAISING TEAMS**

- 1st** Jahazi Frank & Lori Giampoli \$41,972
- 2nd** Allegro Matt & Tracy Howard \$39,231
- 3rd** Samba Travis Wilhite & Honore Woodside \$30,679
- 4th** Liberty Pam Gaffigan \$15,311
- 5th** Casa del Mare Larry Conlin \$15,070
- 6th** Perico Ryan Johnson \$12,720
- 7th** Measure for Measure Lynne Crowley \$15,070



\$374,720.19!!



7 THREE "JESSICAS" ON ONE CREW: JESSICA SLATON, JESSICA MARCUS & JESSICA SCHOEFERNACKER **8** CERTAINLY PLACES SECOND IN J/109 **9** MIKE & CAROL ELMORE'S TEAM ALLEGRO



10 "SHOW ME THE MONEY!" LCR CHAIR TRACY HOWARD PRESENTS THE BIG CHECK TO LLS **11** DANA WILSON & DOMINIC IRPINO

An Evening of Fun and Philanthropy

More than 250 people were in attendance at what is becoming the “don’t miss” event of the sailing season—Red Sky Night. Proudly hosted again this year by Columbia, this evening filled with fun and philanthropy is a fundraising benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, held in conjunction with the Leukemia Cup Regatta.

The Silent Auction offered a wide variety of “experiences,” including behind-the-scenes theater tours, a fly fishing excursion, restaurant cooking with a master chef, weekend get-away packages, professional sports tickets and more. There was something for everyone, and bidding wars were heated. The Live Auction featured a cruise for two aboard a Star Clipper ship, a week’s stay for 12 at Mooney Bay Estate in the BVI, and the wildly popular In-Home Wine Dinner offered by our own GM and Sommelier Nick Philp and former Executive Chef Breanna Beike.

Food and drink—much of it donated by sponsors including Fortune Fish Company, Heritage Wine Cellars and Goose Island Beer—were plentiful, with stations located throughout the Club Ship. And, after a short program, the crowd was on their feet, dancing to the rockin’ North Coast Sextet.

Red Sky Night gets better each year, so if you missed it this year, be sure to put it on the calendar for 2013! 





Sittin' on the Dock of the *Abby*

BY JEFF STROBERG
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A few weeks ago, I was on the deck of *Abegweit* watching the sun rise over Lake Michigan as the summer season drew to a close. While gazing at the windward-facing boats in the harbor, I took a look at Columbia's dock and it struck me that our dock is so much more than merely a structure built over the water and out from the Club Ship.

So where does this dock lead? It leads to wherever we want to go. At times it leads to a boat that will ply across the best fresh water to sail on in the world. At other times it may lead to a race boat to

compete against the skills of others. Or it could lead to a more leisurely journey enjoying the skyline and shores of Chicago and beyond.

When you walk over the boards of the dock to the Leukemia Cup Regatta race and party, you are taking a crossing that may help find a cure for a disease that touches almost everyone in some way.

The kids who are enrolled in sailing school and the older "kids" who join the Skipjack program are walking out to learn skills and abilities that they will cherish for a lifetime.

Many times the dock will take us out to meet friends, new and old, for parties, to swap stories, tell jokes, or solve the world's problems.

The dock is for all of us. Sure, sailors use it to tie up dinghies or boats. But as I looked out that morning in September, I saw in my mind's eye the many destinations it has taken me and others.

I'm looking forward to many more journeys down this dock in the 2013 season and beyond. Next time you walk out on the Columbia Yacht Club Dock, think of it as the dock that is taking you wherever you want to go. 



BY NICK PHILP
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A Time to Celebrate

There are so many things to take pride in as a Columbia member or as a Columbia employee. Our yacht club has a storied history, amazing location, beautiful Club Ship and incredible membership. Few places in this world are more welcoming than our spaces and few people are kinder than those who frequent this vessel. As we approach the holiday season, now is a time to celebrate. It is time to celebrate heritage, time to celebrate future and time to celebrate this very moment.



NICK PHILP

As our Club winds down its 120th year, it is important to re-chart the course we have sailed to get where we are today. We should remember our humble beginnings. Remember that we were founded on the simple idea of sailing as a group of like-minded individuals. Let us embrace the old Club House and how she stood strong for many years as our Columbia culture grew; and the past Club Ships that carried us so well over the years. Columbia Yacht Club has a heritage greater than story book tales.

One grand tradition at Columbia are legacy members. The children and grandchildren of members past have become outstanding leaders of the Club for the past 100 years. It is up to us to help nurture a brighter tomorrow with our youth programs and junior membership. Supporting our sailing school and family events only ensures our future. Who knows, that junior sailor struggling up the dock with a small mast on a summer afternoon may become a great Columbia Commodore some day.

While Columbia's past is something of a midwest odyssey and the Club's future is brilliantly bright, we must celebrate this moment. The Club membership is strong and the staff is energized. There is no limit to the heights our Club can reach. With continued efforts of our volunteers, committees and Board of Directors, every day is a new opportunity to learn, improve and experience this fine yacht club.

Columbia Yacht Club has enjoyed 120 years on the lakefront of downtown Chicago. Regardless of challenges, we have always persevered in good faith. Columbia members have always stood for and exemplified the Corinthian spirit. Today we celebrate our tradition, our spirit and our future. 

*“Columbia Yacht Club
has a heritage greater than
story book tales.”*

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Tricks *and* Treats for All

While the sailing season may be behind us, the party season is just beginning! October brought Club members two very special events: a Lobster Boil and the Kids' Halloween Party.

Despite the frosty weather, the Lobster Boil was a sell-out hit. The Aft Deck was full to overflowing with wanna-be Nor'easters enjoying whole Maine lobsters with all the fixin's. Nick, Alberto and the galley staff outdid themselves and the food was amazing. Look for a repeat of this event in the future!

The Rail Deck was awash with junior ghosts and goblins on October 27 for our annual Kids' Halloween Party. The party "tricks" included a mummy, fortune teller, bobbing for apples and more. As for "treats," our vote goes to Chef Calvin for his homemade caramel apples and warm cinnamon doughnut holes. Yum-mmy!



Kudos to all the adult helpers, including Lynn Arntzen, Mary Alyce Blum, Peggy Brennan, Maryann Cushing, Helen Fogarty, Kara and Bill Grant, Nita and Ken Haas, Theresa Honeycutt, Dee and Loren Horton, Holly Kuwala, Bev Mohr, Kathy Sullivan, Ron Voisard, and the soul who took it toughest for us all, our mummy, Ken Purcell.

BY TRACY HOWARD
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A WORD ABOUT RESERVATIONS

We've heard from many of you about your disappointment that the 70's Party scheduled for October 20 was cancelled, and we'd like to explain why. Four days before the event, a scant 16 people had made a reservation for the party. While we realize that Columbians, historically, are a very late RSVP-ing crowd and that many folks regularly show up at parties without a reservation, sixteen guaranteed revelers was simply not enough people to justify the expense of the DJ, food, decorations and staff.

In the future please, please, RSVP to special events if you plan to attend. While in most cases members are admitted to an event without one, making a reservation ensures enough food, beverage and seating for everyone in attendance and significantly helps us to control costs.

The holiday party season is upon us, and to prepare, we will be decorating the Abby on Saturday, November 24 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendars (and please RSVP!) for Jingle Bell Rock on December 1, the Children's Holiday Party on December 9, and New Year's Eve on December 31. And, let us know if you can help work the Employee Holiday Party on December 16!

We begin planning the 2013 Activities schedule on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! 

The Holiday Season is in Full Swing

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passed hors d'oeuvres

amuse
duck rillet

appetizer
braised scampi, roasted cauliflower,
warm anchovy vinaigrette,
toasted bread crumbs

salad
wilted spinach, warm feta dressing,
pork belly croutons

entree
lobster tail, tarragon lemon vinaigrette
filet mignon, truffled mushroom ragout
glazed carrots
mascarpone mashed potato

dessert
torte with dark chocolate crust
spiced cranberries

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From the Bar and Grill Committee

BY BRUCE CHAPPELEAR
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Please join the Bar and Grill Committee in welcoming Chef Calvin Roberson as our new Executive Chef at Columbia Yacht Club. Chef Calvin is already adding some of his own specials to our menus, while continuing to maintain the quality of our Club standards. We are excited to see what new twists he has in store. You can “meet” Chef Calvin and learn more about him on page 29.

The committee also sends thanks and accolades to Sous Chef Alberto Garcia and the kitchen staff for maintaining the Club’s high level of food quality and stellar service during our search for a new chef. They continue to make us proud to bring new guests to the Club Ship for meals or just for a few drinks

Chef Calvin has reintroduced the \$30.00 Prix Fixe Dinners on Thursday nights. This popular dining room special features a three- course dinner that varies weekly and can be paired with \$12.00 wine flights, making for a delicious and reasonably priced dining experience. Check the Columbia Yacht Club Facebook Page (have you “liked” us yet?) for each week’s special offering.

To the joy of many and chagrin of some, the popular Trivia Nights returned November 14, and will continue on the second Wednesday of each month. Watch the weekly update for more information about the return of the ultimate Bar challenge.

Be sure to try Ryan’s Featured Cocktails each month. October featured a Spiked Cider with Bacardi Oakheart that never failed to warm the cockles after a cool fall river trip.

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, we are pleased to report that thus far this year the overall food and beverage sales, expenses and financial contribution to the Club are significantly better than budget and in line with last year’s record performance. Thank you all for supporting the Club’s effort to provide a first-class dining and drinking experience at below comparable prices.

Nick and the entire staff deserve credit for increasing the events and catering services this year, which are a key contributor to Bar and Grill operations. So thanks to everyone who thought of Columbia for their party—it does make a difference. Make sure you contact Nick about holding your future events at Columbia—there’s even a special going on now for

holiday events when booked for groups of 20 or more. And, believe it or not, weekends next summer are beginning to book now.

As always, we appreciate making reservations in advance whenever possible as it helps to provide timely service for all members. Also, remember to inform the staff of any food allergies or preferences when ordering. And if you want something special- JUST ASK and the staff will accommodate your request whenever possible.

My personal thanks go to Nick, Ryan, our Flag Officers and all the Bar and Grill Committee members for their work, suggestions, comments and support in my seven years as Chairman. We are proud of our performance and look forward to the Committee continuing to work with the staff to oversee financial performance and provide counsel on Food and Beverage Operations.

Check us out by sitting in on a meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the bar. 

FALL DINING ROOM HOURS

Tuesday (Bar Menu Only)	Lunch 11:30 – 5 Dinner 5-9
Wednesday-Thursday	Lunch 11:30 - 5 Dinner 5-9.
Friday	Lunch 11:30 – 5 Dinner 5 – 10
Saturday	Brunch 10-3,Lunch 3 – 5, Dinner 5-10
Sunday.	Brunch 10-3, Lunch 3 – 5, Dinner 5 - 9

BAR AND DINING ROOM NIGHTLY SPECIALS

Tuesday - \$2.00 off Wine and Cocktails (Bar Only)

Wednesday - Prix Fixe with Wine Flights

Thursday - Half Price Sangria and Draft Beers

Friday - Wine Flights

Saturday and Sunday - \$5 Bloody Mary’s, \$3.00 Mimosas during Brunch

Meet Chef Calvin

Columbia is delighted to welcome Calvin Roberson aboard the Club Ship as our new executive chef. He joins us after many successful years at a private catering firm.

Chef Calvin came to his culinary career in a bit of a roundabout way. He spent several years in the corporate world, but realized that his true passion was in the kitchen, not behind a desk. His love of cooking wasn't new-found; it had been instilled in him as a youngster, growing up around family members who worked in the industry and his grandmother, who worked wonders in the kitchen. So he left the board room behind and earned his degree in Culinary Arts from the Art Institute of Illinois.

When asked about his favorite kind of cuisine, his answer ranges from Mediterranean and Indian dishes to the creative "eclectic fusion." His favorite beverage pairing is sushi and wine, so that might lead to some exciting specialized dinners this winter!

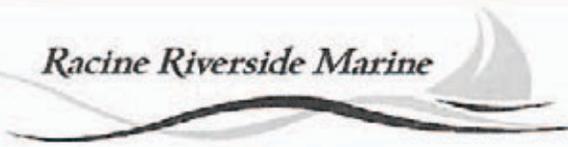
Chef Calvin is excited to be a part of Columbia, "I look forward to getting to know the members and serving them delicious, seasonal foods that complement their boating experiences." He's set a course for the galley that includes crafting more seasonal and healthy food selections, ensuring cost efficiencies throughout the food and beverage service and enhancing the members' dining options through what he calls, "creative culinary experiences." 



CALVIN ROBERSON

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We'll see you in 2013.



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A NEWBIE'S DAY ON THE HARD WATER

Last winter The Binnacle included a feature on "hard water" sailing. As the season approaches, Stu Friedman shares his experience last year on the ice.

I'd seen pictures and video. Sleds made of simple wooden planks careening across a frozen lake with a vaguely defined figure clad in a full body mitten and a motorcycle helmet. Questions abounded in my mind. How do you stop? What happens if the boat heels (ice seems harder than water, eh)? Will I even fit in this thing? Where do you put your cocktail?

One of the great things about a yacht club, aside from a bar adjacent to sailboats, is becoming part of a sailing community. So last spring, I asked Rear Commodore Craig Horton about ice boating. Six months and 60 degrees later, I started receiving emails talking about ice conditions, stern steers, and a curious bar on Lake Delavan.

The hard water sailing (as they call it, and which sounds way more bad ass than "ice boating") community is a welcoming group. Within an hour of arriving, Craig and his friends gave me some basic instruction, planted me precariously on a "DN" boat, gave me a shove, and I was off!

It's exhilarating. The skates offer almost zero friction. The mast is a mini foil that rotates to reduce drag. There's sixty square feet of sail area (roughly equivalent to a California king bed sheet?). In 10 knots of wind, I found myself screaming at 40 knots plus. I'd never gone this fast in anything without a motor. Downwind quickly becomes upwind as apparent wind takes over. Gybing is surreal – and oddly uneventful. After a day on the hard water, I couldn't help but start surfing craigslist to find out what one of these boats costs (not bad - \$2,000 for a decent setup).

Oh, and the boats have no drink holders. But, think of a sailing venue where your beer never gets warm! I'm all in. 



2013 Officers and Board Slate

The nominating committee met with interested candidates and members over the course of several weeks, listening to their concerns and ideas for making Columbia a better club for all of us. After meeting with everyone who expressed an interest, the committee proposed a slate of officers, which was presented at the October Board meeting. These proposed Flag Officers and Board members will be voted on at the next general membership meeting on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited, so mark your calendars now. Plan on attending so you can cast your vote for your Flag and board representatives in 2013.

2013 PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICER AND BOARD POSITIONS

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore	Matt Howard	<i>Allegro</i>
Vice Commodore	Joe McGinnis	<i>Kutty's Ark</i>
Rear Commodore	Craig Horton	<i>Ti Tae</i>
Treasurer	Ryan Johnson	<i>Perico</i>
Secretary	Scott Johnson	<i>Au Revoir</i>

BOARD MEMBERS

Two-year Term	Tom Barnes	<i>Whisper</i>
Two-year Term	Myer Blank	<i>Brisket</i>
Two-year Term	Bill Grant	<i>Aquaholic</i>
Two-year Term	Ken Haas	<i>Denial</i>
One-year Term	Mary Alyce Blum	

ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATIVE

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From the Medicine Chest

Many have asked about treatment of skin abrasions (scrapes), which are commonly caused by textured surfaces on boats. They typically tear off some skin, so it's important to treat them immediately. Some scrapes are shallow, and some rub off several skin layers. A deeper wound might require a doctor's care, but minor scrapes typically can be treated on board. Learning how to treat a skin abrasion is easy to do by following the simple steps of assessing the depth, cleaning the wound and aiding the healing process.

Skin abrasions typically don't bleed very much and might ooze with a pink fluid. They typically are more painful than a simple cut because they expose nerve endings and take off more skin.

When someone has a scrape, the first thing to do is to stop the bleeding by applying pressure directly to the wound. Once the bleeding stops, look to see how badly and deeply the skin is wounded. If it's a minor scrape, then you can treat the skin abrasion yourself. Clean the area thoroughly with soap and water, and then rinse it with an antiseptic such as hydrogen peroxide to prevent infection.

Treat a skin abrasion with a triple antibiotic ointment that has bacitracin neomycin and polymyxin B. These antibiotics will help to prevent infection and scarring, and they usually speed up the healing process. Cover the wound loosely with a bandage to block dirt from entering the wound. Many people also consider going for a tetanus shot at this point, if the scrape occurred with metal or anything rusty.

No matter how you treat a skin abrasion, they typically heal at different speeds. Many minor scrapes will heal within a week, but larger skin abrasions can take up to two weeks to heal. Seeing some fluid drain from a skin abrasion is normal, as long as the wound is not infected. If the fluid changes color or emits an odor, have a doctor check to make sure the wound is not infected. The scrape will begin to heal on its own, and a scab usually will form. Keep the area clean and treat it with antibiotic ointment at least once a day. New skin tissue will begin to form at the inner layers of the wound and move its way to the surface. When the skin abrasion heals, the scab will come off on its own. 



Abby's Allure Keeps Bringing 'Em In . . . Meet Our Newest Members

Carole Ames didn't want to be just a guest when her friend Cass was at the Club, so she decided to join the fun as well. Carole is a former dean of the College of Education at Michigan State, and looks forward to being able to drop into the Club from just across the street.

Mary and Brian Angioletti keep their Hunter, *Baka Maru*, in north Monroe. Brian grew up sailing *Lightning* in Montrose, but got out of sailing until five years ago when he took a "big boats" class in the BVI – and was re-hooked. Mary and Brian joined Columbia for the sense of community we offer and are eager to take advantage of the benefits our dock offers.

Adriana Calderon has been in Chicago for nine years (via San Diego), but just found her way to Columbia. Besides sailing, Adriana loves diving in Belize, Honduras and Australia—she completed her rescue diving certification in '09. Racers, perhaps you can talk her into diving your boats next year?!

Domini and Robert Deitch live in landlocked Glen Ellyn, so they are excited about their city condo near the water. With Columbia so close, they look forward to putting their three children, ages 15, 12 and 9 in sailing school next year and continuing the family sailing tradition. Though they'll enjoy dining at Columbia all winter, sailing season can't come soon enough. Domini grew up sailing in Hong Kong so she's no stranger to winds and water.

Marguerite Dixon put her decision to join Columbia on hold for the summer when a broken ankle changed her plans. Now that she's mobile again, Marguerite is looking

forward to sharing the *Abby* with friends and business associates. President of a start-up company, Marguerite decided her life needs more fun and less work. We're all looking forward to helping with that resolution!

Dominic Irpino is no stranger to Columbia, spending many evenings here at Leukemia Cup board meetings. He's well known for spearheading the Leukemia Cup Poker Run, and firmly believes that "any member of an organization should give more than they take and make the Club stronger through involvement." His energy and enthusiasm are welcomed at Columbia. Look for his power boat, *Gemini*, visiting our docks from Montrose next year.

Lois and Phil Kupritz are long-term Chicago area residents, sailing out of DuSable Harbor on their Beneteau 35.5, *Usonian*. A retired professor from U of I Chicago and an architect, Phil has designed many buildings in the Chicago area—maybe you can get him to point some out one starry night on the bow.

Jean-Marie and Jack Minton certainly aren't strangers to Columbia. They were married aboard the *Abegweit* in '88, so we're delighted Jean-Marie and Jack have come back to where it all began, so to speak. They have one other strong tie to the Club—Jack was Commodore Matt Howard's best man and has been sailing with Matt for 25 years – now that's dating both of them!

Tracy and Michael Norwood live in Hyde Park with their young son, Michael III. They were familiar with Columbia from frequent travels

along Lake Shore Drive, but it was a recent article about Bob Willis' Olympic bid that inspired them to check out the Club. Off the water, Michael is a very active guy, passionate about sports and plays nose guard for the USA Eagles minor league football team.

Hunter Ratliff may be a familiar face to some around Columbia. He has spent much of his life sailing out of Columbia, and was assisted in his Olympic bid by the Legacy Foundation. Hunter teaches sailing in Lake Forest and races in our Beer Can races on *Verago*. He is excited to be a part of a Club that appreciates sailing and the Corinthian spirit.

Cindy and Wayne Ringer have always enjoyed life in Indiana. But having bought a condo in downtown Chicago, they decided to take advantage of beautiful Lake Michigan. Cindy took Skipjacks this summer and fell in love with sailing and Columbia. Now they have the best of all worlds: Indiana small town life, high-rise living in Chicago's Gold Coast and a beautiful view of the Lake from Columbia. They are interested in becoming involved in Race Committee and spending more time out sailing.

Marjorie and Bob Rosenbaum are both physicians who have enjoyed many family and other festive events aboard the *Abby* as guests of Marjorie's stepfather, Norman Schwarz. (And Norman has been a member for more than fifty years!) Marjorie, an active rower and kayaker, is looking forward to learning to sail and adding that to her list of water hobbies. 

Flotsam & Jetsam

SAVE THE DATE—MAY 6, 2013

For the past few years, Columbia and the Legacy Foundation have hosted the “Taste of Columbia.” This festive evening of food and drink, benefitting the Legacy Foundation, has grown from an intimate gathering of a few chefs in March to an extravagant party under the tent. Each year the participating restaurants and beverage providers have upped their game, bringing bigger and better tastes for Columbia members and guests to enjoy.

Plans are already in the works to make this event even more exciting and successful. We’ll still feature outstanding food and drinks from some of the city’s top restaurants. But this year the chefs and mixologists will have another incentive to participate—they’ll be competing in the “Columbia Culinary Cup.”

Guest celebrity judges, along with popular member votes, will determine the winners in three culinary “racing circles,” with an overall winner selected from the finalists. Guests will have a chance to cast their vote for the winner, and to bid on a host of exciting auction items.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the new evolution of



THE HELM'S ANGELS FLAUNT THEIR SHIRTS:
PEGGY, BETH, SUSAN, LINDA, AND DOROTHY

the popular “Taste.” We’re sure the “Columbia Culinary Cup” will tickle your taste buds as much as ever, and kick off our summer season with a bang!

HELMS ANGELS IN SOUTH HAVEN

Dorothy and John Liphardt, Jeff Pacheco, Linda Scott, Susan Tonon, Peggy Walker, Mark Gillingham and Beth Urech sailed *Speakeasy* and *Whisper* to South Haven for the Fourth of July 2012. Led by a full moon, the crossing was smooth and lovely. Having escaped big-city heat, they were greeted with intense heat in South Haven. They plan to make this crossing an annual get-away. Women are eligible to join Helm’s Angels. Men may want to form their own club, or just hang out in a “Devil May Care” attitude!

YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

When the last late leaver permits expire and the last river flotilla passes under the last bridge, we have to admit the season is officially over. But as temperatures turn cooler and boats are on the hard, remember that Columbia doesn’t set its watch by the Harbormaster’s. Inside the *Abby*, the Columbia spirit is alive and well. C’mon down! The water may not be so warm; but the Club sure is.

Whether you volunteered to decorate the *Abby*, spend a Sunday afternoon staffing the employee party, or enjoy drinks while making gingerbread houses for the kid’s holiday party, there are a number of opportunities to share your time and talents during the holiday season.

What makes our Club special is the strong Columbia spirit, embodied in everyone who generously their gives time and talent throughout the year. Whether you donate a Saturday in January to the House Committee, help the Activities Committee create Columbia magic, or join Membership in staffing the Power Show or Strictly Sail booths, there are many ways to live the Columbia spirit throughout the year. Not only will you be spending time with friends, you’ll find that the old adage “you’ll get more than you give” rings so true.

As New Year’s, the traditional time for new beginnings and resolutions approaches, make it your resolution to get the most of out your Columbia membership. Step out of your usual Columbia routine and comfort zone, try something new, volunteer for something you haven’t, and fully embrace the Columbia spirit. Your participation makes a difference!

Top 5 Columbia Volunteer Resolutions

I’ll make time to volunteer for one holiday activity.

I’ll bring friends to Rhumblin’ or Trivia night and recruit them to join.

I’ll find a committee or activity that interests me.

*I’ll give at least one Saturday in January to work on the *Abby*.*

I’ll volunteer to help staff Columbia’s booth at the Power Show or Strictly Sail.

It’s simple! This is your club. Get involved, make new friends, and make a difference. We’d love to have you! 

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**SANTA ARRIVES FOR
PHOTOS AND GIFTS AT 1:00**

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS
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ORNAMENTS AND MORE**

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