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Calendar

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August

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AND DOCK PARTY
- 29 BEER CAN RACE

September

- 1 CRUISING FLEET
LABOR DAY CRUISE
- 3 CLUB OPEN ON MONDAY
- 4 BAR & GRILL
COMMITTEE MTG
STEWARDS MTG
- 5 BEER CAN RACE
JAZZ NIGHT
-BOBBY DONINI TRIO
- 6 WINE CLUB
- 11 ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MTG
- 12 BEER CAN RACE
JAZZ NIGHT-PANGAEA
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COMMITTEE MTG
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG
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"REALITIES OF CRUISING"
SERIES: SOLO CRUISING

October

- 3 JAZZ NIGHT-VELOCITY TRIO
- 6 LOBSTER BOIL
- 9 ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MTG
- 11 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG
- 16 FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG
- 18 DOCK COMMITTEE MTG
- 20 ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 24 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
- 27 KIDS' HALLOWEEN
PARTY

November

- 1 WINE CLUB
- 2 CRUISING FLEET
END-OF- YEAR PARTY
- 6 BAR & GRILL COMMITTEE MTG
STEWARDS MTG
- 7 JAZZ NIGHT-NORTHCOAST
JAZZ TRIO
- 8 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG
- 10 COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB
120TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
- 13 ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MTG
- 15 DOCK COMMITTEE MTG

From our Commodore



MATT HOWARD

*“...there is nothing—
absolutely nothing—
half so much worth
doing as simply
messing about
in boats.”*

Dear Fellow Members,

It's midsummer and that means it's all about life on the water. We all experience this summer lifestyle in many different ways.

Columbia's racing fleet is having a full season of their kind of fun. The COLORs Regatta, which we sponsor, was a great success and is putting Columbia on the map as a club that can field a world-class racing venue with excellent race management. There has been great feedback about how professionally the regatta was run. Congratulations to Olof Andersson, Larry Kwiat and all who helped make this a great event with a bright future. Also, as I write, the Mac racers are on their way back from the Island and the Beer Can series is in full swing.

Our cruisers and power boaters are out doing their thing, too. For example, Cruising Fleet members George and Roberta Poulos are among those spending their summer sailing around Lake Michigan: cruising at a leisurely pace from harbor town to harbor town, taking in the fun all those little ports have to offer.

Our day sailors are out on the water, as well, enjoying the simple pleasure of just being under sail (or power) on a beautiful day with friends and family.

The sailing school is busy developing our future sailors. From the 5-7 year-old “shark baits” to the junior race team to adult sailing courses, there's something for all ages and skill levels. Many thanks to Kurt Thomsen, Tom Taylor and all the coaches who make this program the “Best in Chicago,” according to the *Chicago Reader* newspaper.

We also have many members who just enjoy being on the water with their boat, the Club Ship *Abby*. They are spending time taking in the beautiful Chicago skyline and enjoying all Columbia has to offer, whether it's parties, fine dining, or just hanging out under “Herman's Awning” and watching the world go by.

To quote the author Kenneth Grahame, “...there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

So, as we all mess around in boats in our own way, at the end of the day our common thread is that we all come together at Columbia Yacht Club to have a good time.

See you on the water...

Matt Howard
Commodore

2012 A Success For Columbia Racers

The 2012 sailing season is going great! The weather has been favorable (mostly) the wind has been good (pretty much) and participation in all the races has been strong.

Any article talking about mid-season standings must start with a huge “thank-you” to the Columbia Race Committee. This hard-working group of people has run some fantastic races this year, proudly representing the Club and providing some great weekend’s competition for all Area III racers.

Taking the races in calendar order, the recap starts with the NOOD regatta held the weekend of June 8-10. Many Columbia members were well-represented in the Winner’s Circle, collecting trophies and bragging rights. Class winners in the various sections are listed on the opposite page.

The Columbia Chicago to Michigan City race was held on Friday July 6. The night race started at 7:30 p.m., covering a distance of 65 NM. A slightly different take on the standard overnight port-to-port, this race set

a unique challenge, meant to give racers some nighttime navigation experience before the Mac. For this race, each participant was to find, and round, three marks set in the lake.

This year the marks were set at the Michigan City Turning mark, Indians Shoal Lighted Gong and the Chicago Lake Front Northeast Shoal Buoy; the race ended just outside of Monroe Harbor. We had some 49 racers finish. Congratulations to all who found the marks and finished the race on Saturday morning. Section winners for this race are listed on the opposite page.

Congratulations to all Columbia boats that participated in this year’s Mac race—especially to the owners and crew of *Kutty’s Ark*, who took second in section and second overall for the Mac Trophy! With the trip to the Island over, we all still have a lot of great competition out on the lake this summer. It’s been a great season so far...here’s to even more great sailing this summer! 🚩

CHICAGO TO MACKINAC SECTION WINNERS

BENETEAU 36.7

3rd *Tequila Mockingbird* - Chris Duhon

BENETEAU 40.7

3rd *Spanker* - James McDonnell

SECTION 08

2nd *Kutty’s Ark* - Joe McGinnis and George Morrissey

MAC TROPHY

2nd *Kutty’s Ark* - Joe McGinnis and George Morrissey



KUTTY'S ARK OWNERS GEORGE MORRISSEY (FAR LEFT) AND JOE MCGINNIS (FAR RIGHT), ALONG WITH THEIR CREW, CELEBRATE THEIR TRIP TO THE PODIUM

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NOOD SECTION WINNERS

ORR4

1st Place – *Measure for Measure*

3rd Place – *Whisper*

ORR2

1st Place – *Eagles Wings*

TARTEN TEN

3rd Place – *Skidmarks*

S2 9.1 AND J 30

1st Place – *True North*

J 111

2nd Place – *Night Hawk*

J 109

1st Place – *Northstar*

2nd Place – *Certainly*

3rd Place – *Momentus*

BENETEAU 40.7

3rd Place – *Turning Point*



MICHIGAN CITY NIGHT RACE SECTION WINNERS

PHRF-SPIN 1

2nd Place – *Eagles Wings*

3rd Place – *Renegade*

PHRF-SPIN 2

2nd Place – *Night Hawk*

3rd Place – *Jahazi*

PHRF-SPIN 3

2nd Place – *Kutty's Ark*

BENETEAU 36.7

1st Place – *Tequila Mockingbird*

Hot Summer Nights in the City

*Strong winds and cold beer--
the perfect combination for Beer Can Racing 2012*

We are half-way through the Beer Can Series for 2012! The Mackinac race is the dividing line between the two halves. The Beer Can Series is 14 races on Wednesday night, from late May through mid September.

Last year we experimented with starting and finishing at Mark 8. This was closer to the harbor mouth, but didn't allow us to have an upwind start. The Beer Can survey showed most racers wanted to go back to the center for starting and finishing. This year we moved the mark back to the center of the

circle, SA7. Many racers have thanked us for moving it back and what it gives us...an upwind start. The course is a trapezoid, 5.37 nautical miles, with five legs and a little bit of everything for the racers.

On to the big question: Who's leading the sections at this point? *Winter Dream* leads in JAM2, while *Cookie Monster* holds first in JAM1. *Erica & Winnebago* are dueling it out in the T-10 section. There's a close fight in SPIN 3, with *True North*, *Measure for Measure* and *Whisper* neck and neck for the title. *Tequila Mockingbird* is dominating SPIN 2 and *Renegade* is leading SPIN 1.



In addition to the traditional sections, this year we added “Newbies.” This section was created for anyone who has thought about racing, but never entered. This gives them a chance to dip their toe in the water, and get a taste of what racing is all about. Our “Newbies” start after the other sections, go to the first mark and come back to the finish line.

Of the boats that started off racing as newbies, one has already moved into JAM 2! If you know anyone who has been tentative about joining the racing scene, encourage them to come out on Wednesday nights. Everyone is welcome.

Also new this year is our using the YachtScoring program. This is an internet-based system that has made scoring, entering and administering easier. You can go to www.yachtscoring.com, search for the Columbia Beer Can event and see the results.

Thanks to the boat owners and crew who have volunteered to be committee boat; we certainly appreciate your time and effort. Thanks also to Joe Sunshine and Liz Real, who have been out every week running the committee boat: Joe running boat, Liz managing people, checking in and recording racers. When you see Joe or Liz, give them a big hug and thanks for doing what they do! 



Leukemia Cup Regatta is August 25



RACE

1:00 START

TWO COURSES,
THREE DIVISIONS:
JIB & MAIN, SPINNAKER &
CRUISING SPINNAKER

POST-RACE DOCK PARTY

GOOSE ISLAND BEER &
MT. GAY RUM POURS

PIG ROAST BBQ

FUNDRAISING &
RACE AWARDS

LIVE MUSIC
BY MARLON LONGID

The 2012 Leukemia Cup Regatta weekend takes place August 24-25 at Columbia Yacht Club. Festivities kick off on Friday night with the gala Red Sky Night Dinner and Auction. Saturday, August 25, is race day, followed by the post-regatta dock party and pig roast. (Read more about Red Sky Night on page 32.)

The Regatta begins at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the regular Jib & Main and Spinnaker sections, a third section will be run again this year: Cruising Spinnaker. This section is designed for cruisers who do not usually race their boats, and offers all the fun and excitement of racing in a less competitive field. Racers and cruisers alike are encouraged to participate. Race coordinator Tom Barnes and his crew run a tight race, with great care taken in making section assignments. The top three winners in each section will be awarded Brag Flags to proudly display at the dock.

Immediately following the race, the party starts on the Columbia dock. Join us for what has become a true highlight of the summer. The docks are packed with rafted boats, friends meet and mingle, brag flags are awarded and the beer flows under the summer sun. What could be better?! After the awards, the dock party continues far into the night with live music by Marlon Longid.

TIP YOUR HAT FOR \$500

Fundraising is easy and doesn't have to be time-consuming. Ask just 20 friends to donate \$25 each and, just like that, you've raised \$500 in the fight against blood cancers AND earned yourself a 2012 Leukemia Cup Regatta Mount Gay hat. Pool your fundraising dollars with fellow crew members or fund raise individually—it's your choice. Everyone who registers as a participant receives a comprehensive fund raising packet filled with incentives, event ideas and sample letters. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will even help you set up your very own online fund raising website; because fund raising online is one of the easiest and quickest ways to make an impact. Top fund raisers can qualify for great prizes, including a trip for two to the 2012 Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson taking place this December in New Orleans. Complete incentive details are available at the Society website, www.leukemicup.org/il



Columbia Yacht Club has been honored to host the Red Sky Night and Leukemia Cup Regatta for the past five years. And we look forward to an even more spectacular weekend of festivities this year. Efforts by our local sailors have raised more than \$1.35 million, placing Chicago's Leukemia Cup Regatta among the top three fundraisers in the country. With your help, we can be the number-one fund raiser in the country THIS year. So take a minute, register to participate and be a part of one of Columbia's most rewarding—and FUN—events of the year! 

www.leukemicup.org/il

fundraising incentives

RAISE \$200 - \$499

2 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 2 Leukemia Cup Hats

RAISE \$500 - \$999

3 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 2 Leukemia Cup Hats
1 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hat* (see note below)
1 Entry in the West Marine National Drawing

RAISE \$1,000 - \$2,999

4 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 2 Leukemia Cup Hats
1 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hat*
Leukemia Cup Regatta Beach Towel
2 tickets to Post-race Dock Party
Multiple entries in the West Marine National Drawing
North Sails 15% off non-transferable discount certificate

RAISE \$3,000 - \$4,999

4 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 4 Leukemia Cup Hats
1 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hat*
Leukemia Cup Regatta Rugby Shirt**
3 tickets to Post-race Dock Party
Multiple entries in the West National Marine Drawing
North Sails 20% off non-transferable discount certificate

RAISE \$5,000 - \$8,499

6 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 6 Leukemia Cup Hats
2 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hats*
Leukemia Cup Regatta Rugby Shirt**
Leukemia Cup Regatta Canvas Tote Bag
4 tickets to Post-race Dock Party
Multiple entries in the West Marine National Drawing
North Sails 25% off non-transferable discount certificate

RAISE \$8,500 - \$16,999

8 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 8 Leukemia Cup Hats
3 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hats*
Leukemia Cup Regatta Rugby Shirt**
Leukemia Cup Regatta Jacket
6 tickets to Post-race Dock Party
Multiple entries in the West Marine National Drawing
North Sails 25% off non-transferable discount certificate
Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson

RAISE \$17,000 +

10 Leukemia Cup T-shirts, 10 Leukemia Cup Hats
5 Mount Gay Rum Leukemia Cup Hats*
Leukemia Cup Regatta Rugby Shirt**
Leukemia Cup Regatta Three Season Jacket
Leukemia Cup Regatta Canvas Bag
Leukemia Cup Regatta Beach Towel
8 tickets to Post-race Dock Party
Multiple entries in the West Marine National Drawing
North Sails 25% off non-transferable discount certificate
Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson

*crew members who choose to fund raise individually and raise \$500 earn their own Mount Gay hat in addition to cumulative crew incentives

**with option to purchase additional shirts for crew



COOL BEACH TOWELS

CREW RUGBY SHIRTS



SAILING JACKETS



TOTE BAGS



SAIL WITH GARY JOBSON

Cruising Fleet Beats the Heat

Well, another wonderful, if hot, summer is upon us and the Cruising Fleet has found the perfect solution—go sailing! Lake Michigan is a beautiful place and the view of the city is tough to beat...especially at sunset. And with the heat we've been experiencing, it's much cooler afloat, making it the perfect place to catch some relief.

The Cruising Fleet's first sailing event of the summer was held over the long Memorial Day weekend. We left Columbia late Saturday morning before a storm front and made the short and easy sail south to Hammond, Indiana. In the spring we tend to make shorter, safer trips, since the weather can be unpredictable and change quickly. But that was not to be the case this year.

George and Roberta Poulos and Chuck and Marilyn Costello welcomed the nine boats and 27 people who made the trip during the course of the weekend. Most of

us gathered Saturday afternoon for conversation and cocktails on the docks. Once evening fell, we took a short walk over to the Horseshoe Casino for an expansive buffet.

Sunday was spent mostly relaxing, trying to stay cool in the heat, walking in the bird sanctuary or along the beach, and socializing with CF members and other Hammond slip holders. During the evening everyone brought incredible side dishes for the pot-luck, while Steve and Cindy Hopkins grilled up the main course. The food and beautiful weather kept everyone on the docks well into the night. On Monday the winds had flipped around and provided us with a fast and exciting sail back to Chicago. After tucking the boats away, several gathered at Columbia's bar to wrap up the long weekend.

The next Cruising Fleet event was the venerable Summer Sailstice Lunch Cruise, during which we visit other harbors in close proximity to

Columbia and have lunch, either at a yacht club or on our own. In recent years we've visited Jackson Park Yacht Club for this event. But with the opening of the new 31st Street Harbor, we decided to check out the new digs. Tradition holds that for this event we extend a special invitation to Columbia Associate Members to go sailing with us. This year, in a ghosting breeze, all of us (mostly) motored our way south and grouped ourselves together in the almost-empty harbor, tying up next to the Catalina Fleet, which was enjoying a weekend rendezvous there. Once again the pot-luck prevailed and the incredible cooking skills of our fleet was cause for many oohs and aaahs! In fact, there was so much food left over that the 30-some members in attendance could have stayed for dinner and still had food left to eat.

With the sailing season in Chicago only six months long, the Cruising Fleet has found many other



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COMING UP: 8/18 PROGRESSIVE DINNER DINGHY CRUISE • 9/1-3 LABOR DAY CRUISE

ways to stay busy. We're running a series of seminars at the Club over the year on the Realities of Cruising. In each of these we explore extended cruising and the live-aboard lifestyle. On September 28, Webb Chiles, an adventure sailor for the past 38 years, will speak. And in October we'll

have a presentation on sailing the ICW from Maine to the Bahamas. Looking ahead to next year, on January 19 we'll be holding our 8th Annual Chili Cook-off and we've designated February 2nd-16th as Cruising Fleet BVI Weeks. It may be hard right now to remember what a cold Chicago can feel like. But by February, you'll be more than ready to take a break from the cold, sail the British Virgin Islands and celebrate Valentine's Day with us!

For our complete calendar visit us at: <http://colycf.ning.com> 

- 1** THE CRUISING FLEET GATHERS ON THE DOCK FOR AN IMPROMPTU PARTY AFTER THE DAY'S SAIL
- 2** CF MEMBERS TRAVELED TO THE NEW 31ST STREET HARBOR FOR THE ANNUAL "SUMMER SAILSTICE"
- 3** SEVERAL MEMBERS TOOK A HIKE UP THE TRAIL TO THE BIRD SANCTUARY DURING THE CRUISE TO HAMMOND
- 4** IT'S NOT A CRUISING FLEET EVENT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED AN ARMY



A Decade of Success at Columbia for Ship #5111

This year is the 100th Anniversary of Sea Scouting and we have much to celebrate, especially at Columbia. In our tenth year, we have overwhelming support of the communities we serve: Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago Area Council BSA, the Chicago community, the sailing community and all of our benefactors. We thank you. To show our appreciation, we accomplish goals in this Corinthian Spirit.

- For the second year running, our Ship is part of the National Flagship Fleet – one of only five such designations (out of hundreds) of Ships in the country

- The area's first Quartermaster in 26 years, and Regional Boatswain, our own Boatswain, Alex Zoiopoulos

- For the fifth year, current or former Scouts raced on a Mac crew – ten in all to date, from 15 to 19 years of age, boys and girls

- Community service at the Christmas Ship Project (15 of 16 Scouts showed up!)

- Service on the Club Ship in January work projects

- Regular dressing of the Club Ship in signal flags

- Fundraising to support our Ship, our vessel and BSA Council operations

- Service to maritime community at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum

- Active involvement in regional and national regattas and events

- Competition locally in Wednesday buoy and port-to-port races

We were proud to acknowledge Alex Zoiopoulos and Liam Gorzen, who were selected to sail aboard our training vessel, *Nautilus*, in its fifth race to Mackinac Island since it was donated to the Sea Scouts. Thanks to very generous donations by a syndicate of eight, including two Columbia members, we get to mentor new young sailors and perhaps hand them off to the larger sailing community.

The efforts of these young people are noteworthy and cause for much celebration. Together with their shipmates and leaders, delivered the boat back to Chicago, port-hopping over five days, enjoying days on the lake and nights in harbor. A future article will detail those adventures.

At the end of August, we take our 3rd Annual Long Cruise to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, camping at Point Beach State Park with an overnight



BY MARTY BERNSTEIN
SHIP #5111 SKIPPER



aboard the WWII submarine, *USS Cobia* at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

If you encounter our young women or men at the Club, please stop and say, "...thank you for your service." Recognition is their most important reward. They are having fun, making friends, learning leadership, discovering a wonderful environment, and making us very proud to help them on their way. They thank you for your support. 

1 JIM Z, MARTY, TRACY, LIAM, NATALIE, JARED, & KEATON GET READY TO MAKE THE RIVER TRIP AS TURNING POINT LOOKS ON. **2** IN THE BRIDGE, GREG LEVINSON TAKES HIS PILOTING EXAM FOR ORDINARY RANK **3** ALEX ZOIPOULOS ACCEPTS HIS QUARTERMASTER AWARD, WITH UNIFORM CAP AND JACKET. **4** SEA SCOUTS FROM SHIP #5296 ENJOY AN OUTING ABOARD SV NAUTILUS



Sunshine and Fun Times at Columbia Sailing School

Summer is flying by and the sailing school has been taking advantage of every minute of sunshine. From Shark Bait to competitive Race Teams, the Columbia Sailing School is going strong, representing the Club with pride.

On the cusp of this issue is Columbia sailor and U.S. Olympian Bob Wills and his bid to bring home the gold in the 2012 Olympics in London. By the time this issue reaches your home, Bob's Olympic competition will be well under way. We've followed him closely, and know that all Columbia members have their fingers and toes crossed for our home-town boy, sailing proudly under the Columbia burgee and representing the United States.

A BIG "THANK YOU"

Before we get to a recap of Sailing School activities, a huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped ensure that this year's Taste Of Columbia was another one for the books! Even though the NATO conference messed with our original date, we had an amazing complement of Chefs, wine and spirits on hand to make the night a success. And who would have thought that an Iced Tea would have been the #1 beverage in demand that night?



Given the heat, it was no contest! More can be found about this terrific night on Page 18. But in this article, everyone associated with the Sailing School sends our heartfelt thanks to all who attended and made this night the huge success that it was!

SAILING AND RACING

Whatever your age, whether you are a sailor or power boater, our Sailing School has the class and skill to take you to the next level. Our Shark Bait classes for ages 5-7 (always a fun time to watch!) have had record enrollment this year. So watch out Olympics 2032—we're training the next group of competitors for you!

We have been sending Race Team athletes all over the Midwest, representing Columbia with pride. This summer, our Race Teams participated in numerous regional competitions, placing in most and flying the Columbia burgee with pride. At some of these events we have brought as many as 20 kids to compete!

The Optimist team, now in its second year of competition, is starting to break onto the podium. Our travel Optimist team consists of six sailors, from as young as 7 years old up to 11, many of them brand new to racing last year. They are starting to make a name for themselves as up-and-coming racers. They're also getting a name for being the liveliest group in the region. Just this summer, they competed in the following events—and placing in most:

- Wente Cup - Wilmette
- Great Lake Championship - Sheboygan, WI
- Lake Bealah Regatta - Lake Bealah, WI
- Kaszube Cup - Milwaukee
- Junior Olympics - Lake Forest
- North Shore Cup - Lake Forest
- Skyline/LMSRF Championship - Columbia Yacht Club





BY KURT THOMSEN
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Not to be outdone, our *420/Laser race teams* have been doing some traveling of their own. And they've brought home some trophies in the process. The Columbia 420/Laser team is comprised of sailors ages 13-17, a group of young sailors who travel all over the country, all year round. This summer they have been mostly competing in the Midwest, but they're still leaving their mark. This summer they have represented Columbia Yacht Club at:

- Wente Cup-Wilmette
- Sears/Bemis/Smythe – Wayzata, MN
- Kaszube – Milwaukee
- Junior Olympics-Lake Forest
- North Shore Cup-Lake Forest
- Skyline/LMSRF Championship –Columbia Yacht Club

LOOKING AHEAD

Even though it's still hotter than... well, it's pretty hot out...but that doesn't stop us from thinking ahead to the fall. There is no break after our summer camp this year as we will roll straight into our high school and college seasons.

Columbia Yacht Club currently plays host to multiple high school and college teams, with no experience required—just enrollment at the school. We are also able to help start new teams by working with the schools and students to create a team/program that works well for that institution. Currently we run the following teams:

High Schools

- Brother Rice/ Mother McAuley
- Francis Parker
- Jones College Prep
- Oak Park River Forest
- Walter Payton
- University of Chicago-Lab

Colleges/Universities

- Depaul
- Robert Morris
- UIC

Members, we are not done! We are investigating the viability of offering fall Frostbiting for our members and guests. We hope to create a list of interested people, and if we get a large enough group we will start this fall with Frostbiting on our 420s. If you are interested in Frostbiting—or any of the offerings at the Sailing School, contact Kurt@colyc.org. 



1 JUNIOR SAILORS REPRESENT COLUMBIA & CHICAGO WITH PRIDE 2 GIVING THE PRAMS A TOW OUT TO THE COURSE 3 LET'S GO FLY A KITE 4 JOY ON THE WATER 5 THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO STAY COOL THIS SUMMER

Taste of Columbia

The 2012 Taste of Columbia once again raised the bar, delivering tasty treats to delight every palate. The NATO conference played havoc with our date, causing the event to be moved to early May—the latest it's ever been held in the season. But even with the last-minute date change, this year's Taste can definitely be chalked up as an unqualified success.

More than 200 members and their guests raised a glass to support the Columbia Yacht Club Legacy Foundation and Sailing School. Chefs from Chicago's top restaurants treated us to every kind of delicious delicacy imaginable, from ropa viejo on plantains to fall-off-the-bone ribs, to (yummy) stinky cheese and countless other gourmet dishes, delectable morsels were found aplenty under the tent. Once the diners had sampled all "main course" tastings, desserts were plentiful to satisfy every sweet tooth. And let's not forget the beverage providers, who sampled creative cocktails, artisan teas and sparkly wines to round off the evening.

In between bites, everyone had a chance to bid on silent auction prizes, including several culinary-themed baskets, sailing gear, tickets on United Airlines and more! But the highlight of the evening was, as always, the live auction.





Our own Bruce Chapplelear was once again on hand to act as emcee for the auction, but this year he had a little help. Home from his London training—just weeks before his Olympic bid was about to begin—Bob Willis was the Honored Guest at this year’s Taste. And as a special surprise, he quite literally donated the shirt (well, vest) off his back to the live auction. Bob donated his official Olympic vest to support the Legacy Foundation and Sailing School. The lucky winner was Russell Mullane, (his mom did the actual bidding.) Russell is currently enrolled in the Columbia Sailing School and has been following Bob’s Olympic efforts. Meeting his hometown hero—and wearing his vest home—means that this was a night this junior sailor will never forget!

The Taste of Columbia has become a favorite event at our Club. Sailing Master Kurt Thomsen and General Manger Nick Philp, and the entire Columbia staff, work tirelessly to create a one-of-a-kind evening that we can all enjoy. Congratulations to everyone who made this year’s Taste a stunning success! 



1 COLUMBIA'S FAVORITE OLYMPIAN, BOB WILLIS, WITH PAST COMMODORE PEGGY BRENNAN 2 SAILING MASTER KURT THOMSEN WITH A FEW OF OUR COOL JUNIOR SAILORS 3 RUSSELL MULLANE, THE PROUD WINNER OF BOB'S OLYMPIC VEST



Skipjacks Class of 2012

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Another wildly successful Skipjacks season has come to an end. Hats off to all the wonderful skippers who made it happen. Without their kindness, generosity and expertise, this program would not be possible. Seventy-five Skipjacks successfully completed the program this year, receiving their certificates and celebrating with the skippers and crew at a fantastic aft deck party on a perfect summer evening.

Steve Karstrand started the course off in May, covering the basics and mechanics of keelboats and how they work. Volunteers helped teach knot-tying, line-heaving and etiquette. A few captains had their boats on the docks so the Skipjacks could see the sheets, halyards and winches first-hand.

Mother Nature provided excellent wind each and every Tuesday for the on-the-water classes, even treating the Skipjacks to a far-off lightning show the very first evening on the water! The excitement carried over into the bar afterward where all shared stories.

The wonderful sport of sailing, and the many ways it can be enjoyed have been introduced to a new group of eager sailors. Some Skipjacks have already begun to participate in Beer Can, weekend cruises, regattas and race committee – clearly a reflection of the quality and effectiveness of the program and our Club.

In an online survey completed by more than half the participants, one hundred percent stated that they would recommend the Skipjacks program to a friend. Some of the things the Skipjacks reported enjoying include: learning to sail on different boats, meeting new people and getting experience with the many jobs on a sailboat. One Skipjack summed it up well, "It's a great introduction to sailing; some classtime/basics, knot skills, and the opportunity to get behind the wheel/tiller of larger sailboats that most beginners don't get the chance to do. The very best, of course, is the people. Generous skippers who share their boats and experience with us, the staff, and other volunteers who work so hard to put this all together, and the Skipjacks themselves!"

Included in the online survey was an opportunity for the Skipjacks to vote for their favorite captain. This year's winner of the highly coveted John Chorley Trophy was Skipper Dave Sturdy on his Catalina 30, *Esther*. Pretty exciting for his first year of participating in Skipjacks. See you again next year, Dave?

Our sincere thanks go out to all who contributed to making the Skipjacks 2012 season such an awesome experience for everyone! 



1 HAPPY GRADUATE SHEILA HICKS WITH COMMODORE HOWARD AND KIRSTIN HARTMAN 2 KENT MARTZKE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM LAKE GENEVA AND NEVER MISSED A CLASS! 3 DAVE STURDY WINS THE CAPTAIN'S AWARD 4 SKIPJACKS ABOARD *D'ARTAGNAN* WITH SKIPPER MICHAEL KANE 5 STEVE KARSTRAND AND STUDENTS ABOARD *LIGHTNING*

BY NICK PHILP
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From the General Manager

We are working our way through summer, but the budding of new projects never stops at Columbia Yacht Club. The staff, committees and Board of Directors are working hard to help the Club continue to grow and innovate. It is a very exciting time at Columbia as we improve our technology, service and amenities.

One of the most important technological improvements of the year is the Club WiFi. Our new network for surfing the web and cruising www.colyc.org is the wireless network Abegweit. It is simple to use.

On your computer or mobile device, find the network Abegweit and click connect. Here is the twist in the new process. You will then type in a URL or go to a favorite website. The browser will take you to a log in screen. It will ask for your member number and last name. It is important to note two things: First, spouses must include a capital "A" at the end of the member number. Second, the last name is case sensitive. If you have questions, email info@colyc.org.

The Columbia staff is constantly striving to improve services at the Club. We have been very fortunate to get our past Bar Manager, Ryan Conlin, back as our Food and Beverage Manager. He is already working diligently to train staff, improve menu selections and make Columbia the most hospitable yacht club on Lake Michigan. Pair Ryan's talents with great staff and you have a recipe for success.

A huge goal of the committees and staff at Columbia is to continue improving amenities for members. Some small projects are now complete, like more bike racks, better exterior lighting and better products for retail sale. The next step is improving member areas that have been in long need of upgrades. While the staff is working all season long to complete many of these tasks, Columbia heavily depends on the House Committee. If you like to work with your hands or are willing to be a "go-for" during projects, let the House Committee know. You can reach the House Committee Chairman, Woody Hansmann, by emailing house@colyc.org.

Columbia Yacht Club is unique and special in so many ways. Our Club is volunteer driven, we bond like family, we have fun year-round and the *Abby* is the best Club Ship in the world. Columbia encourages all members to be involved, use the Club and enjoy life to its fullest. Let's make the most of our city, club and lake together. 



NICK PHILP

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A Club By and For Its Members

We all know that Columbia is unique among private clubs. Our Club Ship certainly is unlike any other, and our views of Chicago are second to none. But there's another aspect of our Club that you might not be as familiar with: at Columbia, many of our key standing committees are run by members. In between leisurely cruises and hard-won races, many of our members give their time, energy and skill to enhance everyone's experience at Columbia. Our own Marybeth Johnson (who heads up the Publicity Committee) sat down with a few of these members to hear first-hand why they love giving back to Columbia.

SAIL FLEET

Larry Kwiat has chaired the Sail Fleet for the past 15 years. An avid racer himself (and proud Island Goat), he knows the joy that comes from being a part of the competitive racing scene at Columbia.

Larry enjoys heading up this committee because he can see, season after season, how it helps people get into sailing: "It's good to see new members joining the Club and walking them through the process of joining the racing community."

The Sail Fleet Committee is part of one of the largest Area III racing organizations in the country: it encompasses more than 250 boats from 25 yacht clubs, stretching from the St.Joe/Benton Harbor shoreline to Waukegan. The committee decides the racing calendar, rules and, "is the sandbox where all yacht clubs play," as Larry likes to say.

The committee also works with the Leukemia Cup to bring non-racing boaters into this special event. Besides coordinating summertime races, the committee

stays busy in the off-season by running race management and education seminars.

"We are always trying to make improvements in the racing program," Larry said. "We listen to the boaters and survey what they like; it's always changing and challenging, but most of all it's just plain fun."

BAR & GRILL

Associate Member Bruce Chappelear makes sure that Bar & Grill one of the most popular committees at the Club, with 15-20 members actively involved. First of all, the meetings are in the Bar... always a good starting point. Bruce feels it's important to have a broad cross-section of opinions on this committee, to best represent our membership's diverse tastes.

"It's an interesting mix of perspectives, some people like inexpensive options, some like fine dining, some are vegetarian, so it's a challenge to meet everyone's personal taste," Bruce says. "We try to become the conduit from membership to the General Manager and Food and Beverage staff."

This advisory committee for the Club food and beverage operations meets on a monthly basis to discuss ways to control costs, increase sales and provide a high-quality dining and drinking experience for members at below-market price.

Input from the committee does make a difference. For instance, the Tuesday \$5 buffet in the bar was originally planned to get rid of leftover inventory but turned out to be expensive to produce so it was discontinued. The committee has been instrumental in developing wine dinners and specials.

"I believe it's important to be engaged in the Club and its committees. For years the membership subsidized operation of the bar and dining room, and we lost money. For the last seven or eight years, I'm pleased to say, our Bar & Grill has operated at a profit for the Club, so we are helping subsidize other activities while trying to maintain a fair price policy," Bruce notes.

Member feedback for Bar & Grill is almost always positive. But whenever people do come to the committee with suggestions or constructive comments, these are always discussed at meetings and with the staff. As Bruce says, "I want everyone to feel free to bring ideas to the committee. After all, it's your Club."

CRUISING FLEET

Racers have their organized events...so why shouldn't the cruisers get have the same kind of fun? That's the thinking behind the Cruising Fleet, chaired by Paul Uhl. For him, chairing this committee has

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been all about the fun. “It seems like once the event dates are decided, the rest of the fun takes care of itself,” comments Paul.

From summer getaways to off-season parties and seminars, he organizes a full slate of activities that keep our cruising members busy all year long. As with all the member-run committees at Columbia, events and activities change based on interest.

Off the water, in response to members’ interests, Paul put together a series of talks and seminars on the “Realities of Cruising.” As Paul notes, “Many of us dream of, ‘loosing the lines and chasing the sun.’ Well, at some point the reality of the dream has to be addressed.”

There’s also a great winter event, originating from Paul’s racing experience, to tap the competitive spirit. The Annual Chili Cook-off in January brings overflow crowds to the rail deck! Paul couldn’t be more thrilled with how this event has taken off. He says with a smile, “It’s become a great winter party and a fun way to cruise through lots of interesting chili recipes.”

HOUSE

Our “house” is the Club Ship and the House Committee deals with the maintenance, updating and improvement necessary on a classic old ship like our *Abby*. This could be the one committee that can lay claim to the old saying, “it’s a dirty job, but somebody’s got to do it.” Luckily, Columbia has a dedicated Committee chair in Woody Hansmann...and a whole committee of folks who love to get their hands dirty.

“It’s wonderful to see all the members who come help out with Club Ship boat work, no matter what the season. We’ve had professional electricians, master

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All members are welcome at any Cruising Fleet event, whether you come by boat or drive over in your land yacht. In the summer, trips abound. Some are close by, like the lunchtime cruise to the new 31st Street Harbor. Others echo the port-to-port races, with cruises to St. Joe and other popular harbors. Each event is headed up by a different member (or couple) of the Fleet, coordinating meals, events and all the fun that goes into the day.

1 LARRY KWIAT, SAIL FLEET CHAIR 2 BRUCE CHAPPELEAR, BAR & GRILL CHAIR 3 PAUL UHL, CRUISING FLEET CHAIR 4 WOODY HANSMANN, HOUSE CHAIR 5 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS LAYING NEW FLOORING 6 JOE & FRAN MCGINNIS COMPETING IN THE CHILI COOK-OFF



carpenters, and people who've never picked up a paint brush," says Woody. "But it doesn't matter what kind of experience anyone has—we can always find a job that they are perfectly qualified to do."

As anyone with any boat experience knows, the "project list" —whether essential or 'wish'—is never-ending. There is always the need for varnish and paint, the dining room ceiling had a leak; there is the back wall on the Raildeck that needs quite a few finishing touches; below-decks work on various wiring, plumbing and mechanical projects...well, the list goes on and on.

"Of course all this work needs many hands to make it happen," says Woody. "We have a lot of fun on these projects, and I really believe that helping out around the Abby is a great way to get to know other club members."

ACTIVITIES

Of course, joining your fellow members on any committee is a great way to meet new people and have some fun – and planning fun and engaging special events is what the Activities Committee is all about. Tracy Howard and Pam Gaffigan have co-chaired this crucial committee for several years. "Being a part of the activities Committee means that you've always got a party on your calendar," says Tracy. "And since the club hosts everything from kid's parties to gala dinners, we never get bored!" Starting in February and going right through New Year's Eve, Tracy and Pam coordinate more than 40 Club events over the course of the year.

"For anyone who likes a party, this is the committee for them," adds Pam. "I mean, you get to plan a party—on someone else's budget—and you don't even have to clean your house or cook the food!" Once the planning is done, our amazing Club staff executes the plan. So committee members can enjoy the festivities, knowing that fellow members are having a great time thanks to your efforts.

Tracy and Pam have a blast creating all the merriment on the Club Ship, but they would love to have even more input into the Activities schedule. "Although there are standing parties that run themselves, we would like to see new blood help us to come up with fresh ideas, spearhead projects and make them happen," notes Tracy. And some of the more popular events, especially the Children's Halloween and Holiday parties can never have too many hands on deck. It's never too late to be a part of the fun—the committee is hard at work planning a Lobster Boil and an adult costume party in October and a celebration of the Abby's 120th anniversary in November. There's plenty of fun for everyone!

These are just a few of the involved Club members who enjoy being a part of our unique member-run organization. There are a host of other opportunities to meet other members via committee involvement, like Beer Can racing, Race Committee, Dock, Binnacle and more. Check out the Columbia website to see a complete list of committees—and be a part of what makes Columbia great. 🚩

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A Busy Fall Schedule Ahead

As August draws to a close, it's time to think about fall events on the Club Ship. We've got a lot of fun activities planned for the coming months.

Come dressed to make a mess, because on October 6 we're having our first ever LOBSTER BOIL on the Aft Deck. We'll be serving up whole lobster prepared in traditional New England fashion with red potatoes and sweet corn. Roll up your sleeves and dive in! Live music and drink specials, too!

We're looking for suggestions on a theme for our Costume Party for Grown-Ups on Saturday, October 20. What's it gonna be: 80's? Pirates? Vampires? Disco? Classic TV? It's up to you to decide. Email your suggestions to activities@colyc.org by September 10 and we'll put it to a vote. If yours is the winning suggestion, you'll enjoy free cocktails on the Activities Committee on the night of the party!

The Kids' Halloween Party takes place on Saturday, October 27. This is a great event for all our little ghosts and goblins, so if you've got young kids or grandkids, don't miss it. We are in need of volunteers to help plan and run the party—email the Club if you can help out.

Columbia Yacht Club celebrates her 120th anniversary in 2012, and this historic milestone will be celebrated on Saturday, November 10. Details are still to be determined as to how exactly we should mark the occasion, but in true Columbia fashion, we're sure there's a party involved! Currently, the Activities committee is looking to form a 120th Celebration team: a group that we hope will delve into all things historic about our wonderful club, identify the highs—and lows—in our long history, and determine how these events fit into our celebration. If the description sounds a little loose it's because it is! We're hoping a few hearty and insightful souls will volunteer to spearhead this project and set it in the right direction. If you are interested in helping with any part of the planning of the Columbia 120th Anniversary Celebration, please email us at activities@colyc.org.

The close of the year brings with it our annual holiday traditions. We're decorating the *Abby* for the season on Saturday, November 24, and the holiday celebrations begin with Jingle Bell Rock on December 1. The Children's Holiday Party is the following weekend on December 9. Lend a hand in thanking our employees for all they do by volunteering to work the Employee Holiday Party on December 16 and ring in 2013 at Columbia on New Year's Eve.

Activities committee meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the bar. Our next meeting is September 11. With a busy schedule ahead and events for next year to plan, now is a great time to get involved. We hope to see you at our next meeting! 



Dock Days Columbia Style

BY KEN HAAS
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Even with the gorgeous spring, we got off to a slow start. NATO closing the river kept many boaters from splashing too early in May, but now Columbia's dock fun is in full swing, despite the heat. From Beer Can races and Columbia-sponsored races like the COLORS Regatta to movie nights featuring classics such as *Master and Commander* and *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, the dock scene at Columbia has been lively. Fleet Review may have been rained out, but other dock parties make up for lost time.

As important as the organized fun, the docks play host all summer long to impromptu gatherings, shared leftovers washed down with wine on Sunday nights, and someone always ready to lend a line or offer advice. Swimming off docked boats and the floating ramp offers respite from the sweltering weather, for dogs and members.

Whether you have a boat docked or not, you're welcome to head down and hang out on a lovely summer's evening. If you're new to the Club, be sure to walk over and say hi; we love to trade sailing stories and meet new friends. On Beer Can nights and some weekends, you might find associate members strolling the docks (six-pack in hand) looking for a ride.

To help match up boaters and members who'd like to get out on boats, there's a sign up board just inside the dock gangway. For associate members, this is your opportunity to get on the water. This works for boat owners, too: if you're looking for crew, or just willing to take someone out for a sail, be sure to sign up.

All this activity and more is overseen by our Dock Committee: Matt Mattern and Jeff Stroberg, co-chairs; Ken Haas, Ron Voisard and

Jeanne Ryan, committee members, and flag officer Joe McGinnis. Daily dock management is handled by our ever-helpful dock staff: Dockmaster Bryan Raymaker, settled into his third year at the Club, and dock hands Mark Cherek, returning for his second summer, and newcomer Kurtis Kappler.

When you see any of the Dock staff, be sure to give them a friendly hello and let them know how much they are appreciated. From early morning to evening, they tirelessly run up and down the dock, catching lines, delivering ice and beer, checking on boats, welcoming guests and always smiling. Their job isn't easy... enforcing dock rules won't win you a popularity contest. But it ensures safe and equitable dock usage for Club members and visiting yachtsmen. Whether making that last evening call for ice, or closing hatches and checking lines when storms threaten, our staff is the best.

As always, the Dock Committee is constantly working to improve your dock experience. This year's projects included refinishing the gazebo, rebuilding our floating launch ramp, and standing up the dinghies for an overall better look. Your suggestions and comments are always appreciated.



BRYAN RAYMAKER

MARK CHEREK

KURTIS KAPPLER

All Dressed Up

...and no place to go. That was the state of things on July 14. With NOAA issuing severe weather advisories and urging everyone to get off the lake, our annual Fleet Review was cancelled at the last minute. As always, Columbians made the best of it and when the storm passed, the group gathered on the dock for a brief ceremony, Blessing of the Fleet and toast to ourselves.

It may have been an unconventional Fleet Review, but it was a delightful event nevertheless, with Club members joining together to honor our Club and her Flag Officers, despite the circumstances! 



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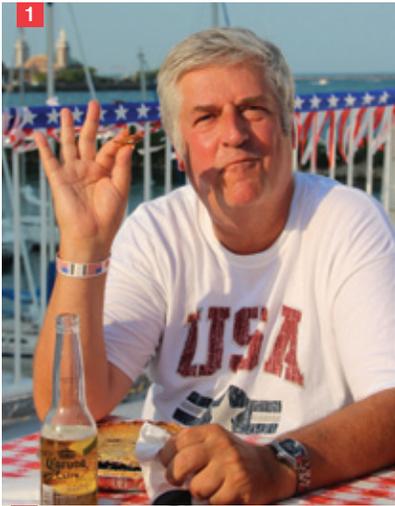
Summer Fun, Despite the Weather!

We've certainly experienced our share of challenges with the weather this summer. Extreme heat, fast moving storm systems and volatile weather patterns have forced us all to keep a close eye on the latest weather apps. A storm blew through seemingly out of nowhere on July 1, forcing our annual Dog Day on the Dock off the dock and onto the Rail Deck. Roughly fifteen canines and their families made the best of it, donning red, white and blue and "parading" throughout the Rail Deck as we waited out the weather. While it was an unconventional way to kick off Columbia's Independence Day festivities, it's safe to say a good time was had by all.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" played on the big screen on the side of the Club Ship on July 3, setting the tone for our annual All-American Aft Deck Rib Fest the next day. Despite record-breaking heat, our July 4 celebration sold out again this year. More than 400 people enjoyed three types of ribs and plentiful picnic favorites, live blue grass music and a great view of the fireworks off of Navy Pier. A new element was added to the festivities this year: a blueberry pie eating contest!



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 3 A PATRIOTIC SAILOR PUPPY 4 THIS YEAR'S PARADE TOOK PLACE ON THE RAIL DECK
 5 KARA GRANT WITH AGNES



2 A wholehearted “THANK YOU!” goes out to GM Nick Philp, Executive Sous Chef Alberto Garcia and all of our amazing staff for working tirelessly to give our Club members yet another wonderful celebration at Columbia. Despite long hours and searing heat, each and every one of the people on our staff—from the house guys to the galley guys to the wait staff to the dock crew to the folks in the office—met the challenges of a long weekend with smiles on their faces. Great job, and thank you! 🚩

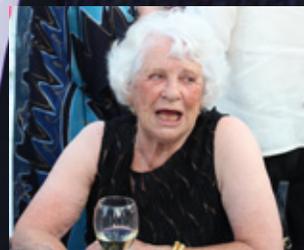
1 SAVORING THE INTERESTING COMBINATION OF BLUEBERRY PIE AND CORONA
 2 PIE EATERS BEFORE THE START 3 CONTEST WINNER LONNIE HORNE 4 RELAXING ON THE AFT DECK 5 MMMM, TASTY! 6 RIBS, RIBS AND MORE RIBS 7 FIRST PRIZE IN THE KIDS' DIVISION: A SUPER SOAKER!

The COMMODORE'S RECEPTION

On a beautiful summer evening, Commodore Matt Howard and Tracy Howard, together with the Flag Officers, welcomed Columbia members to one of the most elegant and anticipated parties of the year—the Commodore's Reception. The evening began on the upper deck, where guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, prosecco and cocktails, all while listening to live steel drum music. As has become tradition, the meal was served family style. That, however, didn't stop the kitchen from creating a gourmet four-course extravaganza that wowed everyone... when can we get those potatoes on the menu?

After dinner, the dancing went on and on and on, thanks to the fabulous music of Bobby Way and the Wayouts. This reception was definitely all about how we do things at Columbia—lots of laughs, delicious food and great friends made for one terrific evening on the lake. 🚩





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Red Sky Night

A BENEFIT FOR THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012 • 6:00 P.M.

Red Sky Night is an evening of food, drink and merriment to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and its fight against blood cancers. Proudly hosted by Columbia Yacht Club, the event takes place aboard the Club Ship on August 24.

Red Sky Night features plentiful gourmet food stations including hors d'oeuvres, raw bar, carving station, fresh bar and luscious small desserts. Goose Island 312 beer and Mount Gay Rum drinks are included in the ticket price* as well as wine tastings, prosecco pour and craft cocktails. A cash bar is also available.

This year's auction theme is "experiences," and boy, do we have 'em. The Silent Auction offers everything from a fly fishing excursion to box seats in row one behind home plate at Wrigley Field. Live Auction items, listed in greater detail at right, include a vacation stay for up to twelve people at the exclusive Mooney Bay Estate on Virgin Gorda, Nick and Bre's wildly popular In-home Wine Dinner and much more. After the auction, *North Coast Sextet* will kick things up a notch, ensuring all in attendance will go home with a full belly, a full heart and sore feet.

This event is growing by leaps and bounds and we will likely sell out this year, so make your reservations early. Tickets are \$85 (\$45 of which is tax deductible) and reservations can be made in the office or at redskynight.org.

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These amazing experiences will be up for bid at Red Sky Night

SING ON-STAGE WITH THE CAST OF *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET*

This unique, never-before-offered opportunity gives you the chance to jam with the guys on-stage before a performance of the show. Then you and three guests will enjoy four VIP tickets to *Million Dollar Quartet*.



CASH VALUE: \$365 ACTUAL VALUE: PRICELESS! OPENING BID: \$500

LYRIC OPERA DRESS REHEARSAL PERFORMANCE & BACK-STAGE TOUR

See how all the magic happens when you and a guest attend a dress rehearsal at the Lyric Opera. Before the show, get a behind-the-scenes tour of the wardrobe department/costume shop, and enjoy a tour of the Civic Opera House, one of the most magnificent Art Deco buildings in Chicago.

Historically, admission to a dress rehearsal performance at the Lyric Opera is available only to patrons at the \$5,000+ level. This experience, combined with the behind-the-scenes tour, makes this event truly priceless!



CASH VALUE: \$5,000 ACTUAL VALUE: PRICELESS! OPENING BID: \$750

MACY'S STATE STREET \$1,000 SHOPPING SPREE

Enhance your fall wardrobe, outfit your kitchen, treat yourself to new sheets and towels, relax with a glass of wine in the Walnut Room Wine Bar . . . all this and more can be yours with this \$1,000 gift card courtesy of Macy's. Also included in the package is a Chanel gift basket (valued at more than \$800!) and a private consultation with a State Street Macy's By Appointment personal shopper.



CASH VALUE: \$1,800+ ACTUAL VALUE: PRICELESS! OPENING BID: \$750

MOONEY BAY ESTATE, VIRGIN GORDA, BVI SEVEN-NIGHT STAY FOR TWO TO TWELVE GUESTS

Mooney Bay Estate is a private, 22-acre property located in the prestigious playground of the North Sound, British Virgin Islands. Accessible only by private motor launch, the estate features six bungalows with private lodge, beach, pool, tennis court, watersports and more. Use all six suites for a family vacation or occupy just a few for a tropical island get-away with friends.

Visit mooneybaybvi.com for pictures and more info on the Estate and redskynight.org for complete details on this amazing opportunity.



CASH VALUE: \$12,000-\$23,000 OPENING BID: \$7,500

IN-HOME WINE DINNER BY CHEF BREANNA BEIKE & SOMMELIER NICK PHILP

Thanks to Bre and Nick's generosity, this wildly popular item is on the auction block again this year. Chef Bre will work with you to craft the menu of your dreams for up to eight guests, and Nick will choose perfect wines to accompany each course. Every detail is included: linens, glassware, silver and more – all you have to do is greet your guests and enjoy a wonderful evening.



CASH VALUE: \$1,000 ACTUAL VALUE: PRICELESS! OPENING BID: \$1,750

From the Bar and Grill Committee

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BAR & GRILL COMMITTEE
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It is a time of change for food and beverage operations at Columbia, with the search for a new Executive Chef continuing. In the meantime, our thanks must go to Sous Chef Alberto Garcia for all his hard work in holding the kitchen together and bringing new staff on board over the very busy summer months.

We welcome Ryan Conlin back to the Columbia team as our Food & Beverage Manager. He has updated the drinks menu, switching out some beers and introducing new ones from around the Midwest including Great Lakes Edmund Fitzgerald Porter and the seasonal offering from Three Floyd's – be sure and check in the bar for this month's special. (And check out page 37 to learn what Ryan's been up to since he left us.)

Cocktails have been updated to help counteract the summer heat – including La Paloma, a refreshing blend of tequila and San Pellegrino grapefruit soda. Or if you are need of a pick-me-up, the Rum Chata Chiller mixes rum with iced coffee. Old favorites such as the Dark and Stormy and Manhattan are still there, but why not try one of the new twists, like the Blood Orange or Mango Mojito. And don't forget that the Red Sky Night cocktail is available, with \$1 from every cocktail going to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The menu has also been changed to include some more seasonal items like gazpacho, ceviche, and bruschetta; we look forward to more exciting changes once a new Executive Chef is in

place. And when you plan to enjoy a meal in the dining room or on the bow, please remember that reservations are more important during the summer. Everyone wants to sit outside and make the most of the warmer weather, so please call in advance if you can. At Columbia (as Nick always says) we pride ourselves on our flexibility. So please tell the Chef or wait staff of any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or special requests and they will be accommodated whenever possible. Also, if there is anything you don't see on the menu, please ask. This is your Club!

HOST YOUR EVENT AT COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

As a Club Member, you are probably aware that there are price considerations and other benefits to holding your event at Columbia. Certainly there is no better place to

host a party on a summer evening. Whether you are under the stars on the aft deck or enjoying the best view of the city from the upper salon, Columbia gives your guests an experience unlike any other. Catering has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and this unique venue can accommodate anything from an intimate dinner on the Bridge to a large celebration or corporate event with great food and beverage options. Summer and holiday dates book up quickly, so contact Nick to reserve your party space now!

The Bar & Grill committee welcomes your ideas, so please feel free to reach out to any Staff Manager or Committee member with your thoughts, and we will see they are discussed. Better yet, join us at our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to pass them on in person. 

DINING & BAR ITEMS OF NOTE

Check the website calendar or weekly updates for announcements of special events or changes in hours of operation in the Bar or Dining Room during this busy season.

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Breakfast served 7 a.m. -10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings

YEAR-ROUND WEEKEND BRUNCH

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday featuring both breakfast and lunch menu items.

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And the Nominees Are...

Okay, admit it. This is probably the last article you're reading because there are no pictures of people having fun or boats going fast. And you're not planning on being on the board of directors, so why does the Nominating Committee matter to you?

Yes, the Nominating Committee (which will be elected at the September General Membership meeting) is responsible for putting together the slate of flag officers and board members who will govern the Club in the coming year. But that's not all they do.

This is the opportunity for every member to come forward in a confidential setting. Have a concern about something? Bring it to the committee. Want to make a suggestion for the board or stewards to consider? Bring it to the committee. The committee encourages everyone to voice their opinion about any of the Club's operations, programs, activities, directors, officers, staff, financial concerns, policies...anything goes! Whatever your concern or recommendation, now is the time to come forward and share it.

All members are always welcome at the General meetings (held the fourth Thursday of the month), which is another way to be in touch with what's going on at Columbia. So whether you attend one of those, or make an appointment with the Nominating Committee, take this opportunity to make your voice heard at your Club. 🚩

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Unfortunately, there's no fast-fix sunburn treatment. Once you have sunburn, the damage is done — although it may take 12 to 24 hours after sun exposure to know the full extent and severity of sunburn, and several days or more for your skin to begin to heal. In the meantime, the most effective sunburn treatment simply helps ease your discomfort:

- Keep it cool. Apply cold compresses — such as a towel dampened with cool water — to the affected skin. Or take a cool bath.
- Keep it moist. Apply aloe or moisturizing cream to the affected skin. Avoid products containing alcohol, which can further dry out skin. Beware of sunburn treatment products containing anesthetics, such as benzocaine. There's little evidence that these products are effective. In some cases, they may even irritate the skin. Benzocaine has been linked to a rare but serious, sometimes deadly, condition that decreases the amount of oxygen that the blood can carry. Don't use benzocaine in children younger than age 2 without supervision from a health care professional, as this age group has been the most affected. If you're an adult, never use more than the recommended dose of benzocaine and consider talking with your doctor.
- Leave blisters intact. If blisters form, don't break them. You'll only slow the healing process and increase the risk of infection. If needed, lightly cover blisters with gauze.
- Take an over-the-counter pain reliever. If needed, take anti-inflammatory medication — such as aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, others) — according to the label instructions until redness and soreness subside. Don't give children or teenagers aspirin. It may cause Reye's syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal disease.
- Treat peeling skin gently. Within a few days, the affected area may begin to peel. This is simply your body's way of getting rid of the top layer of damaged skin. While your skin is peeling, continue to use moisturizing cream.

Consult a doctor for sunburn treatment if:

Severe sunburn covers a large portion of your body with blisters; sunburn is accompanied by a high fever or severe pain; or if severe sunburn doesn't begin to improve within a few days.

To prevent future episodes of sunburn, use sunscreen frequently and liberally. Select a broad-spectrum product — one that provides protection against both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation — with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. If you take medications that make sunburn more likely, be especially careful. A common example is tetracycline, taken orally for acne. Common sense counts, too. Cover up while you're outdoors, and stay in the shade as much as possible. 

Welcome Back, Ryan

After an absence of three years, we are delighted to welcome Ryan Conlin back to our “Columbia Family.” For those of you who are just meeting Ryan—or for those of you becoming reacquainted with him—here is a little bit about where he comes from and what he’s been up to since he left us.

To start with the basics, I was born and grew up in Benton Harbor, Michigan, although I attended high school in South Carolina. I have worked in the restaurant industry since I was 16, spending most of my time behind the bar. But over the course of my career I have turned my hand to just about everything in the bar and restaurant world except pastry chef.

Being on the water, or anything outdoors, has always been a part of my life: I love boating, fishing, hiking, camping, you name it. In fact, while I was away from Columbia I worked with my uncle out in California, and had a chance to visit national parks all over the state. After a long week of work, it was great to spend almost every weekend camping and hiking. The most memorable moment of all these trips was camping the Jedediah Smith State Park, which is right in the middle of old growth redwoods. On my way back to Michigan, I spent four days in the Grand Tetons and four days in Yellowstone. I definitely have the travel bug, and hope to get to Hawaii or Ireland on one of my next trips.

After traveling around the country, I moved back to the Midwest and decided to make Chicago my home. This keeps me close to my family, and gives me a great opportunity to work with Nick and the great staff here at Columbia. My new position as Food and Beverage Manager brings the same responsibilities I had as bar manager, with additional duties in the dining room, catering and event planning. I am really happy to be back here at Columbia and have had the warmest, open-armed “welcome back” from the members and the staff. Thanks to everyone for making me feel such a part of Columbia. 🚩

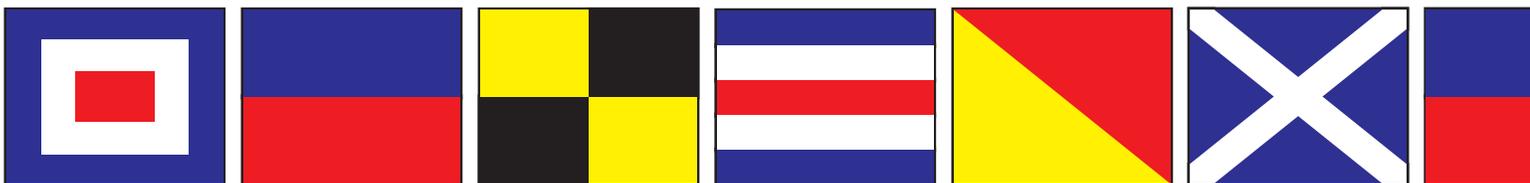


RYAN CONLIN

“Thanks to everyone for making me feel such a part of Columbia.”



1 THE VIEW WHILE CAMPING IN HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA



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

Nina and Dave Anderson – When they move back to Chicago in September, Nina and Dave will be close to the Club - just across the street on Randolph. Joining as associates, with their catamaran in Lake Tahoe, they hope to bring the boat to Lake Michigan next year. Although Dave has done some sailboat racing, he prefers the cruising scene at this time.

Judith Azzarello – Judy was a repeat Skipjack this year. As many have done, she took Skipjacks several years ago, knowing nothing about sailing, and had a great time. Wanting to further hone her skills and meet new people, Judy joined again this year. The second time at Columbia was the charm, because she couldn't imagine not joining after enjoying the "warm and welcoming hospitality at Columbia."

Scott Babcock – When Scott's friends told him he needed some friends who shared his love of boats, he didn't waste any time! The proud owner of *Hillbilly IV*, a 37' Sea Ray, Scott is excited to join the dock community at Columbia. He's looking forward to cruises down from Montrose to enjoy parties, drinks and dinners at the Club. As a safety engineer, you can be sure to count on him for some safety pointers, too.

Paula Bersie has had the sailing bug since she was at summer camp in her native Minnesota. She took her love of sailing to college where she was a member of the sailing team, and even spent six months sailing around the Caribbean on her Beneteau 393,

Orchid. Paula has settled down in Chicago, after several years working as part of the team responsible for providing Olympics footage to the networks. She'd like to own her own boat again soon – but in the meantime, she's happy to be a part of a Club that will afford her so many sailing opportunities.

Julie Boedecker and Robert Gerovski are Skipjacks who have crewed on *Measure for Measure*. They are both very interested in becoming part of the sailing community and thought a Columbia Membership would be the perfect way to do so. They hope to purchase a sailboat in the future but in the meantime will benefit from club members' experience and our sailing lessons.

Cassandra Book – Cass is newly retired and just moved to Chicago from Michigan. She has a real love of the water having sailed almost her entire life – mostly small boats. Cass completed the spring session of Adult Sailing and very recently passed the Keelboat Certification class at Columbia. She is looking forward to following her bliss on or near the water, with good friends both old and new.

Mary Cashman grew up sailing in Plymouth, Massachusetts – where her mom was the first female commodore of the Plymouth Yacht Club. She spent time teaching sailing, firing off the sunset cannon and even enforcing the dress code at the Edgartown Yacht Club. She moved to Chicago about six years ago, working in the meetings and events industry. Recently Mary ran into a fellow GW alum who invited her to come to the Club and go sailing. The rest, as they say, is history.

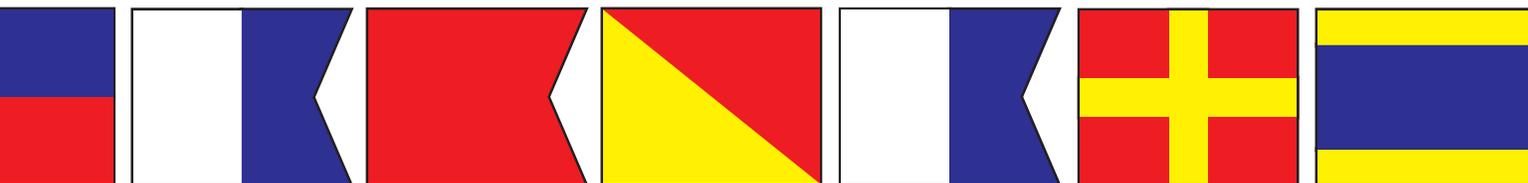
Craig and Cindi Caudle recently moved from the Dallas area to become downtown condo owners. Craig has worked for 25 years in the commodities trading sector and is fluent in Spanish, while Cindi is a former dance teacher. They brought their 24-foot runabout *On the Rocks* north with them, and are enjoying Lake Michigan.

Toba and Ed Cohen – Ed has been sailing in Chicago for many years and has completed 39 Chicago to Mackinac races, so he is a proud member of the Island Goat Society. Toba and Ed sail a Farr 395, *Jason*, moored in the new 31st Street Harbor.

Charles Crowder and Lonnie Gaudet After attending events at Columbia with friends and socializing with the wine club, Chuck and Lonnie felt at home and knew the social scene at Columbia was a good fit. Growing up around boats, Chuck wants to get back into boating. He joins other airline employees at the club – many who are Texas transplants. The Lone Star state's loss is definitely Columbia's gain.

Linda and Bryan Curry – Suburban dwellers, Bryan and Linda purchased a condo in the city for a change of pace. They had been guests at Columbia several years ago and took advantage of our Sneak Peak to visit again. Appreciating Columbia's fine dining, it didn't take them long to decide that a Columbia membership is perfect "add on" to their Chicago condo amenities.

Linda and Brendon Docherty together with their young sons Pierce and Holden, are no strangers to Columbia Yacht Club. Brendon is an avid snow skier and sailboat racer, having raced in the double-handed section of the Chicago Mackinac race multiple times on his J105 *Och*. If you



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ask him about the name of the boat, he will tell you that this was his Scottish Grandfather's quasi-curse word... apropos for a race boat.

Brendan Duffy and Joanna Moore

Longtime Chicago residents, Joanna and Brendan Duffy, are pleased to join the Columbia social scene. Their nine-year-old son, Charlie, is a great swimmer who might be interested in parlaying his skills IN the water to skills ON the water. While Brendan hasn't been on the water for quite a while, he's hoping to meet some skippers at Columbia who are looking for crew.

Sandy Duran and Tom Fallon

Sandy is the Director of Technology and Learning Resource Centers for the Woodridge School District and a former school principal. She's completed our Skipjacks program and currently crews on *Phantom* for Beer Can races. Tom has competed in almost 30 Mac races, currently sailing on *Sorcerer*. Both are looking forward to enjoying the excellent sailing camaraderie at Columbia.

Judith Dygdon and Anthony Conger

sail *Already Gone*, a Pearson 27, out of Du Sable harbor. From the dock they couldn't miss the *Abby* and thought they'd check us out. Besides having more than 25 years sailing experience, they are accomplished ballroom dancers, performing at a competitive level. They hope to share their dancing talents and interest with other Club members.

Marie Einarsen DeBartolo and Bowman Lingle

Bow has been involved in Race Management for various clubs and organizations in Chicago, and he was Fleet Captain for Area III racing for two years. Because of all his sailing experience, Bow has many friends at Columbia who will be

pleased to see him spending more time on the *Abby*. They are looking forward to taking a J22 out for a spin.

Geoff Engel – With his Hunter 41, *Gypsy Plumber* in Belmont Harbor, Geoff looks forward to taking cruises down to Columbia for lunch – what better way to spend a summer weekend afternoon? Social activities at Columbia will provide the perfect break for this busy doctor.

Don Erickson is President of the local chapter of the International Food & Wine Society, a longstanding, traditional wine club that holds several events annually at Columbia. Through their events he has come to appreciate Columbia's atmosphere and fine cuisine. Besides being an oenophile for as long as he can remember, Don is an excellent cook. He makes a killer crème brulee, so invite him to dinner and ask him to bring dessert.

Diane Escobar and her daughter Sophia are both avid bike riders who live in Lincoln Park and love the lake and sailing. Sophia will be attending Lane Tech next year, where she'd love to see a sailing team (Kurt, take note). While biking along the lake front one day, Diane was invited aboard the Club Ship. Stepping on the rail deck instantly won her over, when all her memories of racing T-10s came rushing back. She's here to stay and can't wait to start racing again!

Therese Finn is a clinical neuropsychologist specializing in children's brain trauma for the Chicago Public Schools. She is looking forward to enjoying the rest, relaxation and social opportunities provided by Columbia. Terry took sailing lessons several years ago at Belmont Harbor and is ready to shake the rust off and give it another go at Columbia.

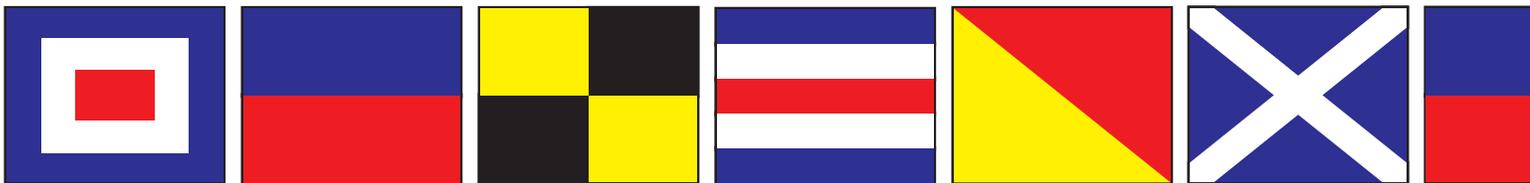
Eric Fiste – You never know where you'll find Columbians. Eric recognized our Commodore's burgee, flying proudly on his chartered sailboat in the BVI. This led to a discussion of Columbia, and now he's a member. Eric loves to sail across the lake on his Catalina, *Coughlins Law*, with his three children – all under eight years old.

Amanda and Tom Frangella recently moved from Mokena to Chicago and have been looking for a way to enjoy their Lakeshore East neighborhood even more. They're not yet sailors, but are interested in "testing the waters." Right now, they enjoy power boating and fishing. Together, Tom and Amanda own and operate a full-service finish carpentry contracting company in the Chicagoland area.

Richard Hauck is joining his mother Jane as a Columbia member. A dealer in what he describes as gentlemen's collectibles (for their bars or offices), Richard has a few nautical artifacts that Club members might find interesting. Since he lives nearby, Richard finds Columbia the perfect venue for his water fix.

Travis Heitzinger may be a familiar face to some – he grew up sailing at Columbia with Kurt Thomsen and Bob Willis. After going to school in Colorado, where he was landlocked and enjoyed camping, golfing and snowboarding, Travis is excited to get back out on the water. He'll be able crew for anyone looking for a good sailor.

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Julie and Rob Gerovski – Skipjacks
Julie and Rob have “always known about Columbia.” Living in the city, Club membership during the Skipjacks program convinced them that Columbia offers opportunities to meet likeminded friends who love the water. Hoping to buy a boat in the future, they will be picking boat owners’ brains for ideas.

John Gibbs has enjoyed watching his six-year old son Jack participate in two years of junior sailing lessons at Columbia so much that he signed himself up for the Club’s Skipjacks adult sailing course last spring. A native of Chicago who spent 25 years on the West Coast, John has been back in the Edgewater neighborhood for three years. He and Jack look forward to meeting Club members who can help them both refine their sailing skills.

Agnes Grodzik and John Coakley – Moored just off the Club Ship is *Kraken*, John and Agnes’ Cal 25. Looking at the *Abby* constantly from their boat, they decided it’s better to join the fun than watch it. They are new to the sailing game, and look forward to some across-the-bar tips from seasoned skippers.

Andy and Noel Honkamp – Newlyweds Andy and Noel are relatively new to the Chicago area as well. Andy works as the regional sales manager for a chemical company while Noel is a spa director. Residents of Bucktown, they join us as associate members who are eager to meet new people and learn to sail.

Karen and Ron Janowick – No stranger to Columbia because of his work as an electrician and woodworker at Crowleys, Ron is looking forward to picking up Karen at the train then coming over to the Club to relax for the evening.

KayLynne Koubisky and Ashlin Gasiorowski grew up in Nebraska about 45 minutes away from each other, but didn’t meet until they were here in Chicago – what are the odds? Both are chiropractors, opening a new practice in the Lakeshore East neighborhood. Ashlin and KayLynne love to travel and are avid divers – so even in the off season, they’re enjoying the life aquatic. Look for their new baby, *Seas the Day* – a Carver 43, to join us on the dock.

Maureen Kelly spends her days as a nursing instructor at Resurrection Medical Center in Oak Park. She has had many wonderful times at Columbia as a guest of other members. Maureen is looking forward to enjoying the social aspects of Columbia and sharing good times on the *Abby* with her daughter, Aimee, and 16 year old grandson, Kasey.

Megan and Scott Kruiswyk currently reside in Bolingbrook with their one-year-old son, Jake. Scott is a pilot, and Megan works as a flight attendant for the same airline. On any given day, don’t be surprised if you see Jake napping in the library while his parents take in the beautiful views of the harbor.

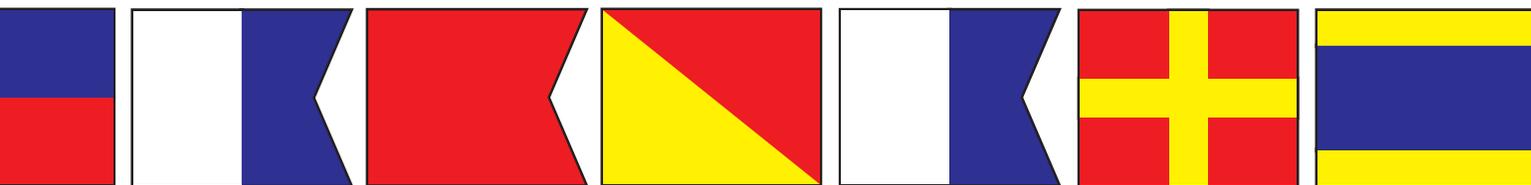
Kimberly and Nicholas Oberman With their Rinker 320, *Interchange*, in Du Sable it was an easy decision to join Columbia’s fun instead of just watching the good times on the *Abby*. Their two children, Jack (10) and Austin (7) are the perfect age for our Junior Sailing program.

Amy Odgers and Michael Holzer – Michael grew up on the Chain of Lakes sailing sunfish and waterskiing slalom by age four. Amy is also an avid water skier. Participating in Skipjacks reminded them how much they love to be on the water. Mike’s good luck won him a 2012 membership at our spring new member event.

Eric Palm had been enjoying the view of Columbia from his nearby condo, and decided to see what we’re all about. Our J-22 program convinced him to join. Eric is a trader by day, but hopes to be an avid sailor by night (or maybe mid-day). He’s taken sailing lessons and loves to go out single-handing for a peaceful respite.

Jennifer and Stacy Peponis – grew up boating: Stacy in the Detroit area, Jennifer with her family out of Montrose Harbor. Having enjoyed Columbia as guests, they are excited to introduce their daughter, Lexie, to sailing lessons. They have to wait until next year when she reaches the ripe old age of five – just old enough for our Shark Bait. Lexie has already scouted out the Library as her favorite place on the Club Ship.

Katie and Ian Rahal, and sons, Kyle and Alex from Glen Ellyn, took a first look last year at Columbia when their boat, *Burn Rate*, a Neptunus Express Cruiser, was docked in Du Sable Harbor. With a new slip location in Burnham this year, they look forward to the ride up to Columbia as a destination. They appreciate the wonderful dining facilities and ambiance of our Club Ship, but as they are also frequent travelers, they look forward to using their membership to experience other clubs.



Andrea and David Rapoport – David and Andrea, together since high school, are excited to return to Lake Michigan. Life-long boaters, they currently have a new power boat (but also interested in sailing). David and Andrea are pioneers at the 31st Street Harbor and look forward to being active in the many amenities offered at Columbia.

Rick Reed – Beatles fan Rick is the proud owner of the T-10 *Eleanor Rigby*. He moved to Chicago four years ago and loves sharing time on the water with his adult children. He joined Columbia because of our “sheer presence on waterfront, the reputation of the Club and its members.” Rick is a US Sailing certified instructor and an avid racer.

Dennis & David Roberts come to Columbia after Dennis met another Columbia member at a conference in Atlanta. He had always wanted to learn to sail, so hearing about the Club gave him the “nudge” he needed. They are looking forward to participating in everything Columbia has to offer.

Marjorie and Bob Rosenbaum are both physicians—he an internist, she a dermatologist—who are familiar with Columbia from holding numerous family events aboard the *Abby*, hosted by Marjorie’s stepfather, Norman Schwarz (a Club member for more than 50 years). Marjorie is an active rower and kayaker who looks forward to learning to sail, while Bob plans to enjoy the camaraderie the Club offers.

Ellen Rosof and Chuck Pennscott never thought they would find themselves joining a yacht club, though their view of the lake from their Edgewater neighborhood always enticed them to get out on the water. A Columbia member told them about our Skipjacks program and ...you can guess the rest. Their first impression of Columbia members was that everyone is so friendly, they wondered if there was a commission paid to recruit new members.

Peggy Sabados – Peggy attended Blues Night at Columbia with a friend and knew she just had to join. A former power boater, Peggy loves the lake is looking forward to the social aspects of Columbia. Retired, with lots of spare time on her hands, Peggy wants to get involved with committees and contribute to the Columbia community.

Kimberlee and David Schmall - David is a long-time sailor who skippers *True Romance*, a Stevens Custom 47 out of Monroe Harbor. David and his wife Kimberlee have three adorable daughters: Greta, Maria and Rosa. They are eager to get the girls involved in Columbia sailing lessons. We hope to see them on Columbia’s docks soon.

Mary and Alexander Stonor Saunders are newcomers to Chicago. Having sailed in the rivers of the British Isles with his father, Alexander is very experienced with frequent tacking. He wanted to get a closer look at our “pond,” so Alex took sailing lessons with us last year and was encouraged to join Columbia. Alexander and Mary have two children, Olivia and Gabriel.

Bernie Shore has been sailing as a racer and a cruiser for many years on the East coast. His C&C sailboat is still in New York, so Bernie was delighted to learn that Columbia has J22s. We will see our new member both enjoying the dining opportunities in the Club Ship and out on the water in a Columbia J22.

Paul Stroup is native of northern Michigan who lives and owns a power boat in the Detroit area. His work in the marine electronics industry brings him to and through Chicago frequently. He has done 25 Macs and 30 Port Huron races, and will do the Verve and Mac races on *Talisman* this year.

Mike Webb J/SUZ grew up sailing in and around Chicago as well as in college at Miami of Ohio. Last year he convinced his roommate, Casey, to join him in sailing on Lake Michigan and now they’ve both got the sailing bug! Casey has a full plate between his current job, his start up business and his Army Reserve obligations. But he plans to pull his boat up and enjoy the dock many times this summer! 

Flotsam & Jetsam

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Honorary Life member Herman Ebner and his new bride, Heather Wallace. Herman and Heather were married on the Club Ship on May 12. The simple ceremony, co-officiated by Commodore Matt Howard and Immediate Past Commodore Peggy Brennan, left not a dry eye in the house as the couple exchanged vows before family and close friends. Our very best wishes to the happy couple!

HELMS ANGELS

If you're a woman who wants to be more confident at the helm, come join HELM'S ANGELS. We are planning a workshop that will include steering, docking and MOB rescue. You can bring your own vessel or come aboard one of ours, either *Speakeasy* or *Whisper*. Have any questions or want to participate? Contact Beth Urech, beth@bethurech.com or 312-375-0560.

GREAT LAKE WARRIORS

As all of us know, our lake can be lovely and calm, the perfect respite on a summer evening. But Lake Michigan can also be treacherous and deadly. For us pleasure boaters, we can just head into the harbor and watch the storms from the bar. But for those who make their living on the lake, it's a different story. And that story is part of a new series called "Great Lake Warriors," airing this summer on the History Channel. Our own Marty Bernstein is one of the producers on the show, which is getting a fantastic response from viewers across the country. Well done, Marty! 



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