

ASK CAPT'N ABBY

This week's question is:

"When the Abegweit first arrived in Chicago, where did she dock?"

Capt'n Abby:

"The Abegweit arrived from a stormy Lake Michigan at Port Chicago and docked at Navy Pier mid April, 1983. The next day, the Abby took a short tour around the 4 Mile Crib before going through the Chicago River Locks and mooring on the south wall of what was then a turn-around basin just inside the lock. That was the last time the engines of the Abegweit ran. She was secured to the dock and perpendicular to the Florida. See the photo below of the two Club Ships, perpendicular to each other. The Club members then began renovation and prepared for Abby's next move to her new home. About two years later, the Abby was towed back through the Chicago River locks and eventually docked where she remains today. By the way...did you know that the Abby was initially intended to be docked pointing North & South, in place of the Florida in the picture below, and that she might have lost about 71 feet off her stern to do so? Well, that's a story for another day."

