

**MARCH/APRIL 2021**



## ***READY TO EMERGE?***

**Yachtapalooza**  
April 17  
Crowley's Yacht  
Yard

**Fleet Meeting**  
2:30 pm at  
Yachtapalooza

The seventeen year cicadas are emerging this year and so is Fleet 21. After a year of CO-VID restrictions and a long snowy winter we're all ready for sailing and friends.

As a first encouraging sign of spring, Crowley's Yacht Yard announced it is going to hold Yachtapalooza on April 17, 2021, 9 AM to 3 PM. This is a month later due to Covid19.

Catalina Fleet 21 will hold the first outing – general meeting - for 2021 in conjunction with Yachtapalooza 2:30 PM at Crowley's Yacht Yard.

Crowley's is working on some good programs, a Mac-Race track of three seminars, great loop sailing, as well as several others. They are erecting three large tents for the activities. The Yachtapalooza event will continue traditions of ship store discounts including on VC-17, Nautical Donations Flea Market, food, and numerous vendors, in a socially distant environment.

Catalina Fleet 21 is working on a sailing skill activity, intended to perfect and test your sailing skills. Plan to participate and show how great our Catalina Fleet 21 member's skills are. There will be prizes!!!

At 2:30 pm we'll gather for our first meeting of the year. Bring your ideas and thoughts for activities and outings. We want your input – it's your club after all. We would like to gather for refreshments and/or dinner, but that will depend on the Covid19 rules in place at the time. So, watch the CF21 web site or emails for details. Check <https://crowleys.com> for more information about Yachtapalooza. Give them a week. There is nothing on the website right now.

The Chicago Harbors report is promising. Let's gather and get the 2021 sailing season off to a good start. **Wear your mask! Stay safe!**

**Updates on the web site.**  
**[www.catfleet21.org](http://www.catfleet21.org)**

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE***

A new year 2021 has started. We all hope it will be a better year than 2020.



When you read this, there may be snow on the ground in and around Chicago, but remember some marinas begin opening in less than 30 days. Michigan City will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Chicago harbors May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nothing says spring like the familiar odor of VC-17.

Sad to think we went the entire year of 2020 without a single Fleet 21 outing. I sincerely hope we do better this year. At this time, there are still restrictions on groups getting together. However, with the vaccine now being issued, we hope to be able to hold at least some of our programs and events later in the year. We have experience running several of our "regular" outings. We could setup and run some of these outings on fairly short notice once we are allowed to and our members feel comfortable doing so. In the meantime, if interested, we can hold some more of our group ZOOM meetings. That will offer us a chance to catchup on what everyone has been doing.

In regards to membership, as already stated, any dues paid for 2020 will now be considered dues for both 2020 and 2021. PLEASE NOTE, the cost of Mainsheet for 2021 will still need to be paid. Membership renewal forms are included with this edition of the Fleet Sheet. Please complete it and return it promptly, so we can be sure to include you in the directory.

I sincerely hope everyone in the Fleet 21 family is doing well, and look forward to seeing all of you out on the water this summer. Be careful, stay safe.

Branson Stone  
Commodore



*Hope we can get this group together again soon!*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Your membership renewal form is included in this newsletter. **Your dues are paid!** However, please complete and return the form with your current information for the directory. Also, if you receive Mainsheet through us, you will need to pay for that subscription. Please return the form to Pat Shereyk by May 1.

Welcome to the Fleet:

Skipper: William Iwanski  
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Boat Info: Catalina: 36 Sail #: 1480  
Name: *JenAly*  
Harbor: Southport Marine Mooring C-173

Jennifer and Bill are dock mates of Deborah and Brian Ruxton who are neighbors of Carolyn and Dave DeAre. A mini Fleet pod!

Welcome back to the following new member:

Skipper: Stephen McCleary  
First Mate: Stephanie McCleary (daughter)  
Address: 2S244 Madison Street  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
Phone: 630-688-0632  
Email: [steve60187@aol.com](mailto:steve60187@aol.com)  
Boat info: Catalina 22 Sail #9672  
Name: *Le Soleil*

Steve was a member in the 80s/90s with his boat in Belmont Harbor.

## **OUTINGS**

2021 should see the return of some of our favorite Fleet events. With CO-VID restrictions easing and vaccines increasing, we hope by early summer to be drinking margaritas together. It is too early to schedule firm dates, but we hope to have a Margarita Party, Shrimp Boil, Kenosha Overnight, and the Lobster Fest. We are also open to suggestions for additional outings and venues. Contact Dave DeAre with your ideas. Look for additional details and dates in the next newsletter, on our web site, or by email.

## **CYA**

**Reported by James Graham**

Following is a summary the Chicago Yachting Association meeting, 2/25/21.

**Scott Stevenson, general manager, Chicago Harbors, attended and reported the following:**

He fully anticipates a May 1 opening of Chicago harbors. He sees no reason they cannot open unless there is a drastic worsening of the pandemic. He thinks the opening date will be announced in the next week to 10 days.

They have a COVID-19 task force and Randy Schmidt, CYA commodore, is a member.

He believes the boating community on the whole behaved responsibly last year, with less rafting and large-group partying, and he expects a loosening of boat passenger limitations. For example, families living together should not be limited to six on a vessel if they have eight in the family. There may also be exceptions for passengers who are vaccinated.

Current Lake Michigan water levels are 11 inches below the level of February 2020. They project these lower levels will continue but this is, of course, subject to weather patterns. Great news for harbors.

Boat occupancy in the harbors is bouncing back and is only a couple of hundred boats below previous years, which is crucial to maintaining the revenue stream that supports harbor operations. Last year the park district lost millions of dollars because of COVID's impact on boating.

Capital projects are on track to repair damage from winter weather. They expect to finish the Jackson Park breakwater in time for this season.

The Chicago harbor website is undergoing an overhaul that he hopes will be completed in time for the 2021 season. It would give customers an individual login to manage their accounts and pay bills. It would also be mobile-device friendly. In answer to questions, Scott said he expects Internet service to remain status quo in the harbors. As new slips are added, wired internet is included at those slips.

- Scott noted that he recently visited Skipper Buds North Point and saw they have practically no inventory. He said boat sales in the area have been brisk.

“There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!” Irish Proverb ...



## ***BUY/SELL/TRADE***

Fleet members may list items they want to buy, sell, or trade in this column. .Listings are free and run for three issues of this newsletter. Send submissions to the Fleet Sheet editor at [Deare30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Deare30@sbcglobal.net).

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# Catalina Fleet 21 - Chicago Region

## 2021 Renewal Membership Form

2021 Membership is paid - please use this form to make changes to your information only or subscribe to Main Sheet

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Zip Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_

Harbor: \_\_\_\_\_ Mooring: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *Catalina Fleet 21* (check dollar option below):

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Mariner's Fund Donation Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form to: Pat Shereyk

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Membership Committee: Pat Shereyk 708 645-1957 or 708 214-6646

In consideration of the opportunity to participate and/or my participation in any trips, events, lessons, races or other sport or non-sport activities of Catalina Fleet 21, I for myself and my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, hereby agree that Catalina Fleet 21 and its officers, directors trip and event leader instructors, assistants, agents and representatives, shall not be liable jointly or severally, for any injuries to my person or property. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the parties from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, liability, loss damage and expenses of any kind, including attorney's fees arising from such claims.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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