

# SEPTEMBER 2021

**Zoom General Meeting and Election of Officers**  
September 14  
7pm

**Annual Banquet**  
September 25  
Palos Country Club

## ***WE NEED YOUR VOTE***

There won't be any campaign speeches, clever slogans, or pie-in-the-sky promises, but there will be an election on September 14. Fleet 21 is electing a new slate of officers for 2022. Branson Stone became Commodore in 2019 and ably guided us through that year and a tumultuous 2020. Now it's time to let Branson (and others) retire. Our slate of officers for 2022 is as follows:

Commodore	Harold Hansen
Vice Commodore	Pete Pohl
Treasurer	Erik Hillenmeyer
Secretary	Laura Pohl

We will also accept nominations from the floor (or since this is a Zoom meeting, from your living room). It is important that we have a good turn-out for this first-for-us Zoom election. You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting in an email from Branson. This should be a very short meeting so please try to join us on September 14 at 7pm.

The rest of the board positions are appointed by the Commodore. Is there a position you would like to fill? Let us know! We need new blood and new ideas.

The new officers are installed at the Annual Banquet which is September 25<sup>th</sup> at Palos Country Club. While the RSVP deadline is past, you may still be able to join us. Call Madalyn Duerr at 708-305-3342 today. We would love to have you attend! If fear of CO-VID has kept you from this fabulous event, be assured that the Country Club will be following all CDC guidelines. Masks will be required when you come in the front door and in all public spaces. When you enter our large private room, you may remove your mask. Bathrooms will be continuously sanitized. We didn't get to have a banquet in 2020, so it's really special this year!

## **Banquet 2019**



<b>COMMODORE</b>	
Branson Stone	219-201-5583
<b>VICE COMMODORE</b>	
Harold Hansen	773-480-7412
<b>TREASURER</b>	
Pete Pohl	630-319-3207
<b>SECRETARY</b>	
Laura Pohl	630-682-3204
<b>PAST COMMODORE</b>	
James Caldwell	312-391-7777
<b>HARBOR CAPTAINS</b>	
Belmont	Catherine Hillenmeyer 630-915-8163
Burnham	open
DuSable	open
Hammond	Pat Reynolds 773-779-4949
Jackson Park	Wanda Robertson 773-538-7531
Kenosha	Deborah Ruxton 630-279-4533
Michigan City	Ted Kuenzli 708-539-9955
Monroe	Cathy Bredlau 708-807-2165
Montrose	Fred Swastek 773-578-6852
31 <sup>st</sup> Street	open
Waukegan	open
<b>DIRECTORY</b>	
Bill Thompson	630-373-3594
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Pat Shereyk	708-645-1957
<b>OUTINGS</b>	
Dave DeAre	630-469-6117
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	
April Hansen	319-321-9751
<b>RACING</b>	
Bob Garrett	773-988-5501
<b>RIGGING &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	
Leo Beer	708-204-6771
Jeff Danhauer	270-570-0385
<b>MEMBER AT LARGE</b>	
Jack Bretall	708-974-4932
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	
Fleet Sheet	Carolyn DeAre 630-469-6117
Main Sheet	Fred Collins 219-762-4107
<b>MARINER'S FUND</b>	
Ted Kuenzli	773-517-1576
<b>WEB SITE</b>	
Bob Kuba	773-327-9331
<b>CYA REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
James Graham	847-477-1491
<b>BANQUET</b>	
Madalyn Duerr	708-429-0005

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

This will be my last commodore's message. Covid-19 changed our lives and our ability to get together as a fleet. Sadly, we were not able to hold a single in-person outing or program last year. This year we were able to bring back a few of our standards outings, but still had to be concerned about constantly changing covid-19 rules and how comfortable members would feel about getting together. Personally, I had to learn about *ZOOM* and how to use it to run meetings. Hopefully, next year we will be able to put together all the old traditional outings and add a few new ideas.



On September 14<sup>th</sup> we will hold a *Zoom* general meeting. The main purpose is the Election of Officers. The nominating committee has presented their slate: Harold Hansen – Commodore, Pete Pohl – Vice Commodore, Erik Hillenmeyer – Treasurer, and Laura Pohl – Secretary. As always, the floor will be open for additional nominations. It is important that we have a good turnout for this meeting, so please mark your calendars.

We will wrap up the season with our Annual Banquet, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Palos County Club. We are holding the banquet early this year hoping to attract many of our members who have become *Snow Birds*. A fun evening of drink, food, live music, and friends. We will issue our Fleet 21 traveling awards. We will also induct the officers for the coming year.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with the programs, outings, as well as the basic functions of keeping the Fleet up and running. This has been a group effort, and I am grateful for your advice, assistance, and support.

As always, I hope to see you out on the water.

Thank You,  
Branson Stone  
Commodore



*Thank you, Branson, for  
being a great Commodore!*

# CYA

## **Reported by James Graham**

Following is a summary of the Chicago Yachting Association meeting on August 26

### **Westrec report on Chicago Harbors**

- Contracts for winter storage at Chicago Harbors will be mailed out in a week or two.
- Aquatic weed treatments were applied in all harbors this week, one of three done throughout the year.
- Jackson Park's outer harbor had a parking gate malfunctioning. They think they identified the cause and work is ongoing to fix the culprit electronic component.
- The CYA attendee representing 59th Street harbor reported dock power outages, which Westrec says are isolated and should be fixed. It was also reported to Westrec that security officer visibility was lacking.
- At 31st Harbor it was pointed out that weekend sound restrictions are not well-enforced.
- At Montrose Harbor, lighting around the promenade has been repaired.

CYA's Sea Scouts reports an extremely successful year with good participation.

Happy sailing all!

## **RIGGING & EQUIPMENT**

### **SEALANT CONFUSION**

#### **Submitted by Leo Beer S/V High Life**

Hey Everyone, It's been a really fast summer but I think Deb and I made the most of it. Unfortunately, as you're reading this some of you may be doing the fall haul out or getting ready to finish out the season and tuck in our summer love for a long winters nap. This is a sad thought, but something we northern sailors must face every year.

Our sailboats are very susceptible to leaks, with all the deck hardware attached to the topsides. With this comes the chance for water intrusion. This is bad, even worse over the winter exacerbated by freezing and

thawing of any moisture that may find it's way into any crack, crevice, screw hole or seam. There are a lot of sealant options out there and may be confusing on what type of sealant to use and where. So here is a quick rundown of sealants from 3M and a few others.

Starting with a product to repair those little spider cracks to in gelcoat to keep water out is "Capt. Tolley's Creeping Crack Cure". The capillary action penetrates the even the finest hairline gelcoat spider cracks. It's easy to apply, flexible and dries clear. For use above the waterline only. Remove any wax first.

"Butyl Tape" is a choice of many sailors to seal deck hardware. It's great for filling in odd shaped voids around chainplates, lifeline stanchions or anything with a larger gap to fill. Its easy to shape, cleans up easy and is easy to remove in the future. It needs to be replaced periodically as it does dry out eventually.

"3M Marine Grade Silicone Sealant" is for use above the waterline. It is not an adhesive. This is the best silicone sealant for a boat since it's mildew resistant and non-yellowing. Good around screws and non-direct water pressure or UV exposure.

"3M Fast Cure 4200" number is misleading as it is a lower grade sealant/adhesive than the 4000. It is medium grade that's designed for interior use since it's not UV resistant. For the same cost go for the 4000, it's virtually the same. I confirmed this with 3M's technical department.

"3M Fast Cure 4000 UV" has it right in the name, UV. This is a great all around high performance product for interior, exterior, above and below waterline sealant / adhesive. It has an excellent UV resistance and is color stable. Best part of this is you can get it apart with a little patience and some work without destroying your boat or the part. It's also paintable after fully cured.

"3M Marine Adhesive Sealant 5200" is the mother of all adhesives. It is a permanent bonding sealant. Do not use this if you ever think you might need to get it apart. There is a fast cure version of this product also but use the slow cure if you have time to wait 48 hours. This gives you time to move or change assembly if needed.

Get your boat snug and leak free and you'll be happier at spring launch. See you all at the banquet.

Safe sailing.

Leo

## **BUY/SELL/TRADE**

**FREE:** Two pieces of stainless tubing that is 1 inch in diameter. One is 49 inches and the other is 18 inches. Second stainless tubing that is 7/8 inch diameter with two eyelets on it. This pole is 7 feet long. The last item is a mooring float and pole. These are free to anyone who wants them. Contact Ted Kuenzli at [Kuenzli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kuenzli@sbcglobal.net) to see pictures of these items or to claim them.

Fleet 21 and many of its members lost a friend this week with the passing of Todd Fulbright. Many of us purchased Catalinas from Todd, and many have fond memories of good times with Todd, Tim, Dave and others in the Fulbright family. In 1972, Todd and his brother Tim Fulbright bought Sail Place Inc. and entered the world of sailing. Todd did not have experience sailing, but had a love for the water and a determination to build a business. The family had many sailing adventures over the years. The passion for water is deeply rooted in the Fulbright family. Sail Place still thrives 50 years later and is now run by Todd's son and his wife, Dave and Kathy (Beck) Fulbright.



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