



on the Move

Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum

CMM Now Open as Event Venue for Local Maritime Groups



As part of a Chicagoland outreach effort, CMM will begin offering the museum as event space for partner groups in the Chicago maritime community. Previously, groups such as the **Underwater Archeological Society of Chicago** and **Friends of the Chicago River** have held meetings and events at the museum.

Moving forward, CMM hopes to expand our outreach to boaters, environmentalists, anglers, open water swimmers, historians, and educators to plan events at the museum where their groups can learn about the importance of Chicago's waterways in the city's growth and development.

This past month, CMM welcomed **Sail Chicago** as the first event in this new endeavor for their annual winter meeting. More than 50 people attended, and while the group provided their own catering, seven CMM volunteers provided museum tours, store sales assistance and hospitality during the event.

"It was great to work with Kathleen and the CMM staff to organize our event," said Jack Griffin, Sail Chicago Social Director. "The space is perfect for small groups to mingle and enjoy the displays of Chicago's maritime history. We look forward to having our members attend future events at your venue."

Upcoming events at the museum include:

- **Strategic Maritime Solutions** of Milwaukee will present "What's the Point," a maritime electronics seminar focused on GPS waypoints and their vital relationship to boating safety on Saturday April 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. CMM members will enjoy a 15 percent discount for the seminar. Details to come.
- **Drawn by the Current** author Jocelyn Green will present a program in combination with the **Eastland Disaster Society** on September 1. Details to come.

"We are happy to share our space with **Sail Chicago** and other maritime groups in the future," says Kath Thomas, CMM Events Director. "We hope to form strong bonds with these groups so we can expand our mission of celebrating maritime history in Chicago."

If you would like to discuss planning a maritime-related event at CMM please email Kath Thomas at kathjoythomas@gmail.com.

Join the events volunteer crew for future events [here](#).

More information and docent training opportunities are being planned.

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Third Friday in February Presents Saving the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse



The Chicago Maritime Museum invites you to an in-depth presentation on the history and restoration efforts of the **Chicago Harbor Lighthouse** on Friday, February 17.

The **Chicago Harbor Lighthouse** was constructed in 1893 for **the World's Columbian Exposition** in Chicago celebrating the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World in 1492. The lighthouse moved to its current location in 1919.

Although having fallen into disrepair in recent years, the lighthouse continues to symbolize Chicago's history and unique maritime past. A group called **Friends of the Chicago Lighthouse** has committed to the preservation, restoration and celebration of the **Chicago Harbor Lighthouse** for future generations.

Join us on February 17 as Kurt Lentsch, a long-time Chicago boater and self-named Chief Dreamer and President of **Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse**, presents plans to restore this Chicago icon.

In conjunction with the **Bridgeport Art Center's** Third Friday Open House, the Chicago Maritime Museum opens its doors for lively presentations on maritime history and current events each month. Join us for February's lecture either in-person or on Zoom. Come early and explore the Bridgeport Art Center's many art galleries.

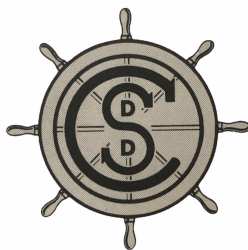
The presentation is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. However, you might just consider joining the CMM for an annual membership of just \$35, which provides unlimited visits, access to our monthly newsletter and special events such as the Third Friday maritime lecture series. Join us at chicagomaritimemuseum.org or call us (773) 376-1982. We are located on the lower level of the Bridgeport Art Center at 1200 W 35th Street. Parking is free in the north lot.

If you are unable to join us in person, register for the Zoom presentation by clicking [here](#).

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Curator's Corner by Dylan Hoffmann
The Calumet Shipyard and
Dry Dock Company



The Calumet Shipyard and Dry Dock Company is revered for building quality lake and ocean-going tugs, barges, and river towboats of every size and type. The family-run shipyard built over 150 hulls in total, 37 of which were constructed for the **Maritime Commission** and **U.S. Army** during World War II. In addition, the shipyard repaired several vessels with profound historical significance.

A collection of objects and photographs donated by Marilynn Bickley and Nancy Stanford, granddaughters of shipyard founder James Andrew Rogan, help establish personal connections and a deeper understanding of the impact the shipyard had on the inland water industry and national defense efforts.

Learn more through the Calumet Shipyard and Dry Dock online story and by visiting the Chicago Maritime Museum.

[Learn More Here](#)

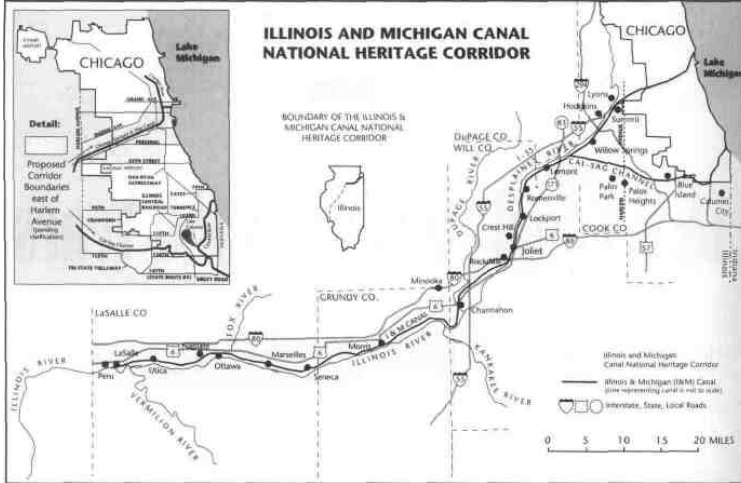
First Woman Elected Commodore of Chicago Yacht Club



Lisa Curcio Gaston, a former judge, enjoys boating on Lake Michigan.

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I & M Canal to Celebrate 175th Anniversary



The **Canal Corridor Association** will start a year-long series of presentations for the **Illinois and Michigan Canal's** 175th anniversary in April this year.

[Learn More Here](#)

2023 Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival Scheduled for Late February

Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival



The Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival returns on February 25 at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, Michigan. Presented by the Ford Seahorses and Sea Lancers dive club, the festival is an annual event that highlights scuba diving adventures, shipwrecks, maritime history, and technical advances.

[Learn More Here](#)

Maritime Event Calendar

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum [website calendar page](#).

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area or story ideas to Mary Ann O'Rourke at maorourke58@gmail.com.

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