



July 2022

# *on the Move*

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

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## **Captain Bill Honored as Hero of the Game at June 9 White Sox/Dodgers Game**



Captain Bill was honored as Hero of the Game at the Chicago White Sox Game on June 9 – the 30th anniversary of his return to the U.S. after 22 months at sea.

The White Sox honor a member of the military during a designated half-inning break at each home game. Captain Bill was honored and featured live on the centerfield videoboard as the public address announcer recounted his service to our country and his solo circumnavigation around the globe.

Bill served in the US Navy from 1953 to 1961, becoming active in 1956. He served between the Korean War and the start of the Vietnam War on several ships including the USS Iowa and the USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as a hospital corpsman specializing in X-ray.

At 86, Bill is currently active with the U.S. Merchant Marine in Puerto Rico, where he is a licensed Captain for vessels with up to 200 gross tons.

CMM brought Bill to Chicago to shoot video clips for the museum's proposed exhibit about his solo around the world adventure. While here, the museum also hosted his first book signing promoting his new children's book, "Sailing Commitment Around the World."

## Save the Date: 2022 CMMFestival, October 27



The 2022 Chicago Maritime Museum Festival, "Discover the Connection," is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022. Last year, the festival raised over \$100K which helped support planning for new exhibits and programs. Evidence for the success from last year is the museum's redesigned lobby.

This year, the goal is to build on those initiatives by exceeding last year's financial numbers and taking the exhibit planning to a new level based on detailed schematic designs.

The focus of this year's festival will be on the connections between the region's local waterways and the many growth facets of Chicago, including trade, sport, transportation, and engineering. The venue will be hybrid at the museum, which will host in-person and virtual guests, the paddle-raise and maritime music by Tom Kastle.

**The festival committee is working on details of the event.  
Official invitation to follow.**

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### Curator's Corner

By Dylan Hoffman



# Brookfield Teen Camp Tours CMM



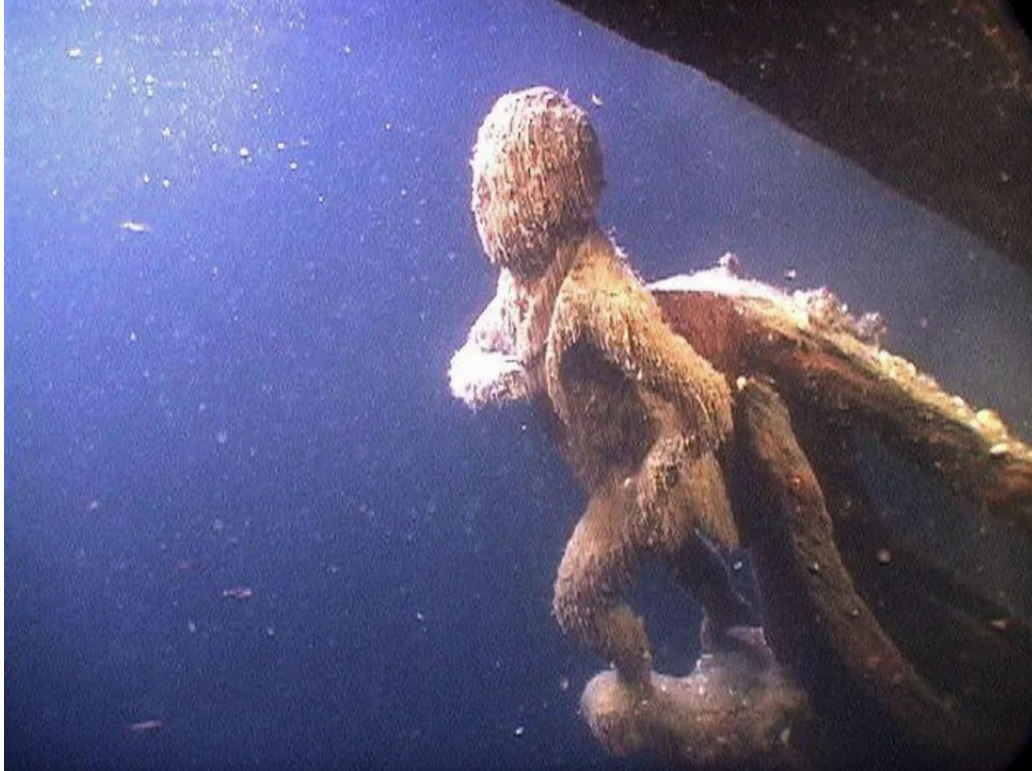
On June 23rd, the Chicago Maritime Museum welcomed the Teen R.E.C. Camp from Brookfield, Illinois. The group consists of thirty teens involved in a summer program that seeks out adventures in the city and surrounding suburbs. While at the museum, participants were excited to see a real dugout and birchbark canoe. They were surprised to learn that thousands of commercial sailing vessels once converged on Chicago's harbor.

This group of teens particularly enjoyed learning about Bubbly Creek, while viewing it in-person, just outside the museum's doors. One mile to the north of CMM, Canal Origins Park marks the former headwaters of the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal. The 96-mile-long man-made canal that provided a link between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River was designed with 15 locks to accommodate for the change in elevation. Visitors were able to gain a deeper understanding of how a lock works by using a hands-on interactive model.

**The CMM is open to field trips and group tours, please call the museum at (773) 376-1982 for scheduling.**

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## Shipwreck Mysteries on the Great Lakes

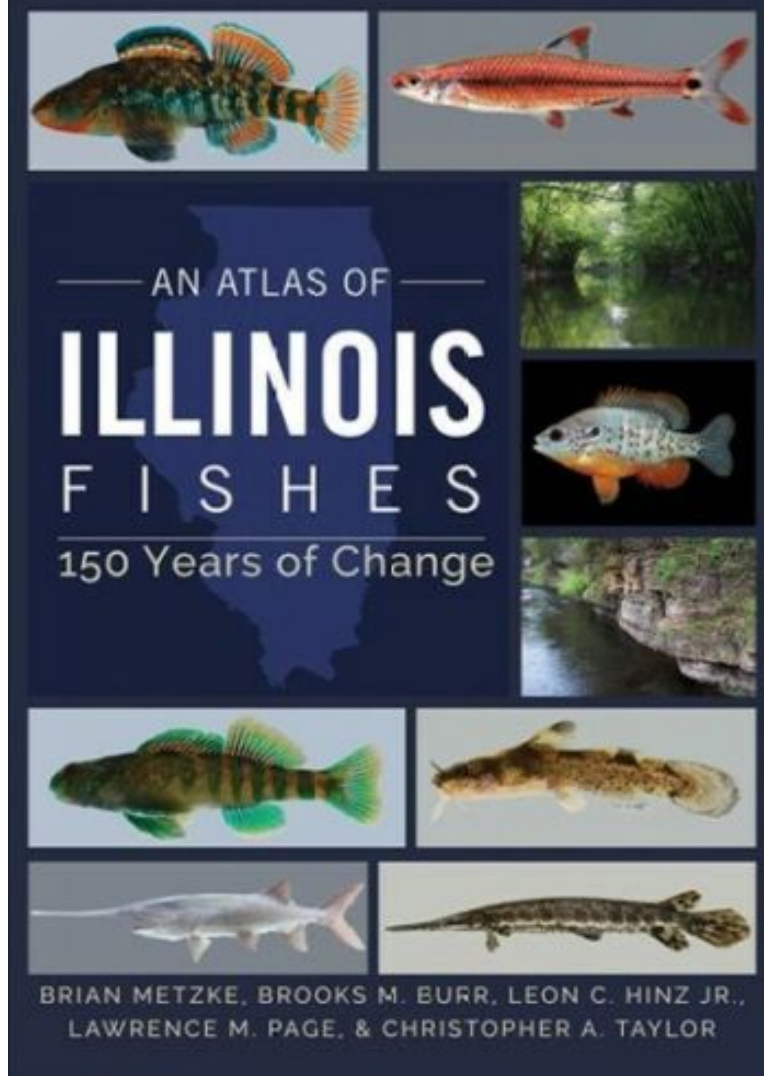


How many of you are aware that from Nov. 7-10, 1913, the entire Great Lakes region was engulfed in what has been called “The White Hurricane?” Over four days, blinding snow and massive waves sent 12 ships and their crews to watery graves.

[Read About That and More Great Lakes Shipwrecks Here](#)

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## **An Atlas of Illinois Fishes: 150 Years of Change**



The volume updates and continues the lineage of important books documenting the fishes across Illinois.

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## **Paddle Across Lake Michigan**





Mike Stout kayaks on the St. Croix River. *Bill Donovan.*

A kayaker's sixth trip across Lake Michigan was filled with cold, windy weather, but 'beautiful' moments as well.

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## Maritime Event Calendar

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

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