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# on the Move

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

## Youth Groups Enjoy Summer at CMM

### **Sailing Seminar Led by Captain Bill Pinkney**

Youth Empowered from Indianapolis visited Chicago Maritime Museum on June 30th for a tour and a Zoom conversation with Capt. Bill Pinkney, the first African American to solo circumnavigate the world via the five great capes. Captain Bill encouraged the group to never stop sailing, even if you get hit by the boom!

“Your limits only stop you if you stop,” said Capt. Bill.



### **Energy Focus for Academy Students**

With the goal of studying and understanding energy, students from the Academy for Global Citizenship, a non-profit Chicago public charter school, located on the city's Southeast Side, visited the museum on June 7.



Both of these events were organized by CMM Education Director Sari Breslin.

## CMM Festival Fundraiser “All Hands on Deck” Scheduled for Thursday, October 26



The CMM fundraiser planning committee is busy planning for the annual museum fundraiser. Themed **“All Hands on Deck”** the fundraiser date has been set for Thursday, October 26.

Last year, nearly 100 patrons, both on-line and in-person, which raised \$100,000 for the museum.

“This year, we are truly hoping for all hands on deck to support and grow our museum,” says Vice Chair Jerry Thomas. “CMM wishes to thank all who participated and donated last year. We hope to carry your momentum into this year as you continue to support exciting new plans for the museum.”  
It is never too late or early to support CMM’s future.

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## ***Curator's Corner by Dylan Hoffmann***

### **CMM Acquires Two Original Maritime Paintings**

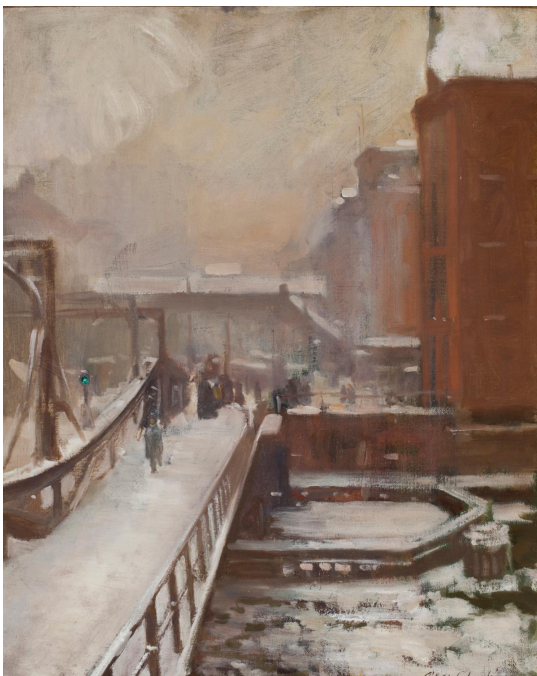
M. Christine Schwartz's fascination with Chicago's historical art and artists led to her mass collection of more than one hundred paintings. She has donated more than half of the paintings to public institutions across the country. The Chicago Maritime Museum is grateful to be one of the recipients, recently acquiring two significant works aligned to the museum's mission.



**Albert Fleury (1848-1924)**  
**Goose Island, 1898**  
**Oil on board**

Shortly after immigrating to the United States from France in 1888, Albert Fleury was commissioned to design artwork for the newly constructed Auditorium Building. Ten years later, he joined the faculty at the Art Institute, turning his primary artistic focus to the city's landscape. Fleury's 1900

exhibition "Picturesque Chicago" expressed admiration for the strange yet beautiful scenes of gloomy, smoke-filled life and activity in the city.



**Alson Skinner Clark (1876-1949)**  
**Study for The Coffee House, 1906**  
**Oil on canvas**

Native Chicagoan, Alson Skinner Clark, completed this study for his 1906 work [The Coffee House \(Art Institute of Chicago\)](#). Depicting the State Street Bridge looking south, the study was likely undertaken from the bridge-tender's house. The painting is titled after the building on the right, W.F. McLaughlin's & Co. coffee roasters. The Coffee House was included in the 1906 annual American art exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, winning the Martin B. Cahn Prize for the best work by a Chicagoan.

This generous donation provides CMM an opportunity to preserve and share social objects that express unique aspects of Chicago's maritime history.

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# Curator Dylan Hoffman Takes On New Position on West Coast



CMM Curator Dylan Hoffman has accepted the position of Collections Manager at the **Puget Sound Navy Museum** and will be leaving the CMM on Friday, July 7.

“We wish to thank Dylan for all his contributions to the museum during the past seven years,” says Jerry Thomas, CMM Vice Chair. “From managing collections, getting us through a flood and starting us on the way to becoming an accredited museum, we wouldn’t be where we are today without him. His tours with kids are exciting, even for us adults. His help with the various outside activities such as Open House Chicago

and River Cleanup help put the museum on the map. He will certainly be missed.”

In 2016, just as CMM had moved to its new location in Bridgeport, Dylan began volunteering in the collections department. Recognizing his talent and skills, CMM hired Dylan as a full-time curator in 2018. With CMM’s financial support, Dylan recently received a Master of Arts in Museum Studies Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

From the entire museum, a heartfelt thank you for all you’ve done Dylan. We will miss you.

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## Officials Reverse River Flow to Prevent Flooding



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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago allowed water from the Chicago River to go into Lake Michigan to help alleviate shoreline flooding after heavy rains pounded the area last weekend.

[See Coverage Here](#)

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## Record-breaking Mississippi River Paddle



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Yorkville man part of canoe team claiming record for paddling length of Mississippi River in under 17 days.

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## EPA: Great Lakes Polluters Must Clean up Coal Waste

One advocate calls the coal ash pits in her town a "ticking time bomb."



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## 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](mailto:maorourke58@gmail.com).

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