

June 2023



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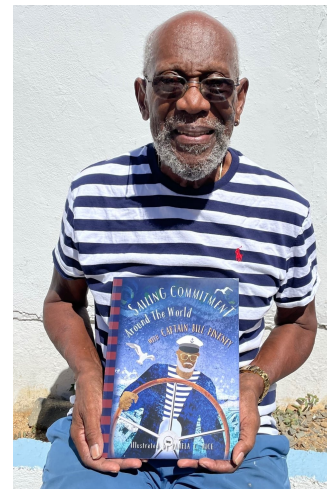
*Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum*

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## Indianapolis Youth Group Will Take Part in CMM Sailing Seminar Led by Captain Bill Pinkney

**Youth Empowerment** of Indianapolis is coming to Chicago to sail with Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation's Youth Sailing Program for two weeks in June. On Friday, June 30th at 3:00 p.m., Youth Empowerment will tour CMM and will join a Zoom call with around-the-world solo sailor, Captain Bill Pinkney, who will discuss his epic adventure with them.

JPYC Foundation President, Karen Harris, heads up the effort and is inviting other junior sailing programs to join the Zoom call.



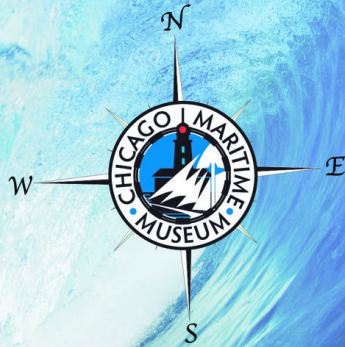
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## Save the Date: CMM Festival Fundraiser "All Hands on Deck" Scheduled for Thursday, October 26

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

# All Hands On Deck! Save the Date Thursday, 10-26-23



**CMM Festival 23**  
Raising funds to support the  
**Chicago Maritime Museum**  
A hybrid event filled  
with music and generous giving  
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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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## CMM Staff and Volunteers Participate in Chicago River Day



On Saturday, May 13th, museum staff, volunteers, and friends worked to clean the South Fork as part of the annual Chicago River Day. Since the inaugural event in 1992, volunteers have carted off hundreds of tons of garbage and invasive plant material from the Chicago River system, helping to restore riverbanks and open spaces.



CMM participated in Chicago River Day 2023, leading a group of 30 volunteers in the cleanup efforts. In total, over 50 bags of litter were collected from the area surrounding the museum. We would like to thank Friends of the Chicago River - for managing 78 sites for this community project, the Bridgeport Art Center, and Wateriders – for providing volunteers an opportunity to get out on the water in kayaks to collect garbage via the on-site dock.

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## Oak Park Tiger Scouts Worked on Floats and Boats Badges at CMM



With the focus on different types of boats, Tiger Scouts from Oak Park learned about the evolution of boats with a tour of the museum on Sunday, May 21. In order to acquire their Floats and Boats badges, they watched videos on how a sailboat works and how a steam engine works. The Scouts reviewed what parts of boats are called and then drew their own boats.

They also visited a shipwright in the Bridgeport Art Center who was working on a boat. He gave the Scouts a brief tour and showed them the plans and stages of boat building.

The Tiger Scout outing was coordinated by CMM's Education Director, Sari Breslin, as part of an overall education plan to bring more students into the museum.



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## Eight Bells for Revered Sailor Buddy Melges



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Harry Clemons "Buddy" Melges Jr., considered to be one of the greatest competitive sailors in the sport of sailing, passed away on May 18, 2023. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy as one of the most accomplished and revered sailors in American history.

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## EPA creates \$30M Grant Program for Great Lakes Projects



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Funds will be awarded to pass-through entities to ease barriers for communities.

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# Snapping Turtle Is A Superstar — And Great News For The Chicago River



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Experts are attributing the return of local wildlife to improvements in the water quality of the Chicago River over time.

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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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