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on the Move

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

Tom Kastle and Barry Butler to Host CMMFestival Fundraiser “All Hands on Deck” Scheduled for Thursday, October 26

All Hands On Deck!
CMMFestival 23
Thursday, 10-26-23

Raising funds to support the
Chicago Maritime Museum
A hybrid evening of maritime music
and generous giving
hosted by **Tom Kastle & Barry Butler**

CAPTURE

No one captures the beauty of our lakes and rivers more than this dynamic duo of artists, 2023 CMMFestival co-hosts Tom Kastle and Barry Butler. Shanty singer, maritime festival founder, and tall ships captain, Tom Kastle joins Chicago's "Picture Poet," renowned Chicago photographer Barry Butler, for a rousing evening of folklore and fundraising.

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Themed “All Hands on Deck” the fundraiser date is set for Thursday, October 26. The hybrid event will be hosted live at the museum by shanty singer Tom Kastle and Chicago lakefront photographer Barry Butler. Guests are invited to join live or on Zoom.

Last year, nearly 100 patrons, both online and in-person, 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 intend to carry your momentum into this year as you continue to support exciting new plans for the museum.”

This year’s theme, **All Hands on Deck**, invites the diverse and extensive maritime vessels - from tug boats to tour boats - that ply Chicago’s lakes and rivers to become a part of CMM’s mission to explore and celebrate the city’s rich maritime history.

It is never too early to support CMM’s future.

Register for Zoom
Event

Register for in
Person Event

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CMM Welcomes New Curator Steeped in Chicago History



From maps to miniatures, CMM's new curator, Madeline Crispell has curated some of Chicagoland's most interesting exhibits.

In her role at the **Newberry Library's Smith Center for the History of Cartography**, Madeline explored Chicago's transportation and travel history from its first indigenous inhabitants through today. As guest curator at the **History Center of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff**, she curated *The Art of the Miniature*, an exhibition focusing on the legacy of Narcissa Thorne and the craft of miniatures. In addition to other curatorial roles, Madeline also served as lead curator on the **Historic Pullman Foundation's 50th anniversary exhibition** *From*

Wrecking Ball to National Park.

"In my own research and at different positions across the city, I've been able to build a strong knowledge base of Chicago's transportation history and am excited at the prospect of deepening it further at the CMM," says Madeline. "I've always been passionate about making the history of Chicago and the region accessible and interesting to the public and I am eager to support the Museum's excellent work as its curator."

With an undergraduate degree in History and French from **George Washington University** and a Masters of Arts degree in Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture from **Bard Graduate Center**, Madeline is steeped and well-versed in public history.

"The Chicago Maritime Museum is fortunate to find a curator with Madeline's skills," says Jerry Thomas, Vice Chair of CMM. "She is clearly ready to work with a permanent collection such as ours and help us develop relevant and engaging maritime exhibits over a longer period of time."

Eager to jump right in, Madeline is currently managing the October 26th CMM's Festival "All Hands on Deck" run of show. She will also be instrumental in the coordination of two upcoming exhibits on Captain Bill Pinkney and the Lady Elgin.

Welcome to the Chicago Maritime Museum Madeline!

October Third Friday Presents the Underground Railroad in Chicago and Northeastern Illinois

The Chicago Maritime Museum Third Friday lecture series on October 20th presents a discussion on the development of the Underground Railroad.

In the decades before the Civil War,

several thousand freedom seekers travelled through Northeastern Illinois. This program outlines their stories and the range of encounters with white and Black abolitionists, who provided assistance.

Dr. Larry McClellan has written extensively on the Underground Railroad in Illinois and northwest Indiana. He was the principal author of applications that added sites in Crete, Lockport and on the Little Calumet River to the National Park Service registry of significant Underground Railroad sites in America.

In 1970, Dr. McClellan helped to start Governors State University and taught there for many years. He is now Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Community Studies at GSU. In the late 1970s, he was Mayor of Park Forest South, now University Park, Illinois. From 1993 through 2003, he wrote a monthly regional history column for *The Star* newspapers in the suburbs south of Chicago.



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. Come early and explore the Bridgeport Art Center's many art galleries. Join us on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. either in person or virtually.

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.

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Here!

Join Us Virtually
Here!

Tracking Chicago River Fish



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For 15 years, Chicago has tried and failed to win a federal grant to rebuild the principal dock at its main Lake Michigan port. During this time, the 113-year-old dock has never stopped crumbling.

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A 150-year-old Schooner Found in Lake Michigan

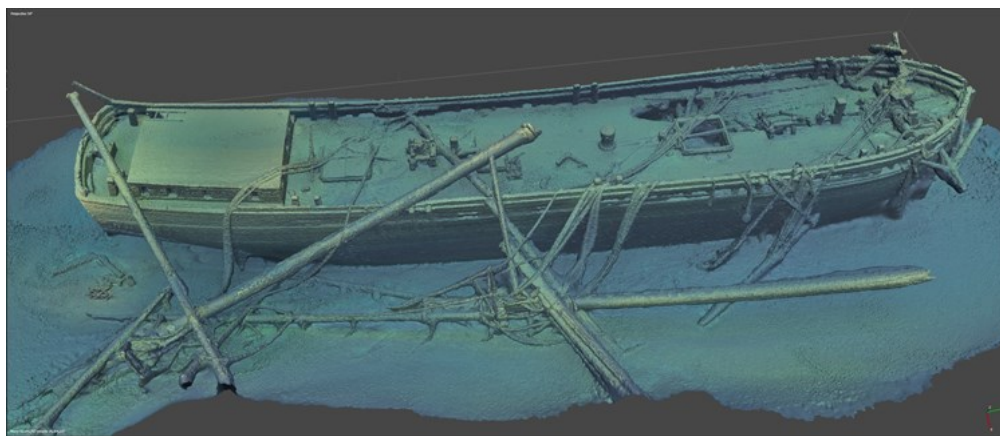


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On July 15, maritime historians, Brendon Bailod and Bob Jaeck located the old shipwreck off the coast of Algoma, Wisconsin.

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Scientist Gather to Discuss Great Lakes Environment



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More than 300 scientists, conservationists, and other stakeholders united in Green Bay recently to talk about the quality of the environment.

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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 communications@chicagomaritimemuseum.org.

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