

May 2019



*on the Move*

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

– Rest in Peace –

## Two Board Members Who Helped Build CMM

*In Memory of Russell L. Lewis, Jr. 1952–2019*

The Chicago Maritime Museum offers our deepest condolences to the family of Russell L. Lewis, Jr., chief historian for the Chicago History Museum. As a board member of CMM, Russell helped us early on to pursue a vision for a major maritime museum. His astute guidance and warm friendship will be sorely missed. Recently retired from CMM, he became the museum's first Chief Historian Emeritus.

"Russell Lewis was a kind and caring person and his premature death comes as a shocking surprise to all who knew him, said CMM chairman Dirk Lohan.



He served on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Maritime Museum for many years and his knowledge and experience of organizing and running a museum was instrumental. We are deeply grateful for his advice and assistance. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife and his family as well as to the Chicago History Museum. Chicago lost a great man who was committed to telling the fascinating story of our wonderful city."

Read Russell's obituary here:

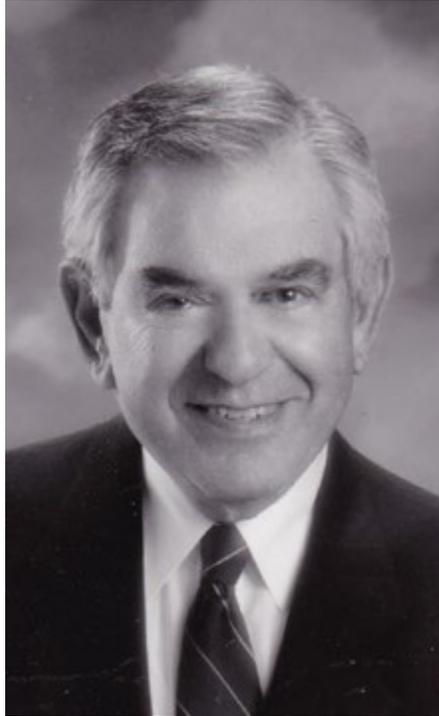
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?n=russell-l-lewis&pid=192618942>

## *In Memory of Marvin Wortell, 1919-2019*

Marvin passed away peacefully at 100-years-old on Saturday, May 4, surrounded by family.

Chicago businessman and Wilmette native, Marvin offered a decade of service and dedication to the Chicago Maritime Museum. He was a key player behind the museum's renovation and opening of the Racine and Jackson location. With his leadership and financial support, the museum opened its doors in 2008, on the sixth floor of the Helix building.

"Marvin helped us evolve beyond a society of people with common interests, to a real bricks and mortar museum," says Board Member and CMM President Emeritus, Gerald H. Thomas "The many things we learned from that move more than a decade ago have helped us transition to our new space in Bridgeport. Marvin's behind-the-scenes work helped raise awareness of maritime history that is so pervasively part of Chicago."



As founder and president of Triton Industries, Inc. Marvin was a leader in Chicago's manufacturing community. He served on numerous boards supporting American workers and the U.S. manufacturing industry. His company has been nationally recognized for developing a highly skilled American workforce.

Marvin's interest in maritime history evolved from his love of sailing on the Great Lakes and his long-time woodworking hobby. Marvin spent much of his retirement in his backyard wood shed building model ships. In addition to his many encased ship models, his Wilmette home is adorned with maritime-related oil paintings, ship wheels, binnacles, sextants, channel lights and barometers.

Rest in peace Marvin Wortell and thank you for your service and dedication to the Chicago Maritime Museum.

### *Curator's Corner* by Don Glasell

## Debut of Eastland Disaster Slideshow

The next time you are in the museum, check out the new audio-visual display near the Eastland exhibit. The 80-slide show, operated by visitor touch, enhances the ship's visual stories, from the SS Eastland's creation as the fastest passenger vessel on the Great Lakes to its fatal listing while docked on the Chicago River to its transformation into a naval training ship.



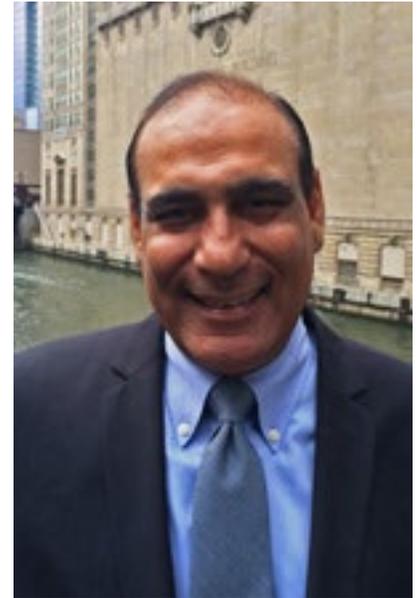
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# Anil Ahuja Joins CMM Board of Directors

The CMM welcomes sustainability expert Anil Ahuja to the museum's Board of Directors.

Anil has more than 30 years of experience in sustainable building systems design, design management and construction management. He is a registered professional engineer in several states, with project experience including commercial, institutional, educational and residential building design.

His sustainable design work has led to participation on the **Chicago Center for Green Technology Engineering Advisory Committee**. Having grown up with limited resources living in a refugee camp in India, Anil has dedicated his life's work to sustainability, leading a movement to design cities and systems that protect the earth and the people who live on it.



"The Chicago Maritime Museum welcomes Anil Ahuja to our board," said CMM chairman Dirk Lohan. "The history of creating and maintaining sustainable waterways in Chicago and the Midwest is a primary focus of CMM. Anil's visionary work on green technology and sustainable cities lends import expertise to our mission of responsible waterway stewardship."

Over the past 14 years, Anil served as president of CCJM, a multi-disciplinary engineering firm providing infrastructure solutions to smart cities and smart building designs. He is the author of **Integration of Nature and Technology for Smart Cities**, which explores trends and paradigms in the smart building and smart city sectors and offers a new approach to green, innovative building and city design.

Anil also recently gave a presentation at TEDx Talks in Chicago entitled "How One Glass of Water Changed my Life." In this presentation, he focuses on water as a component to a smart city. You can view the presentation here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=15&v=-STq7w107Ko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=-STq7w107Ko)

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## Volunteer News

If you love Chicago's maritime history, please help us tell our story. We need docents, data experts, event hosts and so much more. Please call Veronica Caminiti at 773-376-1982 if you would like to volunteer.



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## Third Friday in May Presents Paul Meincke, "Mississippi by Canoe"

**In the late spring of 2017, Paul Meincke and three retired friends - Bill Baar, Tim Clark, and Tom Lobacz - set out to canoe the Mississippi River from source to sea. What they found on their 70-day journey was an unforgettable combination of nature's beauty and the beauty of the human spirit.**

**Paul will showcase segments of his hour-long documentary entitled "Mississippi by Canoe" while discussing his** adventure at

the museum's Third Friday presentation for May.

**Paul is "mostly" retired after 30 years of general assignment reporting for ABC7 Eyewitness News in Chicago and a 45-year career in broadcast journalism that began in his hometown of Rock Island, Illinois - on the Mississippi. He has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa and has twice bicycled across the United States.**

*The Open House is from 7 to 10 p.m on Friday, May, 17. The museum is located at 1200 W. 35th, on the River Level of the Bridgeport Art Center. Parking is free on the north side of the building. Museum entrance is free on Third Fridays; the presentation is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members at the door.*

*The Operations Board of CMM will continue supporting Third Friday Open House with a light food and beverage table.*



Text a Great Lakes buoy, and it'll text you back with the latest water conditions. Read more here.

[http://www.rockthelake.com/buzz/2018/07/text-a-great-lakes-buoy-and-itll-text-you-back-with-the-latest-water-conditions/?fbclid=IwAR2Ubih1SQncBF28s7PF-BOdukuIpqRUHDxxyslvzSPJpH\\_Ucx-SlvWiCA8tk](http://www.rockthelake.com/buzz/2018/07/text-a-great-lakes-buoy-and-itll-text-you-back-with-the-latest-water-conditions/?fbclid=IwAR2Ubih1SQncBF28s7PF-BOdukuIpqRUHDxxyslvzSPJpH_Ucx-SlvWiCA8tk)

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# Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology

The Chicago Underwater Archeological Society (UASC) and the Central Illinois Archaeology Society are pleased to announce an underwater archaeology training workshop in partnership with the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) based in Portsmouth, UK. Internationally recognized, the

NAS program provides the knowledge and skills to help people get involved with maritime archaeology projects in Illinois and around the world. ([www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org](http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org))

This two-day workshop offers an introduction to maritime archaeology, combining a mixture of classroom and practical sessions. The course aims to promote archaeology more broadly, but to also provide specific content that pertains to Great Lakes maritime history.

When: June 1 and 2, 9am-5pm -

both days Where: Chicago Maritime Museum Tuition: \$125 | Includes Specialized Training, Course Materials, NAS Training Logbook and one-year membership in NAS and either the UASC or Mud-water Archaeology.

Registration: Online at [www.uaschicago.org/](http://www.uaschicago.org/) Or fill out the registration page and send to: UASC | Training Workshop | P.O. Box 11752 Chicago, IL 60611 Additional Questions: Email| David Thompson| NAS Senior Tutor diver11t@gmail.com or call (517) 349-2962

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## *Philanthropic News*

"Philanthropy is key to our public lives. Giving time and money and advocating for causes accomplishes many useful things. Read more here:

<https://philanthropy.iupui.edu/news-events/philanthropy-matters/2018-issues/march-2018.html>

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# Tsunami in Lake Michigan?



Lake Michigan's deadly 'freak wave' of 1954 is Chicago folklore. Turns out it was a meteotsunami. And they happen quite often. Read more here:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-met-lake-michigan-meteotsunami-waves-20190415-story.html?fbclid=IwAR0oyveb4RrVfWSjgB444AL34qtBIC2tUABsS7DO-QmL-gCpOzTccNHIVC9s>



*Making your way to the  
Chicago Maritime Museum!*

## MARITIME EVENT CALENDAR

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum website calendar page:

<http://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/events/month/>

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area to Mary Ann O'Rourke at  
[maorourke@ameritech.net](mailto:maorourke@ameritech.net).

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*We hope you've enjoyed our monthly e-newsletter, On the Move.*

*If you have a Chicago maritime story idea please*

*forward it to [maorourke@ameritech.net](mailto:maorourke@ameritech.net).*

