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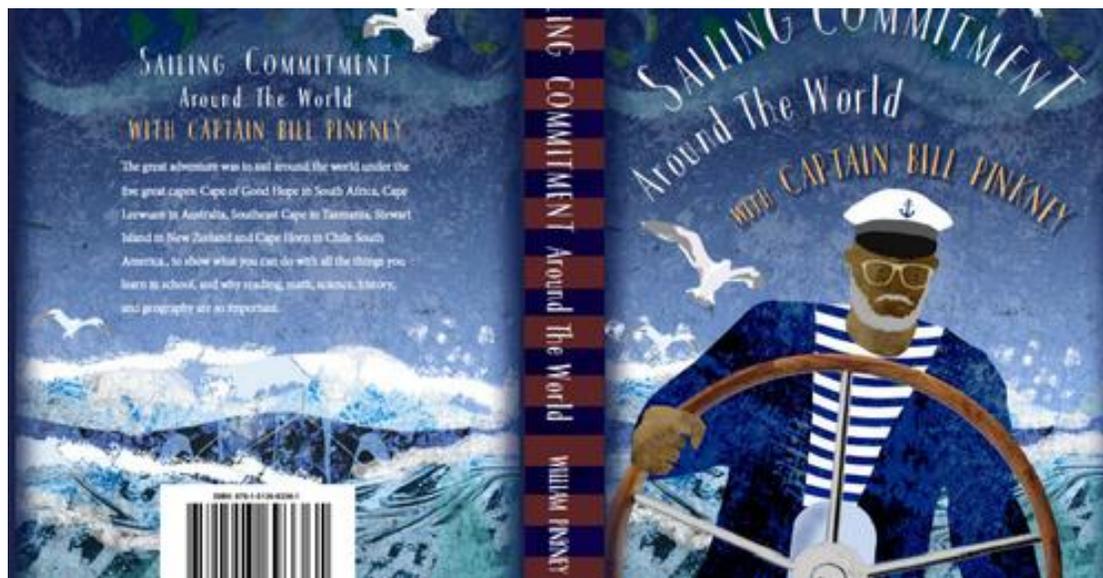
*Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum*

## **Chicago Native, Hall of Fame Sailor and Author Captain Bill Pinkney Launches New Book for Young Readers**

### **Book Signing at Chicago Maritime Museum on May 16**

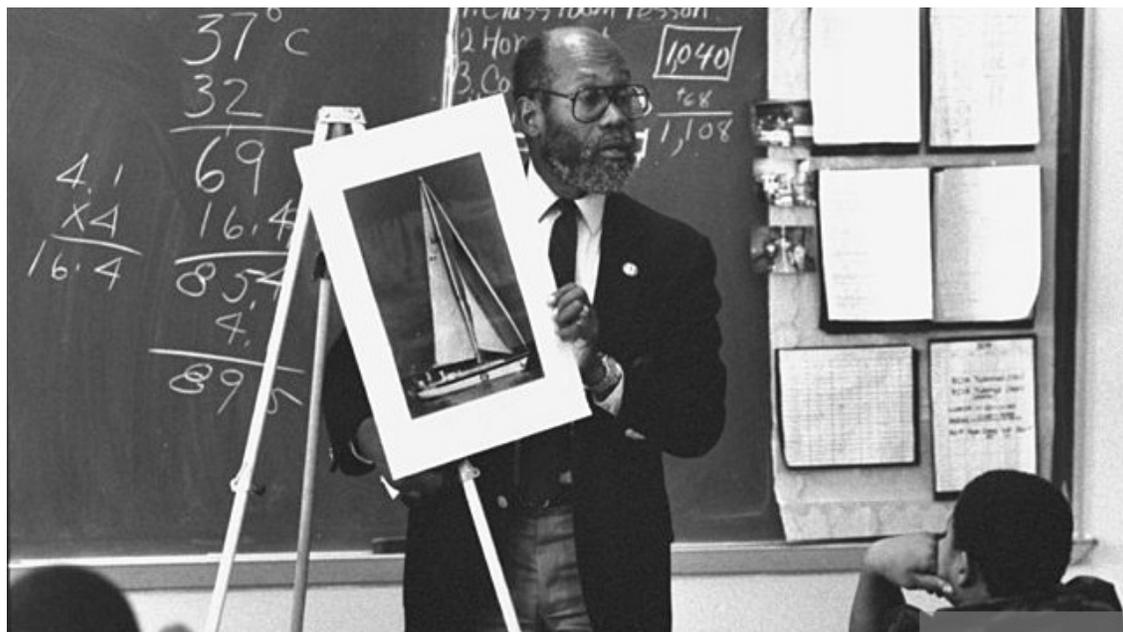
A new children's book written by Captain Bill Pinkney and illustrated by noted Chicago artist Pamela C. Rice, tells the story of Captain Bill's historic solo sail around the world in 1990.

*Sailing Commitment Around the World* aims to inspire readers from 8 to 12-years-old with stories, adventures, and sights of the voyage and the lessons Captain Bill learned at sea: dream big, persevere and don't be distracted by hurdles that come with moving forward.



"From first page to last, Captain Bill Pinkney's captivating children's book, *Sailing Commitment Around the World*, is nothing less than a delight," says *Cruising World Magazine's* executive editor, Herb McCormick. "Beautifully illustrated with full-color paintings by noted artist Pamela C. Rice, the book is most certainly a true-life adventure tale, but it's also something even better: an inspirational story about a kid with a dream -- like all kids -- who ultimately had the courage and drive to fully realize it. With simple but memorable prose, and a message with lessons learned that will resonate with readers young and

old, Captain Pinkney's Commitment wasn't just the name of his boat, it was the driving force behind a historic, once-in-a-lifetime voyage. Bravo."



A product of the Chicago Public Schools, Captain Bill's solo efforts were tracked and used in Chicago and Boston public schools during his voyage. Gaining his sea legs on Lake Michigan, Captain Bill is proud to say he is a freshwater sailor who turned "salty." Though his book is focused on youngsters, adults will enjoy following the adventures that took place during this South Sider's middle-age years.

Captain Bill is both the first Black man to solo sail around the Earth via Cape Horn, and to receive the "Lifetime Achievement Award " by the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. He is the author of two other books: *Captain Bill Pinkney's Journey*, a Basal reader for first graders and his autobiography, *As Long as It Takes*. The documentary of his voyage won the George Foster Peabody award for children's programming. This fall, Mystic Seaport Museum will present Pinkney with the "America and the Sea" award at a gala in New York City.

An exhibit of his artifacts and audio-visual presentation is being planned by the Chicago Maritime Museum for later this year.

Pinkney will be signing his book and telling stories of his adventures on Monday, May 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Maritime Museum in the Bridgeport Art Center at 1200 West 35th Street. Children are welcome and will be seated in a special reading circle to hear Captain Bill read from his book and participate in a question-and-answer session.

[Register for the event and/or pre-order the book here](#)

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## Curator's Corner

By Dylan Hoffman

### Structural Improvements Continue at CMM



The Chicago Maritime Museum is located on the river level of the Bridgeport Art Center. Built in 1911, the 500,000 square-foot building was originally a storage facility for the Albert Pick and Son Company, a hotel supply company. Spiegel Catalog operated out of the building after Pick closed in 1947. Today, the space is home to a vibrant artist community run by Prairie Management & Development.

The CMM opened its doors to the public in 2016 at the BAC and has made substantial structural improvements in support of the preventive conservation of the collection while simultaneously providing a comfortable and engaging visitor experience.

As a not-for-profit institution, it is our fiduciary responsibility to care for the items in our collection in perpetuity. As all objects age they begin to break down and deteriorate, and many factors impact our ability to ensure our collection receives the best care we can provide. Incorrect temperature, incorrect relative humidity, and air pollutants are three commonly known agents of deterioration.

Strategies to reduce and/or block the agents of deterioration based on our needs and resources available were developed during our recent Museum Assessment Program for Conservation Stewardship, provided by the American Alliance of Museums.

The museum is currently working with the building to replace the boiler heating system with a modern HVAC system. This improvement will not only provide appropriate and stable year-round temperature and relative humidity levels, the air filtration system will also greatly reduce dust and other airborne pollutants.

A special thanks to museum chairman Captain Dave Truitt for funding this renovation project, for Trigg Waller for spearheading it and the CMM board of directors for approving it. The museum will remain open during construction.



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## The Chicago River Comes Alive in New

# Portrait Painted with Fishing Rod and Reel



An acclaimed artist paints with fishing gear and a portion of the proceeds of the Chicago River painting's will be donated to Friends of the Chicago River.

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## Great Lakes Shoreline Shipwreck Viewing Predicted to be Excellent this Summer



This summer could be excellent for shoreline shipwreck viewing as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predicts that the water level of lakes Michigan and

Huron could be almost 2 feet below the record highs set in 2020.

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## Visitors Enjoy Cool, Crisp Water At What Was Once A Private Swimming Resort In Wisconsin



Paradise Springs Nature Area is a state-managed park that's located in southern Wisconsin, just northwest of the community of Eagle. It's about 45 minutes from downtown Milwaukee, but it feels a world away.

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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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