



Captain Bill Pinkney to Co-Host 2021
CMMFestival "Waterways for All"
with Tom Kastle



Following a successful inaugural event last year, the museum renews its efforts to engage key audiences to connect with CMM's mission. *Waterways for All* is the theme of the 2021 festival.

Emcee Tom Kastle will be joined by co-host Captain Bill Pinkney for some lively conversation and maritime fun. The October 21st event will feature a compelling video promoting diversity on Chicago's local waterways, including

key historical maritime figures as well as a diverse group of modern-day open water enthusiasts.

View promotional video [here](#).

The CMMFestival committee is busy planning an event that will also include lively maritime folk music, a chance to partner with, and support, the museum, and a special important announcement about the museum. [Register here](#).

Renovated Lobby Ready for Open House Chicago, October 16 & 17



As part of the CMM redesign, key characters from Chicago's maritime history come to life in the form of recorded narrated greetings to CMM patrons as they enter the lobby of the museum.

The new lobby design, designed by Lafferty Van Heest & Associates, will

in Chicago. Hubbard, Chicago's first mayor, speaks to the burden of wading through the marsh of the Chicago portage to bring goods between the Mississippi and Lake Michigan. And architect Burnham enlightens visitors on his vision for Chicago where the city's magnificent lakefront would exist for all Chicagoans.

offer visitors the opportunity to explore Chicago's history through imagery, film, and storytelling. Entitled *From Muddy Marsh to Metropolis*, Louis Jolliet, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Gurdon Hubbard and Daniel Burnham will greet visitors for a virtual walk-through Chicago's maritime history.

French fur trader Jolliet tells the story of finding the relatively short portage between what is now the Chicago River and waterways leading to the Mississippi River. He imagined a canal that would someday connect the two. Point de Sable tells how he established the first settlement

The lobby redesign represents the first stage of a museum update that will feature new exhibits focused on topics such as waterway stewardship, diversity in sailing and underwater exploration. The Covid-19 pandemic and May 2020 flood, caused the museum to close in the spring of 2020. Museum board members, staff and volunteers used this opportunity to reconsider presentation and use of space to offer a more engaging exploration of maritime history for CMM patrons.

A celebration of those who funded and created the new CMM lobby is scheduled for Friday, October 15.

We Need Your Help for Open House Chicago, October 16 & 17



Once again the Chicago Maritime Museum is a featured venue in the Chicago Architecture Center's Open House Chicago, a free public festival on October 16-17 that offers behind-the-scenes access to over 350 buildings across Chicago.

The museum will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

As members, please consider

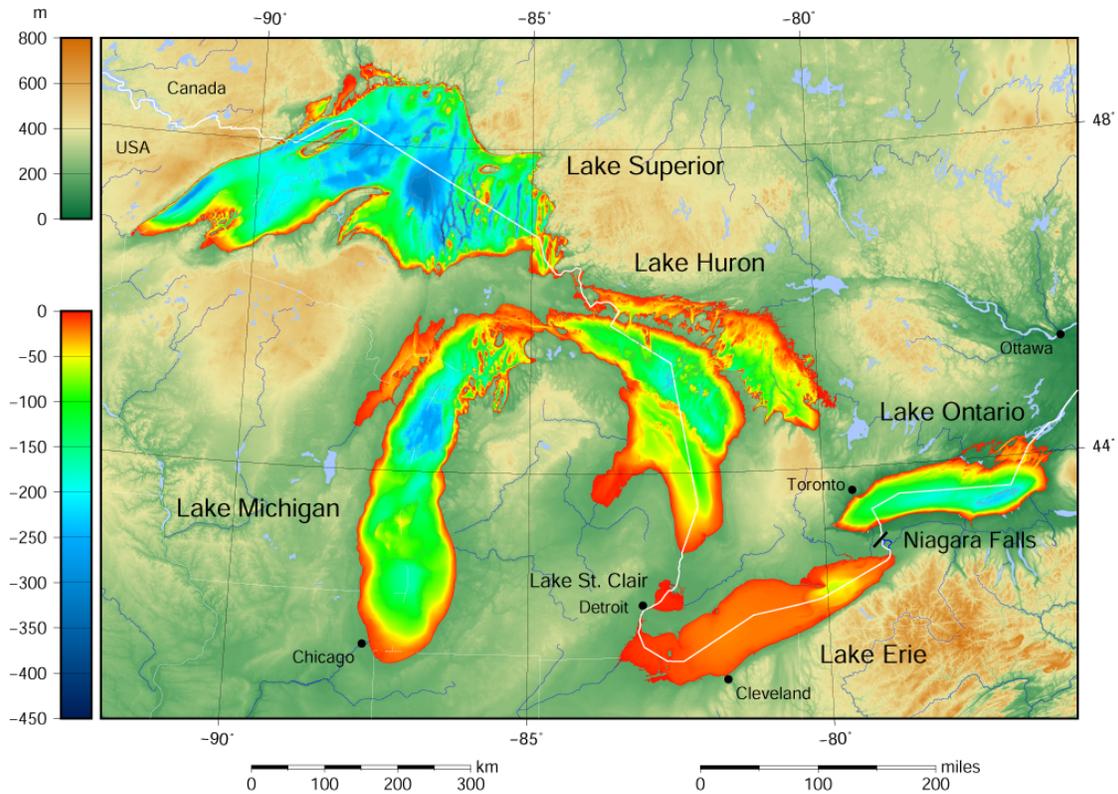
To learn more about Open House Chicago go to openhousechicago.org.

We take the health of our volunteers, OHC attendees, and site representatives seriously and have been paying close attention to the changing landscape as COVID-19 cases are on the rise. Open House Chicago and the Chicago Maritime Museum will follow all local, county, state,

volunteering for the event. We need your help as docents for the hundreds of visitors who will explore the museum on those days. To sign up as a volunteer, please contact Dylan Hofmann at curator@chicagomaritimemuseum.org.

and federal health and safety guidelines with caution.

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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.

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