



Columbia Yacht Club 125th Anniversary Cruise-In

Columbia opens its doors (and docks) to destination harbor friends For a weekend of play in Chicago. This is a chance to show off our beautiful Club and lakefront, and pay back the hospitality we've enjoyed cruising to other harbors.

All Columbia members are invited and those with boats are encouraged to bring them to the Cruise-In for the weekend to embrace cruiser camaraderie.

Friday, July 28

Arrive when you can. Hail Columbia Yacht Club on channel 78 as you enter through the inner breakwater at Monroe Street Harbor. Dock staff will help you tie up at your reserved spot. Have lines and fenders secured before reaching the dock.

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Welcome Sangria Reception and Progressive Dinner

Enjoy your choice of 4 different Sangria recipes (\$3/glass) and a Progressive Dinner on Columbia's docks. We will "progress" through the courses at 3 different host boat's dock; appetizers, main course, and dessert. Participants bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert). Columbia's Cruising Fleet will provide the meat - beef and chicken fajitas.

9:00 PM - Movie Night on the Dock

Grab your chair and watch the hilarious, and Illinois classic, **The Blues Brothers** movie projected on the side of the club ship. *Jake Blues (John Belushi), just out from prison, puts together his old band to save the Catholic orphanage where he and brother Elwood (Dan Akroyd) were raised.*

Saturday, July 29

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast at your own pace from the port side of the car deck (main dining level) of the Club. The views of the city as it wakes up are spectacular! Order from the Club's menu. Credit cards are accepted.

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM – M.V. Abegweit Tour (the Columbia Yacht Club Club Ship)

Go behind the scenes to hear and see firsthand the rich history of our Club Ship, the M.V. Abegweit. The *Abby*, as she is fondly called, measures 372 feet, displaces 6,692 tons and was first launched in 1946 as an icebreaking railway, vehicle, and passenger ferry connecting Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick in Atlantic Canada. She has been home to the Columbia Yacht Club since 1983.

12:00 PM to 1:15 PM- BBQ Buffet Lunch, \$12/person

Replenish your energy for the afternoon's activities with a delicious buffet lunch served on the docks to include:

- BBQ Pulled Pork with buns
- Grilled BBQ Chicken Quarters
- Grilled vegetables and Corn on the Cob
- Corn bread with honey and butter
- House Salad and Caesar Salad

BYOB or purchase beer, wine and soda from the White Cap (just inside the Club ship). A beverage station will be setup all day with mixers, cups, and ice for your use.

1:30 PM – Stand-Up/Lay-Down Paddleboard and Kayak Race

Grab a partner and bring your competitive spirit (or watch the fun) as we race on paddle boards and kayaks through an obstacle course set up around the dock. Teams of 2 will compete for prizes for Fastest, Wettest, and Best Costume. Paddle boards and kayaks will be provided. (Bring your own towel!)

3:00 PM – Dinghy Ride through Monroe Street and DuSable Harbors & the Museum Campus

Enjoy the panorama of the Chicago skyline by dinghy. Columbia Yacht Club is located in the heart of downtown Chicago between Monroe Street Harbor and DuSable Harbor. We will take you through both harbors, past the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, and Buckingham Fountain. What better way to experience this part of the lakefront than by dinghy?

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Shrimp Boil and Dock Party, \$25/person

What could be more fun on a summer evening than a Shrimp Boil? Long, butcher paper –lined, family-style tables. Twinkle lights above. Fingertips full of flavor. Just roll up your sleeves and enjoy buckets of steaming, delicious shrimp (with chicken for non-shrimp lovers).

- Peel and Eat Shrimp or Roasted Half Chicken
- Grilled Corn on the Cob
- Kielbasa, Red Skin potatoes, and Salad served in your own aluminum pan
- Assorted dessert bites and coffee

BYOB or there will be a full “cash” bar available (credit cards or Columbia account charge).

Enjoy live music during dinner then be ready to bring on your best dance moves as we **Rock the Dock** away.

10:15 PM – Navy Pier Fireworks

Experience an up-front view of the spectacular Navy Pier Fireworks from the dock, your boat, or the upper deck of the Club ship. You won't want to miss the magnificent show!

Sunday, July 30

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Margaritaville Brunch, \$15/person

Before heading home, join the entire Columbia Yacht Club family under the tent on the Aft Deck at a special Key West inspired brunch buffet designed for our cruising community! A cash bar featuring Key West and Margarita beverages will be available. Live Jimmy Buffet style acoustic music will serenade us.

- Mahi Mahi with Keylime mustard drizzle
- Grilled Mango Pork Loin
- Conch Fritters
- Shrimp Benedict
- Omelet Station
- French Toast with Berries
- Five spice breakfast potatoes
- Bacon
- Fresh Fruit
- Assorted Breakfast Breads
- Key Lime Tarts

**Please RSVP on Cruise-In page so we can plan appropriately.
THANK YOU!**