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The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh surface water on Earth. Combined, the five lakes contain roughly 21 percent of the world's fresh water supply and 84 percent of North America's fresh water supply. Only the polar ice caps contain more fresh water.*

*Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov



GREAT LAKES NEWS

WWII Aircraft Recovered from Lake Michigan

A World War II "Wildcat" fighter plane that has been sitting at the bottom of Lake Michigan off the Chicago shoreline for more than 65 years was recently recovered and brought to the surface.



The National Naval Aviation Museum, along with the Naval History and Heritage Command, initiated the project. The Museum Foundation is sponsoring the location, recovery, restoration and eventual display of the plane. A&T Recovery crews worked to hoist the Wildcat from the depths of Lake Michigan on December 7 at Larsen Marine in Waukegan, Illinois through a generous donation from Charles Greenhill (pictured in cockpit) of Mettawa, Illinois.

"This effort will lead to another important World War II aircraft being presented to the American public that shows the significant history of the 'Greatest Generation,' whose courage and dedication to our country preserved America's and the world's freedom," says Capt. Ed Ellis, JAGC, USN (Ret.) and vice president of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.

The Wildcat initially went down on December 28, 1944, amid forecasts calling for fair and cold weather conditions. It crashed into 200 feet of water during aircraft carrier qualification training that was routinely conducted on Lake Michigan in the early- to mid-1940s. The accident was determined to be caused by engine failure.

For more information, call 850-452-3604 or visit NAVALAVIATIONMUSEUM.ORG.

BOATS

Back Cove Debuts Downeast 37

Back Cove Yachts, based in Rockland, Maine, has announced it recently completed work on a brand-new model, the Back Cove Downeast 37, which will debut in July.

"This is an opportunity for us to take all of our thoughts and ideas about what makes dayboats such great platforms and grow those ideas to a scale that allows the proportions to be elegant and balanced," says Kevin Burns, Back Cove's vice president of design and product development.

For the Downeast 37, Back Cove retained the hull of its successful 37-footer but completely redesigned the deck and interior. In the engine room is a Cummins 480, which will provide a cruising speed of 20 knots and a top speed of 25 knots.

For more information, call 207-655-2396 or visit BACKCOVEYACHTS.COM.



Cmdr. Eric Doucette, incident commander for the Hurricane Sandy Pollution Response Unified Command, Capt. Gordon Loebel, captain of the Port of New York, Col. Paul Owen, commander and district engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, and ACOE representatives discuss the plan for the salvage of the *John B. Caddell* on Staten Island. The *Caddell* is a 184-foot tank ship that ran aground on the island following Hurricane Sandy.

MUST-HAVE

Birds Be Gone

Bird droppings are... well... for the birds, thanks to the Dori Pole Nylon Pennant System from Consort Display Group. With 15 standard pennant colors, 23 custom colors, 12 color pairs, and four pole heights ranging from 12 to 22 feet tall, the Dori Pole gives boaters, waterfront home owners and those with docks the opportunity to decorate their property while simultaneously — and more importantly — deterring geese and other birds from making an unsightly and annoying mess.

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GREAT LAKES NEWS

S.S. Badger's Days May Be Numbered

An historic car ferry that has crossed Lake Michigan for nearly six decades may soon be taken out of commission, according to a recent report by WBEZ 91.5 Chicago that was published on the station's website, wbez.org.

The problem, says officials, is that the *S.S. Badger*, the nation's only remaining coal-powered ferry, spews too much pollution into the lake, and its permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is about to expire.



"It's a dirty ferry that dumps tons of coal ash in Lake Michigan every year," Illinois Senator Dick Durbin was quoted by WBEZ as saying. The Democrat went on the offensive when, according to the WBEZ report, congressmen from Michigan (Republican Rep. Bill Huizenga) and Wisconsin (Republican Rep. Tom Petri) tried to slip an earmark into the House Coast Guard Reauthorization Act that sought to exempt the *S.S. Badger* from regulations because of its registered historic site status.

"The *S.S. Badger* had better decide to change or find another business," Durbin was quoted in the article as saying.

The *S.S. Badger* carries vehicles between Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Ludington, Michigan, saving drivers a lengthy commute through Chicago. According to the WBEZ article, 45,000 people took trips on the ship in 2011.

To avoid the pollution issues, the WBEZ news report says the ship could convert from coal to natural gas operation but has yet to do so.



BOATS

Sea Ray 370 Venture: 'Boat of the Year'

Sea Ray, the world's largest manufacturer of pleasure boats, recently received "Boat of the Year 2012" honors for its 370 Venture by the editors of *Boating* magazine. The award was presented in the January issue of the publication.

Boating's "Tech Team" tested more than 100 boats in 2012 to compete for the honor. "Sea Ray's 370 Venture is powered by outboards, cleverly hidden and ingeniously installed," the magazine states. "It offers a quieter ride, more stowage and larger accommodations than similar cruisers do. It possesses better shallow water ability and diminished corrosion concerns. In short, Sea Ray's 370 Venture represents a category of one."

For more information, call (865) 971-6677 or visit SEARAY.COM.

BUSINESS

Hillesheim inducted into MBIA Hall of Fame

Vince Hillesheim, who recently retired after 32 years as president and general manager of Anchor Inn Marina in Cheboygan, Michigan, was inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) Hall of Fame for the year 2012. The presentation was made at the Recreational Boating Educational Conference, held December 6, 2012 in Lansing, Michigan.



Vince Hillesheim receives his award alongside his daughter and former student, Jennifer Hillesheim.

"Vince is being recognized for his outstanding customer service skills, business experience, training help and inspiration, which have contributed greatly to the boating industry," says MBIA's interim executive director Nicki Polan. "Vince was also a strong contributor to the Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation and Marina Management Program created at Michigan State University."

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NAME GAME

Knot on Call

After 30-plus years of being a corporate pilot serving a portion of that time "on call" for emergencies and not being able to leave the marina, my wife came up with the name *Knot on Call*.

—Gary Junker, Findlay, OH



S.P. and Me

We have a 1999 406 Carver that we live on all summer. This is our fifth boat since we started boating in 1983. When it came to naming the boat, I wanted to call it *Sweetie Pie* and the dinghy *and Me*, but my captain wasn't too keen on saying over the radio, "This is *Sweetie Pie* (which, by the way, is our pet name for each other). So a compromise was reached. We chose *S.P. and Me* as the name.

—Laurie & Karl Fredrick, Waterport, NY



Smile n' Wave

We are fans of the Disney movies "Madagascar" and Madagascar II," famous for the penguins that are always saying, "Smile 'n wave, boys!" It fit perfectly as a play on words for our 1978 Chris-Craft Catalina 280, complete with four penguins up front: Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private, along with the hula girl that is "Shakin' like a leaf, doll!"

—Brad McKay, Wittenberg, WI



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