

2014 Newsletter and Harbor Information

2014 Invoice Payments

• In Person

- Chicago Harbors Office
 - 541 N. Fairbank Ct., Suite 1020
 - Beginning January 2nd
 - Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
 - Payment by cash, check or credit card.
 - Please bring invoice or a photo ID

• Belmont Harbor

- February 11th to February 15th only
- Tuesday to Friday, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Payment by check or credit card only
- Please bring invoice or a photo ID

• Mail

- Payment by check only

• Online

- Go to www.chicagoharbors.info
- Payment by credit card only
- 2014 PIN from invoice required

Note: Payments are accepted from permit holders only. We do not accept any payments from a person not listed on the permittee's account.

2014 Calendar

Harbors Open	Thur. May 1st
NOOD Regatta	Fri. June 6th to Sun. June 8th
In-Water Boat Show 31st Street Harbor	Thur. June 5th to Sun. June 8th
Independence Day Fireworks	Fri. July 4th
Race to Mackinac	Sat. July 19th
Venetian Night 31st Street Harbor	Sat. Aug. 2nd
Verve Cup Regatta	Fri. Aug. 8th to Sun. Aug. 10th
Air & Water Show	Sat. Aug. 16th & Sun. Aug. 17th
Harbors Close	Fri. Oct. 31st

A Look Ahead to the New Season

First, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year! I wish you joy and peace and a lot of fun on the water. Let me tell you about some of the exiting events and changes you can expect for 2014.

No Increase in Fees for 2014

We are happy to report that the Chicago Park District held rates at the harbors constant for the second year in a row and has reduced rates for some slips at 31st Street as well.

New Floating Music Festival

Last June, like many of you, I thoroughly enjoyed being in Burnham Harbor on the night of Jimmy Buffett's concert. I have never seen so many parties and so many boaters have a good time. It gave us an idea; a music festival in the south end of 31st Street Harbor in August. We'll give you more information in May when you check into your harbor.

Enhanced WiFi in the Harbors

Five years ago, we installed a free WiFi system in the harbors. At the time, the system served things like email, surfing the web and on-line chat. Then, along came Netflix, Hulu and other web-based video-streaming providers. Since 2010, the usage of the system has increased hundreds of times! For those of you who have had difficulty connecting to the system, this is why. To keep up with the dramatically increased usage, we are installing an enhanced system that will be able to deliver more than 100 times as much bandwidth as the current system. To make this possible, we are installing a new fiber-optic backbone in the harbors and replacing the existing transmitting equipment. It is an expensive project, but one that Westrec and the Chicago Park District know you will like. I'm happy to report that we are keeping the system FREE to harbor users. Look for completion in early summer.

Low Water Levels, Dredging and Breakwaters

According to the US Army Corps of Engineers, our current lake levels are 13" higher than they were a year ago and the 6-month forecast calls for water levels similar to or higher than those of 2013. That is GOOD NEWS! That said, we still are experiencing water levels that are more than a foot lower than the historical average, as we have for the past 14 years. The harbor that is most affected by this is Jackson Outer Harbor. As a result, we have engaged engineers to design a breakwater to prevent (or at least considerably reduce) the sedimentation of the harbor entrance. We expect to be able to show the plans for the breakwater and enhanced dredging to the boating community in January and February.

As you can tell, we have a lot to keep us busy this winter. We look forward to seeing you in May and on the water this summer!

Scott Stevenson
Chicago Harbors

Winter Storage and Annual Contracts

For the upcoming season we are revising our incentives offered to some harbors last year as well as introducing an incentive for other harbors. In 2014 we will be offering annual contracts for combined summer mooring and winter storage in place of last year's incentives.

The annual contract allows customers who keep their boat in the Chicago Harbors to make three payments from February to July. Furthermore, 31st Street, 59th Street, Jackson Park Inner and Jackson

Park Outer boaters can receive a 15% discount while Montrose, Belmont, Diversey, DuSable, Monroe and Burnham boaters can receive a 5% discount. The discount is applied to both the winter storage fee and your base mooring fee.

If you are interested, please fill out the form included with your invoice and return it by February 7th. We will send you further information with your specific payment schedule within two business days.

Chicago Harbors Contact Numbers

Chicago Harbors Office	312-742-8520	Belmont Harbor	312-742-7673
Chicago Harbors Fax	312-747-6598	Burnham Harbor	312-747-7009
Westrec Security Supervisor (6pm to 6am)	312-617-7937	Diversey Harbor	312-742-7762
Chicago Police Marine Unit	312-742-3203	DuSable Harbor	312-742-3577
Chicago Park District Information	312-742-7529	Jackson Park Inner Harbor	773-288-7106
US Coast Guard—Calumet Harbor	773-768-4093	Jackson Park Outer Harbor	773-288-1065
Chicago Locks	312-787-4795	Monroe Harbor	312-742-7643
31st Street Harbor	312-225-6464	Monroe Harbor Tender Service	312-742-7659
59th Street Harbor	312-747-7019	Montrose Harbor	312-742-7527
		Montrose Winter Storage (Sept.-April)	312-638-9252

Marine Sanitation Inspections

In 2014 we will be continuing the Marine Sanitation Inspection procedures introduced last year. Most boaters who have been inspected in 2011, 2012 or 2013, have a completed inspection form on file and have not made any changes to the sanitation system since that report, will only have to complete an affidavit attesting to that.

Any other boaters, customers with a different boat in 2014 along with all new boaters and commercial permittees will need to have a Marine Sanitation Inspection performed by either authorized harbor personnel or by an approved boat yard.

We will again provide inspections by harbor

personnel at no charge. To schedule an inspection, contact your harbor office or email us at inspections@westrecchicago.com to schedule your inspection. Though there may be certified harbor personnel available who can do inspections on short notice, we recommend making your sanitation inspection appointment at least three days in advance.

Harbor Office and Fuel Dock Hours

31st Street Harbor Office

May 1st to May 14th

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 15th to August 31st

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm

October 1st to October 31st

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

31st Harbor Street Fuel Dock

May 1st to May 14th

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

May 15th to August 31st

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Friday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 7:30 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00 am to 5:30 pm

October 1st to October 31st

Monday & Tuesday	TBD
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

59th & Jackson Park Harbors Office

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Belmont, Burnham & DuSable Offices

May 1st to May 14th

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 15th to August 31st

Monday & Tuesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm

October 1st to October 31st

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Belmont & Burnham Fuel Docks

May 1st to May 14th

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

May 15th to August 31st

Monday & Tuesday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 7:30 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00 am to 5:30 pm

October 1st to November 15th

Monday & Tuesday	TBD
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Jackson Park Outer Fuel Dock

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Montrose & Diversey Harbor Offices

May 1st to May 14th

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 15th to August 31st

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm

October 1st to October 31st

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday thru Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monroe Harbor Office

May 1st to May 24th

Monday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 6:30 pm
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May 25th to August 31st

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 am to 6:30 pm
Friday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 8:30 pm

September 1st to October 31st

Monday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 6:30 pm
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Monroe Tender Service

May 1st to May 26th

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 am to 10:30 pm
Friday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm

May 27th to August 31st

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am to 3:00 am
Saturday	6:00 am to 3:00 am
Sunday	6:00 am to 11:30 pm

September 1st to September 30th

Monday thru Friday	8:00 am to 10:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday	6:00 am to 10:00 pm

October 1st to October 31st

Monday thru Sunday	8:00 am to 10:00 pm
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