



National Maritime Day and Blessing of the Fleet

May 22, 2022 at 1100

presented by the International Ship Masters'
Association - Chicago Lodge 3

- 1040 National Maritime Day participants gather at Navy Pier's Lake Stage to get ready for the ceremony. Recreational boats are invited to form a line and hold at East end of Dime Pier. Boats to monitor VHF Ch. 68 for future communications.
- 1100 National Maritime Day Ceremony at Navy Pier's Lake Stage, located in park in front of Navy Pier
- U.S. Navy Band and Color Guard to Post Colors
 - National Anthem
 - Introduction by Capt. Tom Blakely, President Chicago Lodge 3 of ISMA
 - Navy Pier President - Marilyn Gardner
 - Invocation by Rev. David Shirk of Seaman's Church Institute
 - Presidential Proclamation read by Floyd Miras for the Maritime Administration
 - Remarks by LCDR Matthew Zinn, USCG-MSU Chicago
 - Closing remarks by Capt. Tom Blakely
- 1120 Wreath is blessed and US Navy Band and Color Guard proceed to Shoreline Vessel with others in ceremony, stopping to salute the Captain at the Helm Statue.
- 1125 Shoreline vessel departs dock and proceeds to fairway.
- 1130 Wreath is laid in the water while Taps is played; vessels salute with horns/whistles at conclusion
- 1140 USCG, CFD, CPD, and other government vessels lead parade of boats past the stern of Shoreline vessel for blessing
- 1150 Shoreline vessel returns to its berth at Navy Pier, ending the event.