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## **Go behind the scenes of the historic private Columbia Yacht Club on Lake Michigan**

*Tour the classic MV Abegweit "Abby" ferry for Chicago Architecture Foundation's next Behind-the-Scenes event*

**Media interested in attending this rare behind-the-scenes event should RSVP with Nikki Snodgrass; contact info above.**

Chicago, Ill. — CAF's Behind-the-Scenes program is opening up the Columbia Yacht Club to the public for a rare opportunity to tour the club ship and experience stunning views of the Chicago skyline. The event will take place on May 12 from 6-8pm. One drink and small bites are included in the cost of the ticket, and a cash bar will be available

Staff will guide visitors throughout the space and share unique details about the ship's history and sites, including the private club's dining room, outdoor deck, steering room and lower level where railcars and motor vehicles were stored during the ship's 35-year passage of the Northumberland Strait.

Established in 1892, the Columbia Yacht Club has long been celebrated as one of Chicago's premier boating clubs and sailing organizations. The MV Abegweit, a 372-foot railway, vehicle and passenger ferry became the new club ship and headquarters. Today, it remains in-service as an eminent dining room and event space.

**WHAT:** Chicago Behind-the-Scenes: Columbia Yacht Club

**WHERE:** 111 N. Lake Shore Drive

**WHEN:** Monday, May 12, 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**COST:** \$35 non-members, \$30 members; register online at <http://www.architecture.org/eveningprograms>

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