



### **EVENT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED GUESTS**

We're thrilled you'll be joining us for the **Great Blue Benefit** this **Thursday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m.**—rain or shine! Get ready for an inspiring evening at the one-of-a-kind Columbia Yacht Club, offering stunning lakefront views and complete with:

- A delicious buffet by **Shaw's Crab House**
- A signature cocktail by **Rhine Hall Distillery**
- Live music from **Brooklyn Britches and the Whispers**
- A **paddle raise** to support our efforts!

We'll also celebrate this year's **Wavemaker Award honorees**, whose diverse contributions reflect the many ways to lead in protecting the Great Lakes.

- **Novem Cheng** – Alliance Ambassador, tech professional, and coastal cleanup champion
- **Debra Shore** – Trailblazer in environmental policy and Great Lakes stewardship  
*Debra will be honored with our **Wavemaker Lifetime Achievement Award** and will share special remarks during the program.*
- **Alicia Smith** – Director of Junction Coalition and grassroots water advocate
- **Joyce Solberg** – Legacy leader, gala architect, and lifelong Lake Michigan steward

#### **Helpful Details for the Evening**

**Location:** Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr.

**Attire:** Cocktail Casual

**Parking:** DuSable Harbor Lot (beneath Lake Shore Drive)

[Click here for directions and parking info](#)

**Event website and sponsors:** <https://greatlakes.org/benefit>

**Accessibility:** Please note that the Columbia Yacht Club is located aboard a docked ship, which may present accessibility challenges for some guests. If you have any questions or

need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out—we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

If you haven't already, **please confirm your guest names (if applicable) and share your and your guests' cell phone numbers** with our event coordinator, Stacey Lewis, at [staceyl@carolfoxassociates.com](mailto:staceyl@carolfoxassociates.com) or 847-987-9827.

To help streamline check-in and ensure a seamless evening, we kindly ask that you enter your credit card information in advance. You'll receive a link to do so, along with helpful event updates via text message and email in the coming days.

**Your support makes a difference.**

*We hope you'll plan to raise your paddle for the Great Lakes and bid on the raffle to make the evening really count! Proceeds from the Great Blue Benefit help the Alliance protect and restore the Great Lakes for all generations.*

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**We can't wait to see you on Thursday!**

- The Alliance for the Great Lakes Team