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## American Academy of Industry Newsletter

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### Winterization continues!

The outside vents have been covered with cardboard or tarps as appropriate. And not a moment too soon! Although historically it is not too early for freezing temperatures nor snow in Chicago, the winter weather has arrived and it seems earlier than the last couple years. Of course, with the cold weather coming quickly we have not had a chance to offer sponsorship of new necessary equipment.

Next comes more work on the inside. As was noted in the last newsletter, it is intended that a second heater be added to the mess deck. Interior vents in the engine room will also be sealed to further reduce the possibility of the heated air leaving and cold air entering.

With the Thanksgiving holiday, it is not anticipated that we will have a large number of volunteers either this coming Sunday nor the Sunday after Thanksgiving. But keep your calendars open for December. Necessary work will be listed in the next newsletter, and if you can volunteer some hours we'd appreciate it.

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### Outreach Efforts

### Winter Season Needs



The above image is from the booklet **Buoy Run 1992**.

Preserving primary source documents as well as education, outreach, and veteran support are important to the American Academy of Industry.

Your donation or membership supports the **Cutter Acacia** and furthers the work of the **American Academy of Industry**.

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As the American Academy



If you cannot volunteer your time on the boat, other efforts are needed.

We are working on getting programming into the Chicago Public Schools. If you are a teacher or administrator in the School System and would like to help with this effort please do contact me. We are currently forming a team.

Suzanne Armstrong is working on the necessary paperwork and helping to formulate the programming. Jimmy Merryman is our video expert. We are hoping he will be spearheading the effort to create the introductory video which will be followed by educational videos aimed at 6th thru 8th grades (middle school). If you have access to video editing software, can help bring the programming to the schools, or are interested in helping in other ways, please let us know.

We are working on an exhibit or two showcasing the Coast Guard, The Acacia, and the connection between the Great Lakes, lake transportation, and industry. Another focus can be more historically focused in nature, given the Coast Guard's role along with the Army Corps of Engineers in Chicago during WWII. The Acacia and her role in serving Chicago is a third suggestion. Another option is to present a related art show in the spring featuring local and Coast Guard artists. If you are an artist and wish to help spearhead this effort, please do step forward. Venues are being discussed as well as topic, storyline, and media to be included in this effort. Whereas the effort to bring the American Academy of Industry and the Acacia to the Chicago Public Schools has begun, this effort is still in the beginning planning stages so this will give you a chance to be the star!

## Sponsorships Available



The following are necessary for the winter season. You may sponsor one or more of the following. Or, if you cannot sponsor the entire item, please consider getting some friends to pitch in with you, or sponsor part of one of the following. Those who

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## Donations



The silver tarp featured above was donated by PJ Fitzgerald last winter

A similarly previously used 15' x 20's tarp has been donated this year by Boy Scout Troop 149 (Lemont)

**THANK YOU  
AAI Board  
Members  
for all of your  
efforts  
on behalf of the  
retired  
Cutter Acacia.**

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send in their donations will be publically thanked in the next newsletter.

Electric Heater: \$200.00  
 Generator Fuel Tank: \$250.00  
 Winterization Supplies: \$50.00  
 Themometers: 2 @ \$10.00  
 Thermostats: \$50.00

## Corrections!



Only the second newsletter and we already have corrections! Stuart Oliver was on the Cutter Acacia in 1986 & 1987. He left the Acacia right before she went to the Caribbean.

Sorry for any confusion the incorrect dates may have caused. The photo of the engine is courtesy of Stuart Oliver.

The American Academy of Industry is a tax exempt corporation that seeks to educate the public regarding the interconnected relationship between the Great Lakes, Lake Transportation, and Industry. Without these connections cities like Chicago would not exist. The Academy also performs outreach and education to youth and veterans.

We are still working to secure long term publically accessible mooring. Please contact the board of the [Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority](#) to voice your support for the Cutter Acacia to be moved to Navy Pier.

Sincerely,

Nancy McKenna  
 American Academy of Industry

## Holiday Gift Idea

T-shirts, mugs, hats and other items are available from our online Ships Store. Support the American Academy of Industry and the retired Cutter Acacia while sharing your passion for this beautiful boat with friends and family. Some items may sell out due to strong holiday demand so please do not delay.

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