

Michigan Avenue Bridge Lifts

What to know

- Arrive at the Bridgehouse at the following times on the day of the lift:
 - Saturdays: between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.
 - Wednesdays: between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.
- Please note that the times are approximate, and it is possible that lifts start a little earlier or a little later, but in general it is no more than 20 minutes either way.
- The sailboats muster (or gather) in the turning basin, just to the east of the Lake Shore Drive Bridge at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.
- The Lake Shore Drive Bridge will be the first to lift allowing the boats to pass.
- How long each bridge stays up depends upon how many boats are making the trek inland.
- Because we cannot know in advance how many boats will be coming in on each day, the amount of time it takes can vary. From the time the first bridge goes up through to the Michigan Avenue Bridge lifting and returning to its original position, you can plan on about 45 minutes.
- While waiting for the lift to begin you are invited to enjoy the McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum. You can even watch from the windows as the first bridges lift before heading down to the gear room to catch the gears in action.
- Transit and/or parking information is available on our website at bridgehousemuseum.org.

Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel your registration three business days before the bridge lift, you will be entitled to a full refund. No refunds will be given after that time.
- Friends is not responsible for last minute cancellations made by the Chicago Department of Transportation. In that case, Friends can apply the fee to another date, but no refunds will be given.
- If Friends cancels the event we offer three options:
 1. The fee can be applied to another date.
 2. The fee can be applied as a general tax-deductible donation to Friends of the Chicago River.
 3. The fee can be refunded.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bridgehouse Museum!

Friends of the Chicago River



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