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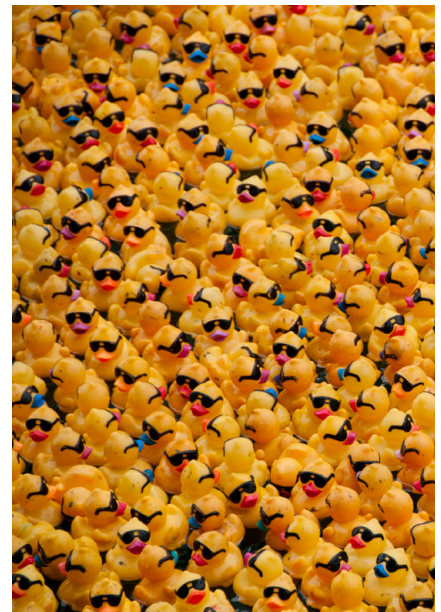
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## Rubber duckies decorate Chicago River while benefitting Special Olympics Illinois



An armada of boats and yellow plastic ducks decorated a segment of the Chicago River today for the annual Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

Over 35,000 ducks were dropped into the water at the Columbus Ave. bridge and “raced” to the finish line at the Michigan Ave. bridge.

Boats from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) along with boats from the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Police Department, and Chicago Park District escorted the ducks toward the finish line. An MWRD Pollution Control boat used bursts of water from the front-mounted water cannon to guide the ducks.

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