



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## MWRD introduces two new boats to help clean the Chicago River

- WHO:** Two new skimmer boats will join the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's fleet of trash collection vessels.
- WHAT:** The boats will be unveiled along the Chicago River off Ping Tom Park for a formal boat christening.
- WHERE:** Ping Tom Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th St., Chicago
- WHEN:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is adding two innovative trash collection boats to its fleet in honor of its 125th Anniversary. The two new skimmer boats will operate along the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) from mid-April to mid-October and after significant storms year round, unless weather conditions prohibit safe operations. These new debris collection boats will improve water quality and the recreational experience for thousands of people canoeing, kayaking, boating, and enjoying the waterways. The winner of a boat-naming contest held earlier this year will be invited to help christen the boats. For more information, call MWRD Public Affairs at (312) 751-6633.

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