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**WHO** Singer/songwriter Charlie Maguire  
**WHAT** Songs and Stories of Commercial Sailing On  
The Great Lakes  
**WHERE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WHEN** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Marking the 50th Anniversary of the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and the 120th Anniversary of the *Mataafa* wreck off Duluth's Canal Park on Lake Superior in 2025, songwriter and musician Charlie Maguire brings a program of songs and stories unequalled in authenticity.

Maguire is the only songwriter ever granted passage expressly to write about two working vessels; *Nordic Trader* and *William Clay Ford*, as well as an embedded crew member on USCG *Sundew*.

What Charlie Maguire personally experienced from these unprecedented opportunities he turned into songs with insightful narrative behind each one in time for this important anniversary.

In addition, Maguire's program includes Gordon Lightfoot's "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald," and Woody Guthrie's Merchant Marine songs round out a solid hour of deep water adventure.

**Original songs by Charlie Maguire will include:**

- "Rolling on the Deck"
- "Barefoot Dan"
- "Two Ships Passing in the Night"
- "8 to 12"
- "Bartalina" (a Filipino word for a job you can't get out of, that Charlie learned working on a ship)

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*"If you have ever seen a big ship entering a harbor, or glimpsed one out on the horizon and wondered what it must be like to be onboard, then his songs are for you. Charlie's songs and stories make it as real as the wind in your face, the comradeship of the crew, and the movement of the deck under your feet."*

— Davis Helberg, Director (Ret.)  
Seaway Port Authority of Duluth

*"Charlie has made incredible contributions to preserving Lakes history!"*

— Patrick Labadie,  
Director, Emeritus Lake Superior  
Maritime Visitors Center, Duluth

*"He can sing! I mean really sing."*

— Diane Sawyer,  
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*"Your songs are damn good and so are you."*

—Pete Seeger

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