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(312) 464-7639 | [ecleary@entertainmentcruises.com](mailto:ecleary@entertainmentcruises.com)**Navy Pier's Speed Dating on the *Centennial Wheel* Returns with a New "Spin"**

*Chicago's popular lakefront destination partners with Entertainment Cruises to host a special Valentine's Day mixer for singles on the iconic 200-foot attraction and aboard private yacht, Chicago Elite*

**CHICAGO** – Love is in the air – *and* water – as Navy Pier teams up with Entertainment Cruises to host [Spinning with Singles](#), a special Valentine's Day mixer for singles ages 21 and over on Wednesday, February 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the *Centennial Wheel* and aboard the private yacht, [Chicago Elite](#). Local singles are invited to mix and mingle with other singles at this one-of-a-kind dating event in hopes of forging a love connection on Valentine's Day – *and* National Ferris Wheel Day!

Participants will have the exciting and unique opportunity to ride the iconic 200-foot attraction in groups and meet new people at every rotation. The fun continues on water with a special dockside reception aboard Entertainment Cruises' private yacht, *Chicago Elite*. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. in Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens. Hot chocolate will be available to participants upon arrival. Group speed dating will begin promptly at 7 p.m. on the *Centennial Wheel*, which features unparalleled views and a unique, intimate setting within its enclosed and heated gondolas. Each gondola will hold three to four couples, who will mix and mingle for a full ride before moving on to the subsequent gondola.

Upon completing their spin on the Wheel, guests will make their way to *Chicago Elite* for a special reception, featuring hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and music by [DJ LoveBug](#). Participants are encouraged to connect with those they were not able to meet on the *Centennial Wheel* or continue the conversation with someone who may have piqued their interest.

At the end of the event, each participant will receive a special package of exclusive offers to Navy Pier experiences – perhaps to share with a date! The package includes discount offers to a dinner cruise on the *Odyssey*, an Entertainment Cruises sister dining vessel; Shoreline Sightseeing Architecture River Tour; Brown Sugar Bakery; Riva Crabhouse; a special treat bag, courtesy of KIND; and more.

Tickets to *Spinning with Singles* are \$50 per person and include an exclusive ride experience on Chicago's treasured icon, access to the dazzling triple-deck private yacht, food, open bar, and of course, the opportunity to potentially make a romantic connection. **Interested individuals must register [online](#)**. Space is limited and registration will be closed upon reaching capacity.

In the event that the *Centennial Wheel* cannot operate due to weather-related conditions, the entire event will be held aboard *Chicago Elite*. Participants will be provided complimentary *Centennial Wheel* tickets to redeem for a future ride.

For more information, visit [www.navypier.org](http://www.navypier.org).

**RESOURCES:** [Photos](#)

### **NAVY PIER MISSION STATEMENT**

*Navy Pier is the People's Pier, Chicago's lakefront treasure, welcoming all and offering dynamic and eclectic experiences through partnerships and programs that inspire discovery and wonder.*

### **ABOUT NAVY PIER**

**Visit our new website, [navypier.org](http://navypier.org). The change to .org is small, but impactful. We're excited to move in to our second century as a mission-driven cultural district, welcoming all and inspiring our more than 9 million guests.**

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is one of the top-attended nonprofit cultural destinations in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than nine million guests annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. In 2017, Navy Pier continues to celebrate its centennial with a series of special events and programming, year-round rides on the *Centennial Wheel* and ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts as part of the Centennial Vision. Navy Pier, as a nonprofit organization, maintains and manages the 50-acre pier that is being redeveloped as a contemporary, environmentally responsible urban space. More information is available at [www.navypier.org](http://www.navypier.org).

### **ABOUT CHICAGO ELITE**

*Elite Private Yachts* provides Chicago with the most innovative and accommodating private charter yacht. Our endless options for food, beverages, entertainment, and flexible boarding and cruising times allow for a completely customized event that's exactly to your specifications. With sensational views, a contemporary setting and customizable options, Chicago Elite is Chicago's most exclusive dining and entertainment experience. Enjoy all the prestige of cruising on your own private yacht for a meeting, celebration or unique gathering. In spring of 2015, Chicago Elite returned after a \$1 million renovation. For a whole new way to experience Chicago, come aboard and explore the ship's modern, refreshed interiors, perfect for customizing your private events. For additional details, please visit [ElitePrivateYachts.com](http://ElitePrivateYachts.com).