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From the Bridge



I do trust you had an enjoyable summer. Patti and my summer started at the Western Lake Erie Picnic where we welcomed six new member "first-timers" into the Great Lakes Cruising Club. We also greeted veteran members who were "first-timers" at the Lake Erie Picnic. This is a relaxed and sure-fired way for new members to get a sense of the warmth and hospitality of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. Everyone attending enjoyed an afternoon of gourmet picnic foods, decadent desserts, and warm fellowship. A special thanks to Event Chairs/Port Captain Dennis and Sharon Dutcher and their support team for hosting this event.

Next on the events calendar was the Lake Erie Leamington Rally hosted by Ken and Lynda Leque, and Dave and Lori Guertal. The theme of the event was "Tuscan Nights." The weather was a little on the warm side, but that did not diminish the enthusiasm of all 45 members who attended, twelve of whom were "first-timers." Friday night's dinner was at the beautiful Cooper's Hawk Vineyards restaurant, The Vines, where an authentic Italian dinner was served with, of course, their signature wines. The weekend was full of fun and thematic games. Saturday's challenge was a grape stomp. It was the *Rieslings* vs. the *Cabernets*. (The grapes were actually green and purple balloons tied to ankles.) I understand the winning trophy was a jar of "grape" jam. The Leamington Rally in Leamington (E-34), Ont. has a reputation of being an exceptional event, and is always held over Father's Day weekend, so mark your calendars for 2019 as our gracious chairs have agreed to host this rally again. I thank all who attended for supporting our hosts.

The Lake Ontario Rally was held at the beautiful Trent Port Marina, where a "small but mighty" group had a wonderful time, especially since three boats were using this rally, appropriately named the "Gateway to Killarney," as their launching point for the Trent Severn Waterway. Hosts were Eric Sunstrum and his wife Cynthia. Eric is Rear Commodore for Region 35 and they are Dual Port Captains for Ivy Lea (SLR-33), Ont. The entire group visited the National Air Force Museum, which included a tour of a Hercules aircraft, where the docent was an original flight crew member.

The Wilderness Rally in Keyhole Island Area (GB-50.5) was a huge success, and may have set several records with over 90 guests aboard 44 boats. We had 21 "first-timers," of which eight were new members. The weather was perfect except for the final day when it rained. Veteran Chairs Bill and Sandi Matley, Port Captains for Harbor Island (NC-2), Ont. provided us with fun and creative activities on a daily basis to help keep us *enlightened, entertained, and educated*. New GLCC members Jim and Dee Woodward opened their floating home, the M/V *Fintry*, to all Wilderness Rally attendees on a daily basis for coffee and sweets. The *Fintry* is a 79-foot, 1970s vintage fleet tender and was used by the British Navy. Visit the website www.mvfintry.com for an interesting tour of this fascinating vessel.

On the Cover

*Officers aboard Lady J for Fleet Review at the
2018 GLCC Rendezvous in Killarney, Ont. (GB-32)*

Photo by Port Captain Karen Mesenburg



Boats at dock in Killarney, Ont. at the 2018 GLCC Rendezvous. Photo by Port Captain Karen Mesenburg

Our signature event, the annual Rendezvous, was held in Killarney (GB-32), Ont. at the Killarney Mountain Lodge/Marina and the Sportsman's Inn and Marina. Our chairs for the Rendezvous were Cathy and Charlie Zumkehr. Charlie is Port Captain for Killarney, and both consider Killarney their second home. The town, the marinas, the businesses, and (it seemed) Killarney's entire population opened their "doors and hearts" to us. Have you ever heard of a dessert table at a pancake breakfast? Would you ever consider strolling through a graveyard to hear stories about a town's past residents? WE DID! These are just two examples of the unique activities we participated in. From Bocce Ball to the Book Club, and from the Bilge Auction to the Blessing of the Fleet, there was something for everyone, every day. Attendance was good, with nearly 200 members (of which 52 were first-timers) from 90 boats—a fitting and rewarding testimony to the energies of Charlie and Cathy. Distinguished officers in attendance included eight Past GLCC Commodores, a Past Chief Commander of the United States Sail and Power Squadron, and the current Chief Commander of the Canadian Sail and Power Squadron. The final day included kayak races, dinghy races, the Bilge Auction (which I am delighted to report made over \$2000+ for the Great Lakes Foundation) and, of course, the always-popular volleyball match, which this year was won by the *Stinkpotters* 2-0. Killarney is surely a work of art, and it must be seen to be fully appreciated. So, be sure to plan on Killarney as a future "port of call." On Thursday, the final day, the

weather continued to cooperate as GLCC members got underway to their next ports, and I have no doubt that Charlie and Cathy settled in on their favorite Adirondack chairs for a well-deserved rest!

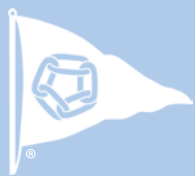
Activities that occurred too late to be reported in this edition were the Lake Superior Rally in Port Superior & Pike's Bay (S-192.5), hosted by Co-Chairs and Port Captains Paula and Paul Lundberg, and Rear Commodore Jim Passe, and Deputy Port Captain Angèle Passe; and the Border Rally in Port Huron (D-1), Mich., hosted by Dale and Teena Lashbrook, Dual Port Captains for Port Huron.

Upcoming events include the Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting being chaired by Bill Lehner, Deputy Port Captain for Sandusky (E-16), Ohio. The dinner is at the Sandusky Yacht Club on Sept. 15, 2018.

The Annual General Meeting takes place October 26–28 at the Delta London Armouries Hotel in London, Ont., and is being chaired by Director Andy Wright and Port Captain for Port Lambton (D-13), Ont., Jannet Smithrim. Be sure to check out the details for these events, as well as for all other club events, on our website.

Safe seas always,

Rich Barzyk, Commodore 



From the Editor



need for the Harbor Reports.

In this issue of *Lifeline*, you may notice some changes. To begin with, we are eliminating the *Where Are We* feature. We have had difficulty locating places that are distinct enough so that they will not be misidentified. We are going to focus on the Great Lakes lighthouses. As I'm sure you

know, there are plenty of them to choose from. And, they play an important role in cruising.

Also, you will find a review by Pat Somers of the recently published book, *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*. The author, Dan Egan, lives in Milwaukee and is a reporter for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. It is a fascinating book, and I encourage everyone who works or plays in or around the Great Lakes to read it. I believe that a paperback version is now available.

Finally, I encourage all of you to support our advertisers. Their contributions help pay for the production of *Lifeline*. I wish all of you:

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Philip R. May, Lifeline Editor



2019 Boat Show Schedule

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show

January 9-13

McCormick Place-South
Chicago, Ill.

<http://www.chicagoboatshow.com>

Cleveland Mid-America Boat Show

January 17-21

I-X Center
Cleveland, Ohio

<http://clevelandboatshow.com>

Toronto International Boat Show

January 18-27

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place
Toronto, Ont.

<http://www.torontoboatshow.com/2019/>

Free Admission to the Boat Show?

by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

Next year, there is no need to sneak into the boat shows. The GLCC is going to participate in three regional boat shows in 2019. While the boat shows are several months away, now is a good time to think about helping out at the GLCC booth. The benefits are numerous, not the least of which is that you will qualify for a free, or significantly reduced admission. If you are planning on attending one of the shows, why not have some fun volunteering to crew the GLCC booth? All that is required is that you donate a few hours of your time talking to prospective new members. It is also a fun opportunity to meet and talk with fellow Great Lakes boaters, and enjoy the show. For more information, contact the chairperson for the show you plan to attend listed at left, or call the GLCC office at 810-984-4500.

The GLCC 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting to Be Held in London, Ontario


PLEASE join us in London, Ont. on October 26–28 for the Great Lakes Cruising Club and the Great Lakes Foundation 2018 Annual Membership Meetings. The venues for this year's AGM Meetings are exceptional, as they each have an historical presence in the city of London and a reputation for exceeding expectations.

On Friday, the Delta London Armouries Hotel will welcome you with its unique architecture and appreciation of history combined with modern luxury. Friday's dinner will be a Deluxe Buffet at the Delta. The Delta Armouries is ideally located in the heart of downtown London near shopping and several ethnically diverse restaurants.

On Saturday, there is an optional two-hour Labatt Brewery Tour that includes lunch. The Labatt Brewery has long been a landmark in the city of London since it was founded in 1847 by John Kinder Labatt. This tour is a highly rated destination for all visitors to the city of

London. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$24 USD/person and includes a full guided tour of the brewery, two beers in the Sampling Room, a discount coupon for the Labatt Store, as well as lunch and dessert. The tour will start in the John Kinder Labatt Room at 1230, 150 Simcoe St., London. Once the tour of the brewery is completed we will proceed to the Sampling Room to enjoy an assortment of Gourmet Wraps and a choice of Labatt beers (or non-alcoholic beverages such as coolers, pop/soda, apple cider or water). Afterward, you will be treated to a famous London's Ice Cream Company dessert. Tour lecture and questions continue in the Sampling Room. Following lunch and the sampling, we will go outside to see the 1919 Keg Truck and the 1947 Streamliner Truck. This guided tour and sampling is a rare opportunity not to be missed! **Please note:** As there are a number of stairs involved in the tour, the Labatt Brewery will be happy to make accommodations and arrange a special tour for those with mobility issues.

Saturday evening, the GLCC & GLF General Membership Meetings, followed by a social hour and dinner, will be held at the prestigious London Club. The Club is one of London's premier private dining clubs and itself a historic London landmark, founded in 1880. The Club has maintained first-class standards for food, outstanding service and timeless charm. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Sergeant Tim Diebel of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Sergeant Diebel, of the Windsor-Detroit Shiprider Division and Integrated Maritime Law Enforcement Operations, will speak about the RCMP's responsibilities on the Great Lakes and the ways in which the GLCC membership may be of assistance during interactions with law enforcement on the water. Sergeant Diebel's talk is sure to provoke an interesting discussion on topics near and dear to our hearts. Additionally, Sergeant Diebel will discuss the impact of the new marijuana laws in Canada when crossing the border.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in London! 

Please register online by Oct. 5 or use the flyer insert in this issue of Lifeline. Contact Director Andy Wright at 519-671-5786 / andrew.wright@siskinds.com, or Port Captain Jann Wright at 519-852-7632 / janns@rogers.com, if you have questions.





GLCC members often feel a special affinity for lighthouses—a beacon in the night, a special landfall, a spectacular piece of architecture that catches the breath and speeds up the heart.

Here we present a light that is special to one of our fellow members.



Photo by Corey Seeman / Flickr.com

Do you recognize the lighthouse shown above? Can you locate it on the Lakes?

If so, send your best guesses to the *Lifeline* Editor at the Port Huron office, glcclub@att.net. First responders with correct answers will be awarded a pair of GLCC cold beverage cozies and recognized in our next issue of *Lifeline*.



Photo by Ron Dwell

No one correctly identified the Badgeley Island Light SW of Killarney, visible to cruisers approaching the North Channel from the south for up to 15 miles. It began as a square dwelling with a square lantern room centered atop. Two range lights were placed in operation in 1912, with the front light having a focal plane of thirty-nine feet above water, and the rear light a focal plane of sixty-one feet. In 1981 the coast guard demolished the building and the present automated tower was erected.



Group photo at the Western Lake Erie Picnic. Photo by Sharon Dutcher

Western Lake Erie Picnic Launches the GLCC Summer Boating Season

This past July 2nd, the Western Lake Erie Picnic was the first event of the 2018 GLCC boating season. As usual, there was great food, sea stories, and good fellowship. The weather proved to be a bit cool and overcast, but that did not dampen our spirits, or those of the local volunteer helpers. Overall, thirty-six folks attended the event, with several first-time picnickers, plus six new members. Commodore Rich Barzyk welcomed our new folks, followed by Rear Commodore Roger Hankle who spoke about Lake Erie events. Dave Guertal brought everyone up to date on the upcoming Lake Erie Leamington Rally. Port Captain (West Harbor) Denny Dutcher filled us in on current legislation affecting the Great Lakes, and specifically Lake Erie. All in all, a good time was shared while making new friends.

Remember, the Western Lake Erie Picnic is always open to all members and guests. This is a great opportunity to introduce potential new members to the GLCC. We hope to see you next year.

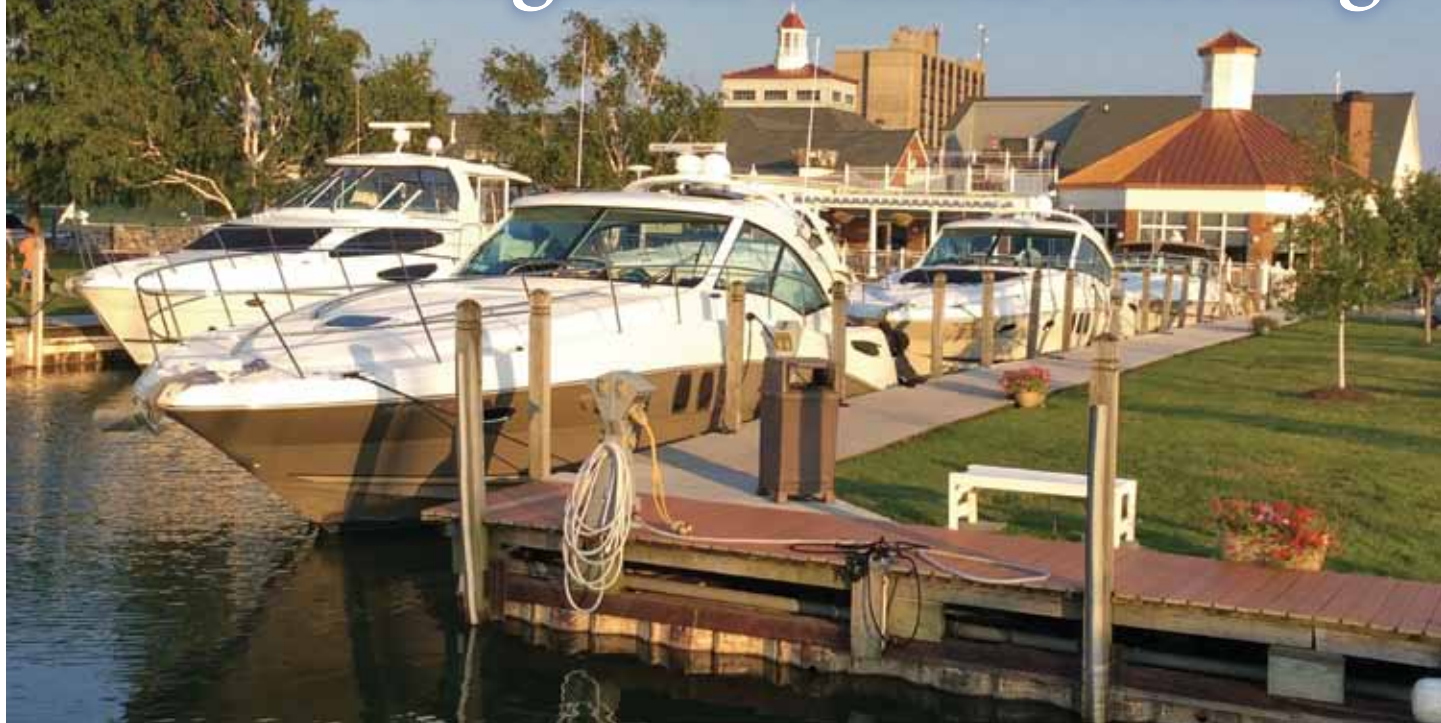
Thanks to all who attended.

Chair & GLCC Port Captain Denny Dutcher 



Picnic first-timers. Photo by Sharon Dutcher

It's Not Too Late to Attend the Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting!



GLCC Members and guests are invited to attend the 47th Annual Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting at the Sandusky Yacht Club, Sandusky, Ohio (E-16) on Sept. 15, 2018. There will be a cash bar, USD and credit cards, for social hour at 1800 at the A-Dock pavilion. You are sure to enjoy the buffet dinner at 1900 with a choice of slow-roasted prime rib, paired with fried Lake Erie perch, chicken marsala, green beans almandine, herb-roasted redskins, veggie pasta and dessert of cheesecake and other sweets. Coffee, decaf, tea, or iced tea will be offered, all for only \$50 USD per person.


After dinner and a brief business meeting, our guest speaker will be Chief Warrant Officer Bethannie J. Kittrell. She is the Commanding Officer of USCG Station Marblehead. She is also a Central Ohio native and the first female to fill that role at Station Marblehead.

Sandusky Yacht Club provides an excellent venue with

a very fine buffet. If you have never visited the Club, this is a perfect opportunity for you to see beautiful Sandusky Bay while sharing camaraderie with fellow GLCC Members.

Hotel Kilbourne, located at 223 West Water Street in Sandusky, Ohio, is where GLCC members are staying. It is a lovely new boutique facility within walking distance of the Yacht Club. (The deadline to get the GLCC group rate has passed.) The deadline for dinner reservations has also passed, and the committee is required by SYC to have a headcount by Sept. 3; however, they will be able to accommodate a few 'late' reservations. If you are thinking about coming by boat, contact Deputy Port Captain Bill Lehner at lehnerb@aol.com or call 614-560-9538.

We would love to have you join us!

Bill Lehner, Deputy Port Captain (E-16)
Lake Erie Region 53 

Lake Superior Regional Mid-Winter Dinner Meeting

Jan 5, 2019

at the Radisson Hotel Minneapolis/St. Paul North

More details to follow, including the schedule, speakers and menu, later in August.

Chair: Rear Commodore Jim Passe 612-940-5369 / jrpasse@earthlink.net



HOLD THE DATE

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Che Fiesta! What a party!

**Lake Erie Rally's "Tuscan Nights"
Held on June 15–17 in Leamington, Ont.
Was a Huge Hit!**

by Lori Guertal; photos by Jim Ehrman and Lynda Leque

Indeed, "Tuscan Nights" was a fabulous, festive, and fun-filled weekend. Co-Chairs Ken and Lynda Leque and Dave and Lori Guertal arrived in Leamington, Ont. on Wed., June 13 to prepare for the Italian experience. Beautiful, sunny warm weather was forecast for the weekend, with good sailing winds ahead.

Thursday was for early arrivals, and 10 of our 18 gondolas (AKA boats) scheduled to attend the weekend arrived. The committee greeted each boat as they arrived at their dock, and each was given the agenda for the weekend's festivities, their name tags, and Italian streamers to fly prominently from their boat. This would signify each participant as part of the group. Twenty-four folks gathered on the Marina patio at about 1800 to enjoy pizza and salad ordered from Armando's (also our caterer for Saturday evening). Conversations were lively and continued well past sunset. At around 2115, everyone retired to their boats.

Friday brought more beautiful weather along with the remaining fleet of vessels, which were also greeted happily by committee members. At 1600 we gathered at the Marina for our scenic bus ride to Cooper's Hawk Vineyards and The Vines restaurant for a wonderful wine tasting and a delicious meal. This was held in their beautiful dining room in a scenic country setting. After dinner, everyone enjoyed the bus ride back to the Marina, followed by more friendly conversations on the boats, and a peaceful night's sleep.

Saturday morning began with some light rain followed by the flag-raising ceremony and singing of the Canadian and U.S. National Anthems. New member Andy Leffler, veteran (U.S. Army Paratrooper), honored us with raising the flags, while long-time member Doug McCray beautifully led us in singing *Oh Canada!* and *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Members Dave Guertal and Port Captain (Leamington, Ont.) Ronan Oliver gave announcements and Leamington highlights, respectively. The sun came out just as our pancake breakfast was about to start. The Leamington Lions Club prepared pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and dip, coffee, and four kinds of juices for breakfast. During breakfast, raffle prizes were displayed and tickets were sold. The prizes included a ship's wheel, a wine essentials kit, wine from Cooper's Hawk Vineyards, two nights' dockage at Leamington Marina, and two tickets on the Jet Express. All prizes were awarded





on Saturday evening. The Port Captains' meeting was canceled, and lunch was on your own. The Tuscany Games started at 1400 on the Marina grounds near the pavilion. First, it was the Rieslings against the Cabernets in the simulated grape-stomping event utilizing green and purple balloons. The Rieslings came out on top! Special "grapes" were awarded to both teams in the hard-fought battle, as scraped ankles, balloon burns and ear-piercing pops were "casualties" of the game. Next came the "Ring of the Wine" Challenge. Many players ended up in the "2" Ringers Club, but the ultimate "ringer" was new member Greg Neal, who skillfully ringed five bottles! He was awarded "gold coins" secured from the treasure of Italian pirate *VinCenZo Gambi*. The final game was a mind challenge. Italian trivia covered everything from active volcanoes to the *Mona Lisa*. It was a brain-teaser for sure, but members teamed up for the task. As the game finished there were two winning teams: members Alan and Eileen Clark and guests of member Lynda Nossaman; Pam Sherer and Sandy Swan. They each received the coveted Smucker's grape jam for their hard-thought efforts! Many members helped with last-minute decorations for Saturday evening after the games, then departed to get ready for cocktails and the dinner dance.

Forty-five gathered for the cocktail hour at 1800. Ken Leque had prepared two special Italian drinks (*Tuscan Sunrise* and *Italian Mint*), plus there were several Italian wines and beers to choose from. Dave Guertal greeted each guest at the door as they arrived with an Italian flag necklace. Instructions were given to "capture" as many of these flags as possible from other guests by getting them to say the word "boat" in casual conversation during the cocktail hour. The winner proved to be volunteer bartender and new member Andy Leffler, who

captured at least 10 flags! He had the best opportunity to engage folks in conversation while serving them a drink. He received a large bag of grape-flavored popcorn for his efforts. As each guest arrived, they were directed to have their souvenir photo taken inside the GLCC gondola on the scenic Venice waterways. This photo was then mailed to them, post-party, as a memento of the weekend. At 1840, guests were directed to the dinner tables for the "Blessing of the Fleet" given by long-time member Susan Atkinson, followed by announcements and a dinner prayer. Armando's Restaurant catered a delectable Italian meal complete with appetizers and desserts, which was enjoyed by all.

The incredibly talented musicians Bob Gabrielle and Dan Woods enthusiastically entertained the crowd from 1800 to 2300, with everyone dancing the night away. Members Doug McCray and Greg Neal each joined the band for their own special song, and surprised and delighted the crowd with their vocal talents. The evening ended with a wedding song request by first-timers Tom and Carol Buckley. The band played *Amazed By You* while our entire group held hands and circled them as they danced to their special song. It brought strangers together and tears to every eye. It was a wonderful finale.

Sunday morning brought boaters together for coffee, fruit and donuts, and fond farewells. Many new faces at this rally have turned into wonderful new friendships for all.

You won't want to miss out on next year's fabulous Lake Erie Rally planned for the June 14–16, 2019 weekend. Committee Chairs, again, will be Ken and Lynda Leque and Dave and Lori Guertal, and they are planning yet another incredible weekend experience! We look forward to seeing you then! 🚩



Rally attendees at the National Air Force Museum: Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce, Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum; Members Mike Cane, Helene Carriere and George Dew. Photo courtesy Cynthia Sunstrum

2018 Lake Ontario Rally:

“On the Way to Killarney”

*by Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
and Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum*

The 2018 Great Lakes Cruising Club Lake Ontario Rally was held at the Trent Port Marina in Quinte West / Trenton, Ont. (O-34) this past June 22–24. The date was set a bit earlier than usual this year to encourage GLCC members cruising the lower lake to make their way up the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) from Trenton to Georgian Bay in order to attend the 2018 Rendezvous in Killarney in July. Three intrepid crews did just that! Encouraging signs that the rally has captured interest among the membership was the participation of both new and long-standing GLCC members. They included the Vice Commodore, a Past Commodore, a Rear Commodore, and a number of Port Captains.

Although things officially started late Friday afternoon with the Irish-themed meet-and-greet barbecue on the Marina grounds, those attendees who arrived early enjoyed a pre-Rally dinner at Tomasso's restaurant on Thursday evening. They were then treated to the spectacle on Friday afternoon whereby event coordinators Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum and Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum un-stepped the mast on their Catalina 28 sailboat so they would fit under the many bridges on the TSW. Witnessing the event has reaffirmed for the power

boaters in the group why they are not sailors!

Saturday, at a “lunch-and-learn” held at the Quinte West Public Library, the group welcomed Lockmaster Ian Kears of Parks Canada who provided us with an excellent presentation on the Trent Severn Waterway, covering its history as well as an overview the system. All in attendance appreciated Lockmaster Hearse's in-depth knowledge and amicable delivery. Ian provided the group with plenty of good information for those transiting the waterway, whether during the summer of 2018 or in future. Rear Commodore Sunstrum then provided a short Chart Briefing that included information on navigation, regulations, and available information sources to help members enjoy their time on the TSW.

After lunch on Saturday, the Rally-goers boarded a Quinte West land yacht (shuttle bus) to the National Air Force Museum. Touring the exhibits that provide a look at Canada's proud Air Force history was enlightening for all and provided respite from the light rains that afternoon. A highlight was a tour of a Hercules aircraft conducted by retired Air Force personnel who had flown the actual plane on display.

To wind up a busy Saturday, the entire group enjoyed a meal and drinks at the Port Bistro, a popular



Rally Barbecue at Trent Port Marina. Photo courtesy Wes Micket

downtown Trenton pub. The competitive side of the Lake Ontario Rally-goers was on full display as the Official Lake Ontario Rally quiz results were tallied. Handcrafted mementos were awarded to the winners. A gift donated by the City of Quinte West was given to the newest members of the GLCC who came to the Trent Port Marina for the first time by boat. Consolation prizes were presented to members of the crew of *Unicorn III* for their perseverance.

Sunday morning was time to say goodbye over a

continental breakfast at the Marina, and to start thinking about next year's Lake Ontario Rally.

Postscript: The three boats that started out from Trenton heading up the TSW kept in touch along the way and met up at different times and places, demonstrating again the fellowship enjoyed by GLCC members!

The GLCC would like to extend its appreciation to the City of Quinte West, Trent Port Marina, Parks Canada and the Port Bistro Pub for their respective contributions to making this year's Rally a smashing success. 🚩



Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum and Don Knap stepping the Mast of Northern Whisper for its journey up the Trent Severn Waterway. Photo courtesy Wes Micket



Parks Canada Lockmaster Ian Kears discussing the finer points of navigating the Trent Severn Waterway to rally attendees Don Knap and Helene Carriere. Photo courtesy Wes Micket

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Photos by Port Captain Kathryn Braun, Port Captain Bill Matley and Joann Mead

2018 GLCC Wilderness Rally Was the Key to Great Fun!

by Port Captains Bill and Sandi Matley; Co-Chairs Wilderness Rally 2016, 2017, 2018

The 2018 Wilderness Rally was held in the beautiful Keyhole Island Area (GB-50.5) of the Georgian Bay, at the western entrance of the Collins Inlet. Forty-four boats from as far as Florida came to the Rally to enjoy the good food and good friends that they met here. Commodore Barzyk welcomed and introduced over 25 new GLCC members or Wilderness Rally “first-timers.”

Great Lakes Cruising Club past, present, and future Commodores, as well as directors, past officers and Port Captains, joined 100 members and guests onshore for happy hours and meals under the GLCC weather fly.

Instructional programs covering “Cloud Computing” presented by Port Captain Jim Williams; “Good Eats” cruising recipes presented by Melissa Spillenkothen; and a “Book Exchange”, followed by a “Best Book I’ve Read” review hosted by Diane Hansen, were very informative.

On the second day we did a craft project entitled “A Stitch in Time” hosted by Port Captain Sandi Matley and Clare Walker where participants made an old-fashioned “redwork” potholder for their boats. Following the craft activity, we heard a presentation on “Cruising the Georgian Bay” by Port Captain Bruce Arthur.

Great Lakes Cruising Club Chaplain Nelson Stone helped us say thanks for our food and these amazing waters.

Nearly 500 pancakes were served by several members of the Wilderness Rally Committee, including Port Captain Bill Matley, Jim Williams, Bruce Arthur, Melissa Spillenkothen, and Port Captain Bill Walker. Rally par-

ticipants each brought a breakfast meat to share, and the pancakes were topped off with pure maple syrup from the Michigan State University maple tree farm, arranged by members Log Book Editor Lou and Laurel Bruska (and don’t forget the whipped cream!).

Our Wednesday evening dinner was hot dogs and all the fixings, purchased from the “Big Bite” Hot Dog Company of Little Current, Ontario. Our 150 delicious grilled dinner sized hot dogs were served on hoagie sized cornmeal buns with peppers, sauerkraut, onions, ketchup and mustard. You can have one yourself if you visit the Big Bite Hot Dog cart across the street from the Anchor Inn in Little Current.

Each morning, there was hot coffee and sweet breads on board *Fintry* (<http://www.mvfintry.com/index.html>). Hosts Jim and Dee Woodward are exploring the freshwater lakes this year, and we hope to see them more at other GLCC activities.

Rain was predicted to move into the Rally site on Friday, so the potluck dinner was moved to Thursday evening. There, we were treated to a bounty of food items that were both equally delicious and plentiful. Following the potluck dinner, members moved to the back of *Morning Light*, the boat owned by Secretary (Ret.) Phil and Althea Doolittle. There, Port Captain Denny and Sharon Dutcher, Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm and Phil and Althea Doolittle led a dozen or more dinghies filled with Wilderness Rally attendees who comprised the choir in a sing-along that filled the harbor with music.



Due to the rain on Friday, that day's presentations were delivered by radio instead of live onshore. Jim Williams had downloaded every North Channel harbor report, and each participant was given a flash drive with the reports stored on it. Jim explained how to use the 706 pages of North Channel harbor reports contained on the flash drives.

Immediately after Jim's radio presentation, Bill Walker, Port Captain of Spanish (NC-40), and who was a consulting engineer for Spanish and Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (as well as other communities in the Great Lakes' watershed) gave a presentation entitled *We Float on It, but Can We Drink It?*

Both presentations were very well done and informative.

By the way, with proper caution, filtering and sanitation, the water in your tanks can be consumed safely. Both presentations will have been uploaded to the website by the time you read this. *North Channel/Georgian Bay Potable Water* by Port Captain Bill Walker can be found on the GLCC website under the Discussion tab & select Wilderness Cruising.

Co-Chairs Bill and Sandi Matley chose this year's Wilderness Rally theme to be "Friendship." In keeping with the founding principles of the GLCC, everyone rediscovered a bond in our common love for cruising on these wonderful waters of our Great Lakes.

New and longtime friends enjoyed each other's company, and we look forward to the next time we see each other on the water. 🚩



Past Commodore Chuck Mead presents the 50-year GLCC Member Burgee to recipient Val-Le Fuehrer at the 2018 Wilderness Rally.

Val-Le Fuehrer received her 50-year Member Burgee at the Wilderness Rally held at Keyhole Island Area this past July. Val-Le and her husband Milt joined the GLCC when their children were very young, taking them to many Rendezvous and exploring the North Channel. They ventured to many new places during their years of cruising in *Ugotabkiddin* (first a 26-foot cabin cruiser, then a 37-foot sailboat). Val-Le appreciates the many lifelong friends she made during those years, and she continues to cruise with several of them. She currently resides in Basalt, Colo., where she is an active downhill skier during the winter. Congratulations to Val-Le on her 50 years as a member of GLCC!



GLCC Returns to Killarney, Ontario After Being Absent for Fourteen Years!

by Event Chair Cathy Zumkehr; photos by Port Captain John Holmes, Port Captain Karen Mesenburg & Cathy Zumkehr

The turnout for the 2018 Rendezvous was at capacity. There were 183 people in attendance, with 72 boats, 13 automobiles and one RV. The event was chaired by Port Captain Charlie and Cathy Zumkehr, along with a dedicated group of hard-working volunteers. Many thanks go out to all who helped make it one of the best Rendezvous in recent memory.

Arrival day went off without a hitch thanks to our wonderful Dockmasters, Schyler Cardinal at Sportsman's Inn Resort and Marina, and Red Proux at Killarney Mountain Lodge. In addition, there was a group of dedicated men who assisted with the docking. The evening started off with a meet-and-greet followed by a Killarney Cookout. Music was provided by Frank St. Germaine on the piano, along with Doug Smith on the saxophone, and Harry Smith played the clarinet.

Day One started off with a gourmet pancake breakfast provided by the St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League. This pancake breakfast will be talked about for a long time to come. After a great breakfast, the ladies' craft hour was held by Cathy Zumkehr and Arlene Oakland, followed by an outstanding ladies' lunch at the Sportsman's Inn. Past Commodore John Lobbezoo spoke on boating safety. The men had lunch at the Mountain Lodge. Later in the afternoon, Mary Roque and several residents of Killarney provided the group with some of the history of Killarney. They spoke about what is planned for 2020, which is the 200th anniversary of Killarney's founding. They also referenced *Gossip in the Graveyard*, an event they will be hosting next year.

That night was the Commodore's reception, with 38 "first-timers" attending.



Day Two started with a continental breakfast, firing of the cannon, the American and Canadian anthems were followed by announcements.

The Book Club event was well-attended, with a large number of great books for future reads. Gadget hour was a big success, with many ideas presented thanks to our MC, Port Captain Bill Matley. The Kayak and Dinghy races were rescheduled for Day Three due to the weather.

That evening we had a fish fry, with our Dockmaster Red Proux cooking the fish. A tasty and enjoyable meal was had by all.

Day Three was packed with lots of activities. Bocce Ball started at 0900 with 36 participants—what a great turnout. Raminta and Adam Mastis won in the winners' match, and Tom and Nancy Rea won in the consolation match.

Volleyball started at 1030, with Director Jack Dever coaching the power boaters and Past Commodore Mel Wallbank coaching the sail boaters. Power boaters won two out of three matches. Horseshoes was played right after volleyball, with Past Commodore Joe and Port Captain Karen Mesenburg winning that event. The Bilge Auction was held after lunch, with Dave Fauteux, a volunteer from Roque's Marina, as our auctioneer. The auction raised \$2015, thanks to our MC Charlie Zumkehr (with the help of Port Captain Harold

Sutherland and our bookkeeper Arlene Oakland).

Then the races started, first the Kayak Race with Chayle Sutherland winning the women's division and Rear Commodore (Ret.) Harold Darch winning the men's division.

On to the Dinghy Race: 40-horsepower (HP) and over—Harold Sutherland won the first round; Joe Mesenburg won the second round; and 30-HP was won by Rear Commodore Roland Aube.

Our evening ended with the Commodore's Dinner and Awards. There were 183 in attendance. Tom and Nancy Rea from Stuart, Fla. won the Commodore's Trophy, having traveled the furthest to attend the Rendezvous. Rear Commodore Jim and Deputy Port Captain Angèle Passe received their 25-year burgee along with Rear Commodore Roger Hankle and Deputy Port Captain Joyce Rogers. Music and dancing followed, making for a great evening and a wonderful finish to a great Rendezvous.

Many thanks go out to the following: Dave Fauteux, Priest (actor), Transportation and Bilge Auctioneer; Vice Commodore Penny Holmes, for always being there; Office Manager Yvonne Murray, whose guidance I could not have done without; Karen Mesenburg and Bobbie Johnson, with all their experience; Dawn Knott; and most of all, the great GLCC members who came to our rescue when needed. 🚩



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Cruising Lake Michigan's Western Shore on Moon Shadow 2016

Log of SV Moon Shadow, Winner of This Year's Founders Award (Installment III of III), by Port Captains Dave & Colleen Wray

Please visit www.moonshadowonthegreatloop.wordpress.com for more adventures. We hope you enjoy our blog and travel journal of Lake Michigan cruising.

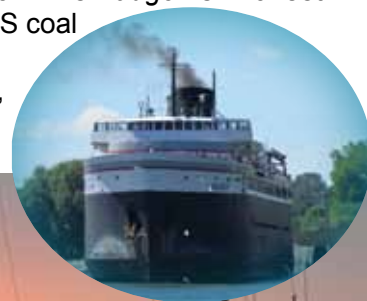
The links to navigational information on the GLCC website are helpful in planning the passages between ports. We try to download appropriate harbor reports to our iPad in order to have them readily accessible even without an internet connection. The next leg of our trip will be from Sturgeon Bay south to Chicago. We plan to stop at Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukegan.

MOTORING PAST FARMS, SILOS AND BLUFFS TO MANITOWOC

Door County has several tourist towns with nautical shops and ice cream parlors. Sturgeon Bay was bustling with large cruisers alongside Great Lakes merchant ships, and tall cranes prepared to load or off-load cargo.

With shoreline on both Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, Wisconsin boasts more than 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. This gives ample opportunity for tourism along with industry and farming to coexist. The forecast is light winds and calm seas; we decided to pass by Keweenaw and Two Rivers and head for Manitowoc. Today we will follow the shore for about 52 miles and will see farms, silos, power plants and a few beach-

es. Took advantage of our auto pilot, and cruised toward the well-marked entrance to Manitowoc. It is the home-base for the ferry named *Badger*. The ferry carries cars and passengers from Manitowoc, Wis. across Lake Michigan to Ludington, Mich. The *Badger* is 410 feet long, runs on steam, and is coal fired. Capacity is 620 passengers, 180 automobiles, also takes tour buses,



RVs, motorcycles and trucks. It is the last coal-burning steam ship in the U.S. It completes a trip in about 4 hours, covering 60 miles across the lake. The ferry saves about 3.5 hours of travel time (compared to the 411 miles to drive from Manitowoc thru Chicago to Ludington).

Upon arrival at Manitowoc, we had no obstructions or challenges getting into our slip with two dock hands standing by to help. Glad to be secured; and, watching the weather, we had just managed to beat the storm that was approaching. Enjoyed another nice sunset, and settled in for a couple of days in Manitowoc, Wis.

SUMMER FESTIVAL IN MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

The Lakeshore festival was in full swing with bands playing each night, a silent auction, dinners, and events all weekend raising money for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The dragon boat races took place on Saturday. The teams were colorful and competitive. Every town has full-color booklets to hand out promoting events, advertising and history. Each day, Colleen reviews and highlights the "don't miss" sights and plans for our day in port. Dave is a good sport and has agreed to tour the art museums, historical sights and ice cream shops in exchange for tours of the submarine in Manitowoc, car shows and the Milwaukee Harley Museum.

Colleen took time to add a few sketches to her travel journal. In between events, we managed to take some photos of the local buildings and signage to remember our visit. At this rate, our great loop trip may take longer than a year.

We stayed three nights then moved south again. Next stop will be Sheboygan: home of the wonderful boardwalk along the river and a trolley that goes around the downtown area all day for \$1.

TO SHEBOYGAN TO RIDE THE TROLLEY

From fishing villages to resort marinas, Wisconsin has them all. Sheboygan is a nice combination of both. The marina monitors channel 9; hail them as Harbor Center Marina. The city is known for boats, brats and



beer; don't miss this stop. Check out the very nice boaters' lodge on the second floor with decks overlooking the marina. The secluded pool area with grills and picnic tables is also a nice touch. The marinas along the west shore have security gates on each pier for added security. Take advantage of the two-story clubhouse which includes a lounge, store, laundry, showers and restrooms. We got settled into our slip and hit the paths to check out the area. Walk several blocks south, and the path hooks up with the boardwalk along the river. The boardwalk was developed in the 1980s and helped establish Sheboygan as a tourist destination. The shops and restaurants are built to resemble an old fishing village, and there are charter fishing boats that work out of this area. Sheboygan has invested in its public spaces and has created a unique riverfront boardwalk that borders both sides of the river. We also took the dinghy up the river. The trolley is a great way to get around. It picked us up by the marina, and we got off at the north end of the shopping district near the Children's Museum.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center features exhibitions and galleries featuring contemporary artists. It is located in an 1882 mansion built by the plumbing fixture founder (Kohler). When we stepped inside, the receptionist handed us a map and suggested we each visit all the restrooms (men's and women's) to see the artist's design. Well worth the visit!

THREE DAYS IN PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

It was a winning combination: outdoor music, boat bar and awesome dinner of scallops and shrimp, all less than a block from the marina at the

Newport Shores Restaurant. The lighthouse museum was a great destination. It had been neglected over the years, and even converted to a duplex before the historical society renovated and furnished it as a museum. It's a climb up the steps, but we had a great tour. Farmers markets in August can't be beat for the abundance of produce. It was a rainy day at the market, but well worth



it, and was held in the street downtown. To wrap up the weekend, we decided to walk to the upper park for a European Beer Garden. We were rewarded with some good Wisconsin beer and music by a local band. We found a shortcut back to the marina; the steps included 12 flights so it was a steep hill to go down. Prior to leaving Sheboygan we filled with fuel and did a pump out. A few years ago, diesel would have been over \$4 per gallon. Today, it is \$2.09 (we missed the \$1.99 by a few days).

MILWAUKEE MUSEUMS

Milwaukee brings to mind *Laverne and Shirley* and *Happy Days*, so we arrived at the McKinley Marina with limited knowledge of top attractions in Milwaukee. The distance from Port Washington to Milwaukee harbor is about 29 miles. Since it took a while to fuel up and pump, it was almost noon before we left the harbor. That's ok, as it will be less than four hours on the water today—light wind, beautiful blue skies. There are a few reefs to be aware of and buoys marking the point—otherwise a straight shot down the coast. We were entering a very busy harbor on Sunday afternoon, as all the weekend sailors are entering the break wall. The Milwaukee outer break wall is 4 miles long and has three entrances. Once we passed through the north entrance, the McKinley Marina is to the right (north) through the break wall, then follow the wall 1.5 miles to the fuel dock. We met another couple doing the loop, and we hit it off right away. We made plans for the guys to go to the Harley Museum via Uber while the girls walked over to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Later we took the dinghy over to take photos of the roof sculpture and the war museum. As we approached the shore, the Coast

Guard stopped us and said we were not allowed...there was a dignitary visiting. Later found out Mr. Trump was holding a photo op with vets at the war memorial. It is just a few blocks on a walking path to Brady Street. The brochure described it as Milwaukee's Hippy district in the 70s, so not sure what to expect. It was a very nice 6 to 8 blocks of restaurants and bars. The forums indicated that no groceries were in walking distance; we found both Walgreens and CVS had ample selection for what we needed, and were just a few blocks from the boat.

We were starting to meet more loopers—either in the marinas or online. Chatted a bit with Myron on *Miss Bailey*, a Grand Banks whose home port is Milwaukee. Hope we get there at the same time to form a flotilla as we head down the river.

RACINE 30 MILES AHEAD

It was a pleasant run south with very light winds. The aerial view of the harbor found on the GLCC web site barely prepared us for the size of this marina. The shoals and reefs are pointed out on the harbor report; then maneuver through the break wall, quick turn to port through the first marina entrance, then to starboard then back to port side (left) into the center fairway—watch for dock E7; turn left and slide into our slip with a port side tie-up.

This is a huge marina with a pool, hot tub, bar, and





restaurant onsite. Next day we walked to town for lunch; passed several restaurants and shops, but not really a hopping town. Looks like the action may have moved out to the highways. When we needed milk and bread it was best done on bike as it was about ten blocks to a convenience store.

It seemed like a good idea to stay a few extra days due to storms rolling in. Plus, Dave negotiated an extra free night for Looper status. We are now flying our AGLCA burgee on the bow, and moved the GLCC burgee to the radar mast! Everyone is getting ready to head to Chicago.

WAUKEGAN

We're enjoying the slower pace, but ready to move on. We headed out of Racine at 0800 Monday—next stop will be Waukegan, Ill. We have tickets home from the Chicago O'Hare airport and chose Waukegan as a good marina to leave our boat for a week. Calm day on the water, and pulled into the fuel dock at about 1600.

After fuel and pump out we moved into our assigned slip. It is a popular spot for charter fishing boats! We took a bike ride to the end of the pier, and really noticed how short the days are becoming—it was dusk by 2015. Note to self: get lights for our bikes!

We had received mixed reviews on this marina. It

is a nice marina, but very few choices for provisioning within walking or biking distance. It is the first town with no tourism books or a city map! The marina section we stayed in is complete and updated, with floating docks and nice walkways. The marina has incorporated leaf vegetables into the front garden area. I like to make kale chips and almost harvested a few leaves.

Our cupboards are full and the boat is clean. We were ready for the next leg. As a bonus, we were joined at the marina by fellow Loopers that we had first met in Mackinaw City. Don and Elsa are doing the Loop in a Mainship (just like ours) named *Port Bonheur*.

We will both be heading toward Chicago; they plan to do the Cal Sag which bypasses downtown Chicago. Our route takes us to DuSable Marina not far from the Navy Pier, then down the river through Chicago.

Kale Chips recipe: Cut the stem and veins away, tear into bite size pieces. Wash and dry. Drizzle with olive oil and kosher salt or seasoning salt. Spread on baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes or less, let edges brown but not burn. They will melt in your mouth!

CHICAGO BY BOAT

Even on a hazy morning, the Chicago skyline is visible from quite a distance across the waters of Lake Michigan. Leaving Waukegan on a southerly course, we were excited to explore Chicago. Bonus, our family will visit to see us off, and deliver some provisions from home.

We headed for the main entrance to Chicago Harbor. Surprisingly, Chicago Harbor was one of the easiest to navigate. In preparation, Colleen had printed the GLCC harbor reports. Entering the main break wall, then southwest





toward the fountain, we entered the Monroe Harbor break wall entrance. The harbor reports warned of heavy traffic from water taxis and cruise boats.

We arrived midweek and, combined with post-Labor Day, encountered very little boat traffic. The large cruise boat was just outside the harbor, and easy to maneuver around. The smaller taxis zip around inside the wall and sometimes cause a bit of wake. Navy Pier is distinctive and will definitely be on our list to visit.

The first basin in Monroe Harbor is mooring cans. Imagine over 1,000 mooring cans! (The lake in our hometown of Buffalo, Minn. has five mooring cans.) This area can be more economical as the rate is \$1 per foot. The only catch is that every trip to shore is on a water taxi/tender that charges for the pickup. We opted to make reservations at DuSable Marina further into the harbor. (Later we learned this is loosely enforced.)

We laughed as we entered the fairway toward our slip, as we were first greeted by crew on Looper boats *Sanctuary* and *Captains Choice* waving from the end of a dock (they noticed our Looper AGLCA flag right away). Then we heard another boat called *Last Call* call out as we passed by, “nice boat”! We saw they were on a Mainship just like ours. Dave called back, “nice boat”—boater humor. Later we met Kurt and Patty on their boat *Enterprise*, and we became boating buddies all the way to Mobile, Ala.!


The DuSable dock hands met us at the slip, secured the lines and welcomed us to Chicago. The fun begins. In all honesty, we were not sure what to expect from Chicago. Boating in wilderness areas is our first love. But that feeling of pulling into Chicago by boat is pretty cool. And once we had a view of the city lights from the deck of our boat, we were hooked.

Having only two days to explore, we started with

a river walk to check out the bridges we would pass under, and part of the river that would be the next leg of our Loop trip. Next stop was Navy Pier to see the new Ferris wheel.

In the evening we walked along the waterfront, ending up at Millennium Park and were able to see the sculpture known as *The Bean*. Found a great place to eat, and returned along the river walk. Even at night the walking was comfortable and safe. The list of places we wanted to go was way too long for such a short visit, so will save some for next trip.

The summer on Lake Michigan has been love at first sight. While our hearts will always be on Lake Superior, Lake Michigan is a close second, and I cannot complain about Lake Huron, either. With 615 miles behind us, we are ready to leave the Great Lakes and head down the river system toward Mobile, Ala.

Looking forward to the journey, and will be back on the Great Lakes in 2017 as we wrap up our Great Loop adventure next summer! Our burgees are flying as we leave Chicago to begin the inland river portion of our trip. 

This is the final of three installments. Watch for new Founders Award winning logs in upcoming *Lifeline* issues.

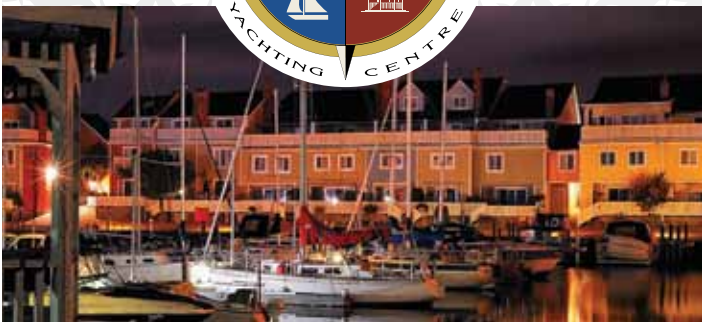
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What Is the Significance of the Admiral Bayfield Award?

by Past Commodore J.C. Acheson

The Admiral Bayfield Award was created in 1981 to recognize members who have engaged in substantial cruising throughout the Great Lakes, exemplifying the Corinthian mariner contemplated in the Objectives of the Club.


There have been 76 members, or member couples, honored with the award, who were selected by the board of directors upon application.

In order to qualify for the award, one must have cruised at least a week on each lake, covering at least half the length of the lake or its equivalent, and have called at a minimum of three ports or anchorages at least 50 miles apart. Satisfaction of these criteria need not be accomplished in a single year, or even in a single voyage, but applicants must certify that they have cruised in the aggregate at least

5,000 miles on the Great Lakes.

Members and couples whose applications have been approved are honored at a Club event of their choosing. A chart outlining their cruises in support of their applications is displayed. They are authorized to fly a distinguishing Club burgee whose details are in gold, rather than white. A special plaque is presented when the award is given.

The award was conceived by Past Commodore Jim Acheson who, in 1971, had created a similar (but far less stringent) award for members of the Port Huron Power Squadron.

Members who believe that they qualify for the award, or who aspire to it, should review complete details outlined in the annual membership directory and on the Club's website under Policies and Guidelines. 



Attendees of the GLCC 2018 Rendezvous in Killarney, Ont. included twelve members or member couples honored with the Admiral Bayfield Award.



Photo by Port Captain Roger Dye

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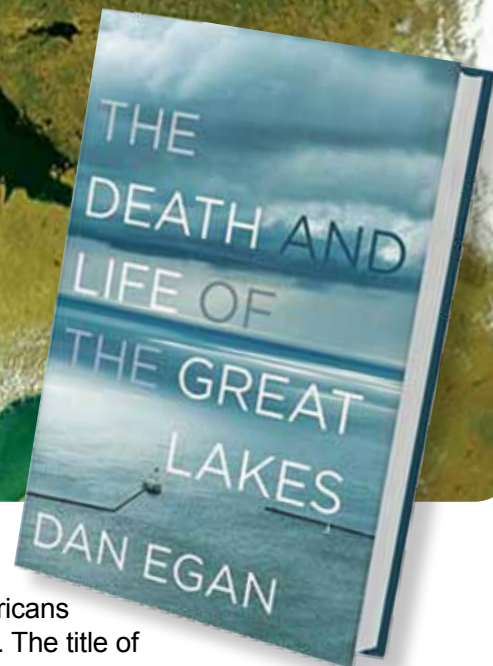
Rooms at the Hyatt Place Downtown. Dockage available at the St. Pete yacht club. More details to follow.

Book Review by GLCC Port Captain Pat Somers

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes

by Dan Egan

364 pages, W.W. Norton, \$27.95 (US), \$32.07(CDN)



Great Lakes with algae bloom. Photo courtesy NOAA

In the interest of true and full disclosure, this was not a book I would normally pick to read and, to be truly open and transparent with you, even once I purchased the book I procrastinated for about two weeks before finally forcing myself to sit down and start reading. I cannot tell you how surprised I was to find myself drawn into this book, and I looked forward to reading more and more each day.

Egan is a Milwaukee-based newspaper reporter (and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist) who lives on Lake Michigan, and who has been covering the abuses and hazards affecting the Great Lakes for many years, so he is extremely well-informed on this topic. The book is written in a compelling manner that is extremely factual yet utterly engaging. Dan Egan is a powerful storyteller. His words and writing style conjure up vivid imagery for the reader, further adding to the drama of this heart wrenching tale. This is a book that took me through many emotions including anger, grief, and sadness, as well as incredulity at man's obstinance and sometime blatant disregard for the learnings of the past and the concept of unintended consequences.

As boaters, we cherish the Great Lakes and the joy they bring us as we pursue our boating passion. As you probably know, the Great Lakes holds 20 percent of the world's fresh water. These waters provide income and

recreation for millions of Americans and Canadians. The title of the book eludes to the threat that the Great Lakes are under. This threat is not new. Egan's book takes the reader through the historical evolution of the threats from the building of the Erie Canal in 1825, to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in 1900, to the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959. For example, the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway served as a conduit for numerous invaders such as the blood-sucking lamprey eel. The lamprey spread like wildfire until they were brought under control with a deadly designer poison. This was followed by the alewife, who knew no predators, so it, too, proliferated like wildfire. By 1967, alewives could be seen swimming in schools over ten miles long. So, to combat the alewife, fishery scientists imported half a billion salmon which provided a temporary boon to the fishing industry before the salmon and alewife populations literally and simultaneously collapsed. Adding to the stew of ingredients threatening the Great Lakes are zebra and quagga mussels, as well as phosphate runoff from agriculture, leading to the growth of toxic algae and micro cystitis blooms, the effects of a changing climate and most recently the arrival of "monstersized" Asian carp. You get a clearer picture of the stress and strain our Great Lakes,



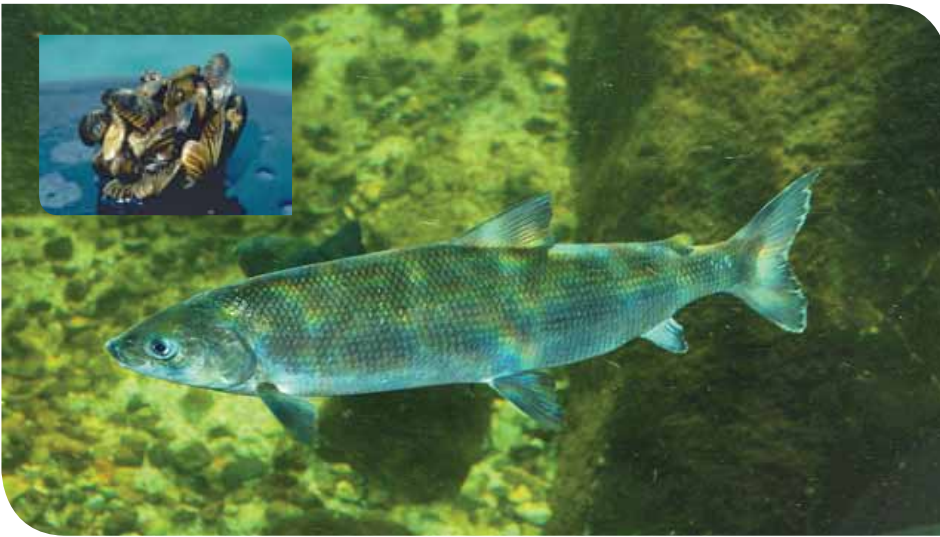
Asian carp. Photo courtesy wikispaces.com



Lake Erie algae bloom. Photo courtesy Stuart Rankin/Flickr.com



Sea lamprey on salmon. Photo courtesy wiktionary.org



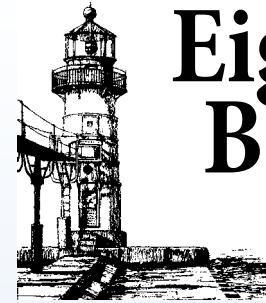
Whitefish photo courtesy uniprot.org, Inset: Zebra mussels photo courtesy wikispaces.com

and the fresh water they provide are under.

One of the interesting stories Egan tells is about the decline of lake trout, perch, chub and whitefish of Lake Michigan and Green Bay. By mid-2000 most of the fish were gone except for the whitefish, at the time not considered a desirable fish, but better than nothing. With the invasion of the zebra and quagga mussels, the weight of the whitefish went from an average of five pounds to less than a pound in 2003. The whitefish were starving because their favorite food, a shrimp-like organism, vanished with the arrival of the mussels, forcing whitefish to forage on the lake bottom and eat the mussels. Unfortunately, whitefish do not have the jaws to crack the mussel shells to get at the meat. The mussels were swallowed whole, leaving the hard work of digestion to their stomachs, which at first could not cope with this change of diet. In 2005 it was noted that stomach muscle of the whitefish was now able to grind the mussel shells, allowing the fish to get nourishment and grow. This is more than a just story of a native fish adapting; it is also a story of changing behaviors in the whitefish population. In the past, whitefish did not go after other fish, but now it appears they do. Indeed, it is not unusual for caught whitefish to have mussels and other fish such as gobies (who can also grind the mussel shells) in their stomachs. While this story may be encouraging, not all fish are this adaptable or able to evolve as successfully as the whitefish.

In the final chapters of the book, Egan looks to the future of the Great Lakes. He discusses the technological advances being implemented to help mitigate some of the threats the Great Lakes are facing today. However, given the many challenges facing the Great Lakes, the best hope for their future may lie in the desire of private individuals like you and me, along with those who take great joy in fishing its waters and, yes, responsibly boating in its waters to fight for the lives of the Great Lakes. While it is a cautiously hopeful ending, it is not a warm and fuzzy conclusion to be complacent about.

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes is a compelling and powerful read. In my opinion, everyone, and certainly all boaters, should read this book. It is also a book, again in my opinion, that should be required reading for students and budding fishery scientists. The lessons that have (or should have) been learned are harsh, and many could have been avoided or certainly anticipated given the past learnings. One can only hope that today's concern about our environment will serve as a catalyst for personal reflection, as well as solid lobbying of our American and Canadian politicians, to communicate with each other and forge "water tight" legislation that will preserve the beauty and integrity of our beloved Great Lakes. 🚩



Eight Bells

John Rick

John and his wife Carolyn joined the GLCC in 1975. John had been the Port Captain of Marblehead, Ohio (E-16.6) since 1998. They sailed to many GLCC events aboard their sailboat, *Kaleidoscope* until she was sold in 2017. They had planned to cruise in 2018 aboard their power boat, *Idleour* after wintering in Sun Rise, Fla. Unfortunately, John became too ill to travel home to his beloved Catawba Island in Port Clinton, Ohio. He passed on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. A memorial service will be held at Catawba Island at a date that has yet to be determined by the family. 🚩

Thomas Butler

Thomas Butler, Jr. passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. He had been a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club since 2006. Tom, along with his sons, was an active participant at many GLCC events in Florida at Spring Breaks, Lakes Erie and Huron, as well as every Rendezvous since 2008 for a total of 26 events. Tom and his crew aboard the *Nan Sea* would stop in Port Huron and visit the GLCC office on their way to the GLCC events whenever they came up or down the St. Clair River. He was also a supporter of the Great Lakes Foundation. Tom will be missed by his GLCC family. 🚩



Port Captain's Logbook



Port Captain Patricia (Pat) Somers

Amherstburg, Ont.
(D-82) & Bob Lo
Island, Ont. (D-86)

Patricia (Pat) Somers has been boating with her husband Brad Somers, Rear Commodore SW Ontario (Ret.) and Port Captain for Amherstburg (D-82) and Bob Lo Island (D-86), Ont. since the early 1980s. Now that she is a retired (sort of) health care executive, Brad and she look forward to spending July and August on *Somerscape* their 37-foot cruiser, traveling the Great Lakes. Pat continues to consult internationally for Accreditation Canada (a Canadian health care regulatory body), but is adamant about keeping July and August devoted to their boating passion.

Pat and her husband have been members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club for well over 30 years. In fact, it was Pat who bought Brad their first-year GLCC membership as a Christmas present in 1982. While membership was originally pursued for the wonderful navigational charts, Pat has discovered many new friends and learning's over the years that have contributed to her honing her first mate skills.

She is looking forward to her role as Dual Port Captain for Amherstburg and Bob Lo Island by supporting the GLCC with up-to-date harbor information as well as continuing to champion the merits and value of the GLCC throughout her travels. 🚩



Port Captain Joe McKeown

Sarnia, Ont. (D-3)
& Port Edward,
Ont. (H-2)

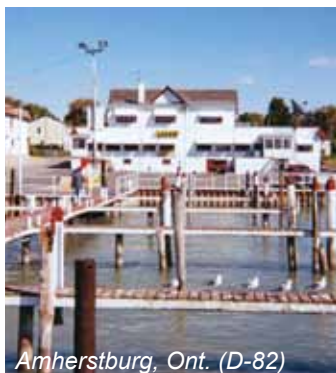
Joe McKeown has accepted appointment as Port Captain for Point Edward, Ont. (H-2), which is right around the corner from Sarnia, Ont. (D-3), where he has held this same title since June 2013.

He comes from a boating family, with his great-grandfather having been a founding member of the Detroit Yacht Club, and a long lineage of GLCC members. Growing up, Joe spent much of his childhood summers in and around boats (albeit of the power variety) at his family's cottage in Amherstburg, Ont., where he learned about boats, family and the beauty of the Great Lakes. He is now a licensed Coast Guard Captain, and he ran a charter and dive boat in the BVI for a time.

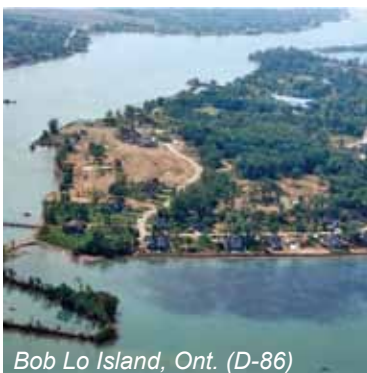
His first sailboat was an Aloha 32 sailed out of Annapolis Bay, where he learned the fun of bumping from sandbar to sandbar in the shallow, tidal Chesapeake Bay. He met his wife on a blind date on that boat. Today, his family sails together out of Sarnia, with an annual trip to the North Channel.

After a 20-year career at a telecommunications company in Washington, D.C., they moved back to the Great Lakes and Ann Arbor, Mich., where they currently live. Today, he runs a marketing company there, which allows a work-from-the-boat lifestyle. Their current boat is a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 46 named *Azure Mer*, currently berthed at Bridgeview Marina in Sarnia. During the winters, they enjoy skiing and spending time with family in Colorado.

Joe encourages anyone passing through Sarnia, Point Edward, or staying at one of the four great marinas (Bridgeview, Sarnia Bay, Lake Huron Yachts or the Sarnia Yacht Club) to reach out and say hello as they pass through. If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to ask, as he will do his best to represent the Club. 🚩



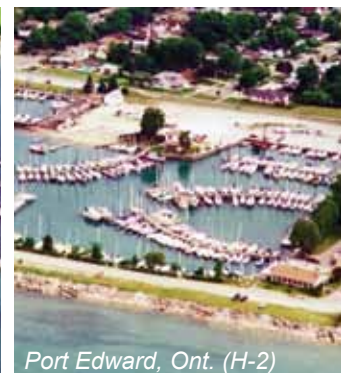
Amherstburg, Ont. (D-82)



Bob Lo Island, Ont. (D-86)



Sarnia, Ont. (D-3)



Port Edward, Ont. (H-2)

Rendezvous 2019

St. Ignace (H-78)

July 8–12

St. Ignace is the second-oldest city in Michigan with lots of history. An excursion to Mackinac Island is being planned. Come and have a great time seeing “old” friends and making “new” ones. See you there!

The board meeting is Monday, July 8 so members involved with that meeting will arrive on Sunday, July 7 if they desire. More details will be in the winter edition of the Lifeline. Be aware when planning for after the Rendezvous that the Chicago-Mackinac Race begins on July 13th.





WELCOME ABOARD!

We welcome these new members to the fellowship of the
Great Lakes Cruising Club:



Justin & Lindsey Acker
Traverse City, Mich.
SHAKEDOWN

Joe & Katy Allman
Michigan City, Ind.

**Dean Aukeman &
Robin Sevino**
Charlevoix, Mich.
MISTY

Rose & Dave Baker
Ludington, Mich.
SUNSHINE ROSE

Coleen & Gary C. Barger
Little Rock, Ark.
CALYPSO POET

Darcy & Stacey Bell
Lexington, Mich.
VESPER

Pat & Jen Boucher
Grosse Ile, Mich.
Y-KNOT

Brian & Debra Bowman
Manistee, Mich.
SELKIE

Doug & Sandra Braun
Toledo Beach, Ohio

Zachary & Alexis Cogswell
31st Street Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
PROOF OF WORK

Chuck & Kim Corliss
Grand Marais, Minn.
LA RIVE NORD

Cindy & Jeff Cunningham
Muskegon, Mich.
RESPITE

Joel & Brandy Dean
Caseville, Mich.
SISU

Hall Derkin
Mackinaw City, Mich.
MERCY

Kurt & Mary Eylunds
Duluth-Superior, Wis.
SAKADO

**John Federbusch &
Susan Norvich**
Monroe Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
LA OTRA VIDA

**Sol & Connie
Garling-Squire**
Minn.
CONNEMARA

Tom & Tracy Grass
Charlevoix, Mich.
BUCKET LIST

**Patrick Greller &
Susanne Toth**
Cleveland, Ohio
SERENDIPITY

James & Deborah Halligan
Charlevoix, Mich.
SEAS THE DAY

John & Susan Harrold
Trailers

Charles & Catherine Hayes
Charters in N.C.

John & Cathy Holcombe
Suttons Bay, Mich.
EXPLORER

John & Laurey Hurite
Clinton River, Mich.
CAYO LOCO

Frank & Kathleen Huschitt
Prairie Harbor, Ill.
AFTER 50

Jesse & Peggy Jacobs
Milwaukee, Wis.
GINESTHOI

John & Valerie Jungjohann
Sandusky, Ohio
FULL CIRCLE

Tom & Colletta Kataras
New Buffalo, Mich.
GREEK'S FOLLY

Dustyn & Brandon Keepers
Montrose Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
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St. Clair, Mich.
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Burnham Park Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
ATEM

Artil & Joann Leo
Port Huron, Mich.
IMAGINE

**Howard Nasgaard &
Kerri-Ann Green**
Goderich, Ont.
GAVIIDAE

Daniel & Diane O'Connell
Charters

Lynne & Barbara O'Leary
Trailers
TALISMA

Russell & DeEtte Radant
Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
YACHTA YACHTA

David & Heather Scholtz
Catawba Island, Ohio
REEL EASY

**Thomas Serafine &
Alexandra Holt**
Belmont Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
INSPIRATION

Gary & Susan Irish Stewart
Charlevoix, Mich.
ZONE

Crystal & Mike Thomas
Boyer City, Mich.
RISK & REWARD

Chip & Colleen Vanderwier
Muskegon, Mich.
NOMAD

**William Webb &
Mary McNichols**
Traverse City, Mich.
MARY ALICE

Kathy & Greg Weykamp
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, Mich.
WELLENRIETER



Photos L to R: Gary & Colene Barger; *CALYPSO POET*, Thom Serafine; *INSPIRATION*, Jeongsoo Kim; *TACOREA*, Mary McNichols & William Webb; *MARY ALICE*, Kerri-Ann Green & Howard Nasgaard; *GAVIIDAE*, and Debra & Brian (& kiddos) Bowman; *SELKIE*



Member to Member

Member-to-member ads are available to GLCC members. The ads are intended solely for personal boats and boat-related gear, and for cruising activities such as boat-swapping. They are not available for commercial advertising. Ads run a maximum of three issues in *Lifeline*. For boat details, please visit www.glccclub.com/forums/ads.



Canoe Cove 42 ft Sports Sedan ELSA IV 1985 extended Bridge Deck #ON807216. Price negotiable. Contact Irene Biemann Allan at irene_allan@mac.com 416-706-3424 or Laurence Bieman 705-351-1973



Slip on Round Lake in Charlevoix for Rent 50' x 18.5' Private setting with easy access to Lakes Charlevoix or Lake Michigan, 30 or 50-amp service and water, picnic area with grill. Contact Herb Roth at: hkrothjr@gmail.com or 248-854-7986



40 Tartan 1987 BACCHANALLIA One owner, fresh water \$116,500 YW# 20104-3193815 Contact Terry Godres 920-559-0730 or terry@centerpointesales.com

2003 Beneteau 393 Loaded. Laying Erie, PA \$127,500

WEE MAC For Sale Wood lapstrake construction 14' x 5' 8" with a 1964 Evinrude 28 HP outboard. Asking price is \$7,995 CAN Contact John G. Mackay at 519-832-5557 or jmackay@bmts.com



1977 37' Tartan 37 C/B Fiberglass Hull, Single diesel. Located in Chicago, Ill., \$55,000 Visit yachtworld.com YW# 2944-3095393 Bruce 312-437-1369



1982 O'Day 34 Well maintained boat, recent significant improvements. Sandusky, OH Cynthia 440-453-7265 or chippedpaint@msn.com

Dock for sale - 40-foot Price Reduced Duncan Bay Boat Club Slip 91 has a divider pier for a 4-way tie off and is on the wider, inner fairway. \$7500 Jim Wooll 512-639-3373 Jimj@wooll.com

Original **Bruce Anchor** 22 lb \$55 & Original **CQR Anchors** 15-lb (\$85) and 20-lb (\$95). Located in Detour Village, Mich. Call Craig 989-928-6325.

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www.glccclub.com/forums/ads.
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North Channel Island 15-acre Gull Island is one mile SW of Harbor Island (NC-2). Deep water dock, enclosed harbor, 1600 sf furnished 3 bdrm/1 bath home, open floor plan, stone fireplace, loft, large screened in porch, 480 sf storage building. \$650,000. 231-633-0324



1990 Zodiac MKIC 10'6" Soft bottom with removable hard floor Excellent condition. \$600 517-290-2614



1984 Liberty 458 46-foot Cutter Rigged Sloop \$140,000. Well maintained, lying in Toledo Beach Marina Lake Erie, La-Salle, Mich. Vessel either on hard or in fresh water since 2012. Safe, comfortable extended cruising. 734-417-9362 or mcook@seaviewsystems.com



2006 Tiara 4000 Sovran/4300 Sovran Freshwater. Twin Volvo Penta D6-370 KA Inboard Diesel Engine's w/IPS 500 System bow-Thruster, and only 410 original hours. Many more features. \$364,900. Contact Chuck Stroh 586-243-9496

What in the World...



...is Happening With Where in the World Are We?

We've decided to take a different route! For our lovers of Lighthouses, we will now shed a little more light on the featured piece. This will include, but not be limited to, information such as little-known facts, stories, history, or the like. Keep guessing and learn a little about your favorite lighthouses! 🚩

Where in the World Were We?



Photo by Kathi Kamleitner

Dave Spencer of London, Ont. identified this location correctly. The Summer issue of *Lifeline* was largely dedicated to the 2018 GLCC Rendezvous in Killarney, Ont. (GB-52), so we just had to use this shot taken from the shoreline of the Killarney Mountain Lodge! 🚩



Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

October 27

Board of Directors Meeting @
Annual General Membership Meeting

October 26-28

Annual General Membership Meeting
Delta Armouries Hotel, London, Ont.
Director Andy Wright
519-671-5786 andrew.wright@siskinds.com
Port Captain Jannet Smithrim-Wright
519-852-7632 janns@rogers.com

December 1

Board of Directors Meeting
Sawmill Creek, Ohio (E-15.5)
Commodore Rich Barzyk
440-289-5243 morningstar7744@gmail.com

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January 5

Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner Meeting
Minneapolis-St. Paul North Radisson Hotel
Roseville, Minn.

Rear Commodore Jim Passe
612-379-7303 jrpasse@earthlink.net

January 9-13

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show
McCormick Place-South - Chicago, Ill.
<http://www.chicagoboatshow.com>

January 17-21

Cleveland Mid-America Boat Show
I-X Center - Cleveland, Ohio
<http://clevelandboatshow.com>

January 18-27

Toronto International Boat Show
Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place - Toronto, Ont.
<http://www.torontoboatshow.com/2019/>

February 10-13

2019 Spring Break XXVII
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Director Kim Kramer
Port Captain Gregg Haug

July 8-12

2019 Rendezvous
St. Ignace, Mich. (H-78)
Port Captain Christine Moore-Skrocki
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