

Bed and Breakfasts are within walking distance of the dock

There are a number of excellent Bed and Breakfasts in the Parry Sound area. Some are within easy walking distance of the Big Sound Marina and the Stockey Centre.

For the purposes of those planning on driving to the Rendezvous or needing more space for guests than your vessel can accommodate, may we suggest one of the following three places to stay:

The Mariners Rest
14 Belvedere Avenue
705 746-9011
www.bbcanada.com/8153

The Bayside Inn
(small boutique inn)
10 Gibson Street
1-866-833-8864
705 746-7720
www.psbaysideinn.com

40 Bay Street
40 Bay Street
1-866-371-2638
705 746-9247
www.40baystreet.com

In addition to the above, you might wish to go to the Parry Sound Bed and Breakfast Association website.
www.parrysoundbb.com

The dates for our Rendezvous are the busiest time of the year for these establishments so call now to get a reservation. The "No Vacancy" signs will be up if you don't make the call now.

We are not recommending any of the other downtown hotels. The usual chain hotels and motels can be found out on Highway 400 at the entrance to town. These hotels and motels are not within walking distance of the dock so you will need to use your car to travel back and forth.

The Microtel at 292 Louisa St. would be in this category and may be contacted at 1-866-745-8666 or 1-800-745-771-7171.

Just out of town is the highly recommended Log Cabin Inn. In addition to luxury accommodation, this Inn has an excellent fine dining restaurant. For reservations call them at 705-746-7122.



South from Killarney you pass the Byng Inlet light.



Red Rock light can be seen for miles offshore.

Bring Your Golf Clubs

Consider bringing your golf clubs when you come to Parry Sound. The area has several excellent courses and they are relatively close to town. Our first suggestion would be the Parry Sound Golf and Country Club. This Club is open to the public and is nestled on the shores of Georgian Bay, just north of town. The rates for 2012 Summer are \$67.25 for 18 holes and \$37.50 for 9 holes.

Seguin Valley Golf & Country Club is located just south of Parry Sound and is surrounded by Ontario's lakes and wilderness. The 18-hole, public course strives to treat all visitors like members and, with multiple tee boxes and water around eight holes, is designed to challenge all skill levels. Last year rates were \$65. and \$40.

The Ridge At Manitou is an 18-hole public golf course overlooking Manitouwaging Lake, just east of town. Comprised of rock outcroppings, forests, meadows, wetland and wildlife, the course is tough but very rewarding.



The Parry Sound Golf and Country Club north of town.

The Small Craft Boat Channel

In case you haven't discovered this, the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) produces a unique set of marine charts with exceptional detail. They are known as the Small Craft Route Strip Charts.

These charts, with a scale of 1:20,000 instead of the traditional 1:50,000 or greater, provides, not only significantly more detail, but also provides a route preprinted on the chart to take you up or down the east coast of the Bay, almost entirely within protected waters.

Depths along the marked route are guaranteed to be a minimum of 6 feet and are extensively marked and checked with Aids to Navigation. An added feature is the mileage markers that are placed at the appropriate locations on the chart.

The charts are sequentially numbered from #2201. Each chart package contains a set of three to seven strip charts. Parry Sound is in the package #2203. For your trip up or down the Small Craft Route, here is the list of titles:

- 2202 *Port Severn to Parry Sound*
- 2203 *Carling Rock to Byng Inlet*
- 2204 *Byng Inlet to Killarney*
- 2205 *Killarney to Little Current*

As well as the detailed strip charts, large scale charts cover all of the Bay and are excellent for running offshore. Chart 2242, *Giant's Tomb to Franklin Island* and Chart 2225, *Approaches to Parry Sound* will be particularly useful for this year's Rendezvous navigation.

These charts bring you in the Steamer channel and alongside one of the largest lighthouses on Georgian Bay--Red Rock. For overall route planning Chart #2201 *Georgian Bay* shows all of the Bay and can be used as your key chart coming from all directions.



Parry Sound, Heart of the 30,000 Islands, Welcomes 2012 Rendezvous

The 2012 GLCC Rendezvous will be held in Parry Sound, Ontario on the shores of Georgian Bay. Parry Sound is located just 72 miles due east of Tobermory and can also be accessed from the north at Killarney or from the south at Port Severn. The route in from any direction is well marked, deep and for the most part, very protected. As a boating paradise, all marine services are readily available in the immediate Parry Sound area. The Harbour Report is GB-31 in your GLCC Logbook and has been updated.

Our Rendezvous home will be the Big Sound Marina, owned by the town of Parry Sound and operated on its behalf by the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce. As well as having total access to the Marina and the adjacent town dock, GLCC registrants will be using the next door Charles Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts. This is a gorgeous facility overlooking the Sound, right on the water with meeting, reception and dining facilities that will be at our disposal during the Rendezvous. Georgian Bay's natural stone and wood is showcased in this facility which includes an intimate 480-seat venue with the warmth and feel of an area cottage (although on a much grander scale).

The building is also home to the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame honouring Parry Sound's most famous native son with a collection of memorabilia, exhibits and interactive games. This year, the highly acclaimed Festival of the Sound, held annually at the Stockey Centre, starts the day of our departure. We will be welcome to stay on and enjoy listening to some of the world's finest musicians.

For more information on Georgian Bay, Big Sound Marina, The Town of Parry Sound or the Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts and the Festival of the Sound, please visit:

Town of Parry Sound
www.townofparrysound.com

Big Sound Marina
www.bigsoundmarina.com

Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts
www.stockeycentre.com

Festival of the Sound
www.festivalofthesound.ca

Georgian Bay Country
<http://www.gbcountry.com>



Program Highlights

Our first official event will be an informal get-together in the tent at the Marina on Saturday evening. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer to share with others. Complimentary refreshments will be provided to start the festivities.

This year's Rendezvous will feature a Sunrise Cruise and buffet breakfast aboard the MV Island Queen. This is the largest cruise ship in Canada and it will take us on a three hour cruise through the secluded waterways of Georgian Bay's outer islands and shorelines dotted with grand summer retreats. This waterway with its unbelievable beauty and uniqueness has earned it the status of a World Biosphere Reserve from the United Nations. Included in the price of your registration, this cruise leaves the dock at 0700 on Monday morning and means you get up real early that day!

Every morning (except Cruise Day) we will serve a continental breakfast in the tent at the end of your dock. Join your fellow GLCC members for breakfast and start the day off right.

Your name tag will be your access to all the special events. As you look east and up in the air from your dock you will see a magnificent lookout tower. Your registration gives you entrance to that tower any time during the Rendezvous. At the base of the Tower is the West Parry Sound Museum. You will need your camera!

Both our Commodore's Reception on Sunday evening and the Commodore's Dinner on Tuesday will be held on the deck at the Stockey Centre, weather permitting. In keeping with the GLCC tradition, the Dinner will provide an opportunity to present our annual awards. Both evenings will conclude with entertainment.

A variety of special presentations have been organized each day with The Canadian Coast Guard, The Ministry of Natural Resources and some of our own GLCC members. Sessions include:

The Gadget Hour with Jim Acheson
Cruising Georgian Bay by J.E. Fordyce
Electronic Charting and Harbour Reports
Bears, Boots, Bait and Boating
Maintaining the Small Craft Route

As well, the GLCC Book Club and the GLCC Knitters will meet. Back by popular demand is the annual volleyball game to be held this year at the Kiwanis Beach, the dinghy races and the radio remote controlled boat races. Last but not least is the Bilge Auction on Tuesday afternoon.

Space for RV's

A number of spaces have been reserved for RV's coming to Parry Sound. Parked just outside the Stockey Centre, limited water and power will be available only to registered RV's. You will have a million dollar view and be first in line for the Commodore's Reception and Dinner.

The Museum on Tower Hill a "Must See"

A fifteen minute walk from the marina will find you at the base of the Parry Sound Lookout Tower. The original fire tower on the site was one of 19 steel fire towers that stood over the Parry Sound Forest District.

The fire tower was where the towerman would sit on warm, dry days scanning the area for any signs of smoke. When he detected suspicious smoke trails he would use an alidade, which helped pinpoint the location of the fire. A cabin was typically located at the base of each tower and this was the summer home for the 'towerman' or fire ranger. The tower grounds were beautified by the fire ranger on wet days when fires were not common.

Over the years, patrolling by aircraft became more practical and cost effective and one by one the fire towers in the district were dismantled and sold for scrap. In 1974, the current lookout tower was erected and the property rights to the grounds and tower were given to the Town of Parry Sound. The tower stands 96 feet tall and consists of 131 steps.

Bring your camera and climb to the top of the tower for a panoramic view of Parry Sound. The climb will be well worth the effort and it is very safe.

In addition to the Tower, at its base is the West Parry Sound District Museum or the Museum on Tower Hill as it is more frequently called. There, in very attractive surroundings and buildings, you will find exhibits that reflect the history of the West Parry Sound District with a particular emphasis on logging, First Nations, shipping, agriculture, trapping and the fur trade. A well-stocked gift shop and displays of local fine art are part of the museum and there are visitor washrooms for your use at the base of the Tower.

During the Rendezvous the Museum staff will be hosting a formal presentation to GLCC members on the Marine Heritage of the district. It will be a presentation you will not want to miss.

Your Rendezvous registration includes unlimited admission to the Museum and the Tower. With changing light and weather conditions, you may want to climb the Tower more than once!



The railway bridge over the Seguin and in front of the lookout tower is a special feature of the Parry Sound waterfront.

The Origins of Parry Sound

The body of water that gives the town its name was surveyed and named by Captain Henry Bayfield in the 19th century, in honour of the Arctic explorer Sir William Edward Parry.

In 1857, the modern townsite was established near the Ojibwa village of Wasauksing ("shining shore") at the mouth of the Seguin River. The Seguin is the river that empties into Georgian Bay at the town dock. In the late 19th century, rail service was established, making the town an important depot along the rail lines to Western Canada. A dominating feature of Parry Sound is the railroad bridge spanning the Seguin River. The subject of countless photographs and paintings, it is a special feature of this waterfront, as is the Swing Bridge in Little Current. You will



The Lookout Tower offers a panorama of Parry Sound.

think you are looking at a model train set.

In 1916, a cordite factory was established in the nearby town of Nobel for the Imperial Munitions Board. This explosives and munitions factory made Parry Sound an important part of both the First World War and the Second World War efforts. After the war, the Canadian chemical company CIL continued to produce explosives and sporting ammunition at this site with 4300 employees at the height of production.

Today, Parry Sound is primarily a tourist town, servicing the thousands of land and water based cottages in the area. The Canadian Coast Guard Base, the District office for the Ministry of Natural Resources and a modern, new hospital combine to keep the community vibrant through all four seasons.

After the Rendezvous: What shouldn't be missed?

Don't miss the special presentation by Past Commodore J. E. Fordyce speaking on the topic "After the Rendezvous, What shouldn't be missed?"

This presentation, part of J.E.'s well received GLCCSchool webinar on Cruising Georgian Bay, will be a summary of those places on Georgian Bay that should be seen and experienced before heading home. A special emphasis will be the anchorages, parks and small towns south of Parry Sound on the way to Midland and Penetang.

This presentation will be held in the tent. There will be lots of time for questions.

Where to Shop?

While many of your shopping needs are within walking distance of the docks, if you are carrying bags, the trip back might become problematic.

With this in mind we will have a shuttle service operating during the Rendezvous from the Marina to the more popular destinations in town. A number of the stores already provide a service to and from the docks for shopping.

Parry Sound is well served with a major grocery store (Sobeys), a Canadian Tire Store, a Home Depot, a large pharmacy chain store--Shoppers Drug Mart, and a great variety of specialty shops for food, clothing and hardware. The liquor store and beer store are conveniently located on the main street just up from the Marina.

One of the finest book stores in Northern Ontario is also located just steps from the marina. Parry Sound Books carries, in addition to all the latest novels, one of the best collections of Canadian literature (fiction and non-fiction).

Books featuring the flora and fauna of this area of Ontario are a speciality of this main street store. For those trivia buffs, author John Irving maintains a cottage just north of Parry Sound in the Pointe au Baril area.

For those wanting fresh produce before they head out after the Rendezvous, there is a Farmers' Market on Tuesday mornings just up the street from the town dock.



The grocery store, Sobeys, will pick you up and drop you off at the Marina.

Scattered throughout downtown Parry Sound are a number specialty stores featuring artwork depicting the rock and pine of the local area. Be sure to visit one of the many galleries, including the old train station and the artist collective on the main street. You will not be disappointed.

On a more practical note, the Big Sound Marina has a small number of washers and dryers and a commercial laundromat is located just off the main street. This location will also be one of the shuttle bus stops so you won't have to carry your laundry very far.

While we don't think you will have time to take in a movie, there is an old time theatre on the main street that features the latest in Hollywood movies.

When you arrive at the Marina, as part of your welcome package, you will receive a map locating all the key stores and attractions in town. A bag, supplied courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce, will provide you with brochures about the local stores.

MNR Presentations on Bears, Bait, Boots and Boating

In Ontario, the management of our water, fish, wildlife, parks and forests is the responsibility of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. As our immediate neighbour to the east of the Marina, MNR will present for us a series of talks on topics that should concern Great Lakes boaters.

Experts will join us at the Marina to tell us about the status of the Great Lakes fishery and in particular some exciting new developments with lake trout (salmon) and pickerel or for those Americans, "walleye".

Black Bear sightings up and down the eastern shore of Georgian Bay are on the rise and creating concerns for boaters and cottagers alike. You will hear that the bear population in this area is the highest in North America. What makes the shoreline great for boating is also what makes it great for bears. Learn how this problem is being managed and what you can do to prepare your boat and crew for that unexpected encounter with a bear.

Another topic to be covered by Ministry personnel will be an introduction to the phenomenal number of provincial parks and boating sites that ring Georgian Bay. From Killarney Mountain Provincial Park in the north to Massasauga Provincial Park in the south, the Province of Ontario has created and maintains some of the finest marine parks in the world.

Our presenters will also bring us up to date on the status of the Massasauga Rattlesnake. This potentially deadly snake makes Parry Sound and the eastern shores of Georgian Bay its home.



Huckleberry's Gift Shop is located next door to the Marina with lots of special products.



Flights to Discover

The Parry Sound Harbour and Town Dock is also home to a very busy float plane base for Georgian Bay Airways.

Georgian Bay Airways offers sight-seeing tours of the surrounding area and is a fully licensed charter aircraft operator. Should you need to fly in or out or bring additional guests to the Rendezvous, your charter aircraft will land and takeoff directly beside the Big Sound Marina.

The Airways specializes in round trips to Henry's Fish Restaurant in the Sans Souci area of Georgian Bay. Not only do you get a glorious flight out to Frying Pan Island, you get to dine, (lunch or dinner) at one of the all time classic island restaurants. Henry's is much like Mr. Perch in Killarney, but here you can eat inside the restaurant or out in the tent. The facility is licensed.

In addition to sightseeing and charter operations, Georgian Bay Airways offers special fly-in fishing and diving excursions up and down the eastern shore. One such excursion combines flying out to Wreck Island followed by scuba diving on the Waubuno shipwreck, then a boat ride into Henry's Fish restaurant, finishing with a sunset return flight to the dock in Parry Sound.

Another spectacular flight is an excursion from Parry Sound to Killarney and return. Following the Georgian Bay coast from the air is an experience of a lifetime. Landing in the channel at Killarney; followed by lunch only makes it better!



Continuous takeoffs and landings of the float planes from Georgian Bay Airways will become a familiar site to all in Parry Sound Harbour. The town dock is to the left.

Big Sound Marina Rates

The following were the dockage rates for Big Sound Marina in 2011.

We have been told by Harbourmaster Perry Harris that there will be small increase to the rates in 2012. At press time, the rates for the new year had not been determined.

Rates: \$1.40/foot /day + HST (HST is the Harmonized Sales Tax and it is currently 13% on most goods and services purchased in Canada)

The rate includes one 30 amp plug and town water. A \$15+HST charge per night will be

applied for a second plug in.

Stay for 3 NIGHTS and we will give you 1 more! Stay for three consecutive paid nights and you will receive the fourth consecutive night FREE! This special applies to the per night rate only.

Stay for 5 NIGHTS and we will give you 2 more! Stay for five consecutive paid nights and you will receive the sixth & seventh consecutive nights FREE! This special applies to the per night rate only. Both specials will be particularly attractive for Rendezvous participants.

Registrants to the 2012 Parry Sound Rendezvous are reminded that all dockage arrangements at Big Sound will be made on your behalf by the Rendezvous Committee. Please do not contact the Big Sound Marina regarding your dockage.

Dockage fees are not included in your registration but are payable upon arrival to Big Sound. Fifty amp service is limited on all docks at Big Sound. Please do not request 50 amp service unless it is absolutely necessary for your stay in Parry Sound.

Pumpout facilities are located on the town dock behind the Island Queen tour boat and at the adjacent Parry Sound Marina or the Sound Boat Works just south-west of the Marina.

