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From the Bridge



This summer seemed to have a slow start, and its arrival was, a wet one, especially in the middle Great Lakes, with near-record high-water levels causing some anxiety, but by July boating conditions were returned close to normal.

The Western Lake Erie picnic on June 1st was a pleasant success, as attendance broke all previous picnic counts with 50 members enjoying a beautiful afternoon. A heart-felt thanks to Port Captain Denny and Sharon Dutcher for the hosting of this old fashioned and fun-filled season launching event.

Over the Father's Day weekend, two rallies were held in Ontario, one in Trenton and the other in Leamington. The Trent Port marina was home to the Lake Ontario Rally, where guests enjoyed a mix of, fun and schooling. Seminars presented included the use of fire extinguishers, ROAM, and an overview of the GLCC website, along with the role of Port Captains including accessing and contributing to the Harbour Reports. The fun part was cruising into the '60s, with tie-dyed shirts and dancing to the songs of Chubby Checker, and Bobby Darin. Thank you Port Captain Mary and Wes Micket, Don and Sue Knap, and Rear Commodore Eric and Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum.

At the Leamington marina, site of the 27th Lake Erie Rally, 50 members enjoyed a weekend at the horse races, namely the Kentucky Derby. The winds were 3-4 on the Beaufort scale, all week, so traveling early and cautiously was in order. Saturday's catered clubhouse derby dinner was attended by all the Southern Belles, in their finest and fashionable bonnets and gowns, along with their handsome beaus, dressed in their stylish derby duds. All received a souvenir photo with the champion horse in the winners circle. The rally will be fur-long remembered for the games and fun enjoyed throughout the weekend. Our GLCC Foundation was a winner here too, for placing paid \$500, due to very creative, off-track betting. Heartfelt Thanks to Lori and Dave Guertal, and Ken and Lynda Leque.

The Lake Huron Rally, a production of Port Captain Craig and Pamela Murchison, had 22 guests on eight boats. All guests, which included these three First-Timers, Pat Weyburn, Elizabeth Camp and Dean Williams, enjoyed a fascinating shipwreck cruise, a visit to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, and the warm and gracious hospitality of the Alpena Yacht Club. Rear Commodore Dan Cline presented our club burgee to Alpena Yacht Club president Pat Huggler in appreciation for their warm hospitality.

The Wilderness Rally scheduled too late for inclusion in this edition, was heading to record registrations, as 75 members aboard 37 boats were signed up for three nights fun in Turnbull Harbour anchorage, in late July. Members of *Women Who Sail* were invited to join in, as partners in hosting this rally.

Congratulations are in order to Rear Commodore (Ret.) Brad Somers, who received the Windsor Yacht Clubs prestigious Yachtsman of the Year Award. The award recognizes, for example: seamanship, voyaging, leadership and, community contributions. Fortunately, and not surprisingly, Brad exhibits these attributes within our club too! Congratulations Brad.

On the Cover

Boats dress ship at the 2019 GLCC Rendezvous in St. Ignace, Mich.

Photo by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

On a sad note, Region 53 lost a dear friend recently, Sheridan (Sherry) E. Atkinson, (1921-2019). Sheridan served in WWII, and was the last surviving member of the Royal Canadian Regiment who had participated in the invasion of Sicily in 1943, and was wounded. He went on to devote his life helping veterans as District Director with Veteran Affairs Canada, and was a life-long member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club's annual Rendezvous was a smashing success, thanks, to chairs, Port Captain Christine Moore Skrocki and Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm. St. Ignace proved once again to be the gracious host as the community welcomed us with open arms! The weather was picture perfect, as over 160 guests on 57 boats, of which

40 were First-Timers, enjoyed a week of camaraderie and fun. Most activities were right, on-the-docks, and the courteous and accommodating St. Ignace Marina employees attended to our every need. All events were enthusiastically attended, from the book club to the volley ball games, and from the gadget hour to the ever popular bilge auction, which netted over \$1,300 for the Foundation. BTW, the Raghaulers beat the Stinkpot-ers in the annual volleyball grudge match, 2 games to 1. This year's raffle items again included a beautiful nautical quilt, always a Rendezvous favorite, which was hand-stitched and donated by Cynthia McNine. Thank you, Cynthia. The Commodore's trophy, recognizing the sailor who traveled the furthest to the rendezvous went to James Dylewski from Erie, Pa., who logged 526 nautical miles. Congratulations Jim. Mid-week, we traveled to Mackinac Island, for a day of relaxation on this beautiful island. After a gourmet brunch at the stately Mission Point Retreat, we played lawn games, or simply enjoyed the panoramic view of Lake Huron. Later in the afternoon, hors d'oeuvres were on the menu at the opulent Mackinac Island Yacht Club, where all enjoyed some down-time, under the big-top! The Commodore's dinner rounded out the week, which was held at the Kewadin Casino. A special treat this year was provided by Chaplain Neslon Stone, as he ushered the bridge to their dinner table, while playing his bagpipes. I thank Chaplain Stone for this ceremonious arrival and for his services all Rendezvous long. The 2019 Great Lakes Cruising Club's Rendezvous is now but a beautiful and

fond memory, however I'm excited to announce that the 2020 GLCC Rendezvous will be in Little Current, Ont. (NC-17), over July 11-15, under the careful orchestration of Rear Commodore for Region 33, Roland Aubé. Please mark your calendars now, and be sure to include that from July 4-12, Killarney will be celebrating their 200th anniversary. Rear Commodore Aubé

has assured me he's already completed many of the plans for this eye catching event.

Intentionally saving this for last, I welcome this opportunity to report, that at the GLCC Board of Directors meeting in St. Ignace, Director Doug Jackson, chair of the Planning Committee, presented his long anticipated study, covering the status and condition

of our Harbor Reports. A while back, at my request, Doug and his committee scrutinized and analyzed our Harbor Reports and made recommendations for improvements, and/or enhancements. We will be sharing these suggestions throughout the coming months. I believe that membership in our club comes with an inherent responsibility to contribute to the maintenance of our coveted database of Harbor Reports. I further believe that as a group we have slipped in this responsibility. It is NOT just the responsibility and obligation of our Port Captains to submit corrections. It's our responsibility as members to pass along the latest information we gather. I beseech each and every one of you, if you are not already submitting corrections, or adding new observations, please start doing so immediately. If you are already doing so, thanks, and please continue. If the process intimidates you, in any way, then just submit your comment, to glccharbor-reports@gmail.com and we'll do the rest. We are known for the quality of our Harbor Reports, but it requires all of us to make the effort to submit what we observe and experience.

I'm asking for your support here, please submit your corrections and help keep our reports current!

Safe seas,



Rich Barzyk, Commodore 



Detroit, Mich.(D-54) skyline; location of the GLCC 2019 Annual General Membership Meeting



From the Editor



As another boating year comes to a finish, it's time to reflect on where we have been, what we saw, and who we had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with. If you were unable to attend the annual Rendezvous held in St. Ignace, you missed another one of the great events that only the GLCC can put together. Next year, we will be in Little Current, Ont., often referred to by many as the gateway to the North Channel. It's a lovely spot and the dates are set for July 11–15.

As we approach the end of boating and cruising season, we ask you to PLEASE submit any correction, enhancements, or just better information to the Harbor Reports for the places you visited this past summer. It may seem incidental or just not

important to you, but it might be very important to the next GLCC cruiser. To borrow a phrase that's being used to alert authorities to potential problem, but using it in a more benign sense.

If you saw something...say something!

Any small changes of any kind, anything you really liked or disliked about a place you visited...tell us! Some cruiser next year will be happy you did.

Lastly, think about getting involved with the GLCC. The boat shows are coming in January. The GLCC has a presence in Chicago, Toronto and Cleveland shows. GLCC is run by volunteers. We have one employee in Port Huron, Michigan. You'll meet interesting and nice people, all who work on club projects.

In the meantime, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Philip R. May, Lifeline Editor



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NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN & THE ISLANDS

2019 Annual General Membership Meeting in Detroit October 25–27

By Director Mark Lifter

Sign up soon for the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Great Lakes Cruising Club: Oct. 25 (check in) to Oct. 27 (check out) in the resurgent downtown Detroit. Join friends old and new as we review the 2018-19 year, elect our officers and directors, and look ahead to great social and boating experiences in 2019-20.

Our hotel will be the downtown Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center overlooking the Detroit River and our friends in Windsor, Ont. The Renaissance Center houses the headquarters of General Motors Corporation, includes the largest hotel in Michigan, and offers a variety of restaurant, shops, and vehicle displays (GM products of course). Be sure to make your reservation no later than Thursday, October 3, at 1500 to secure the favorable GLCC rate of \$155 USD per night online at <https://book.passkey.com/go/GreatLakesCruisingClub> or by phone at 877-901-6632.

Unless you're a member of the Planning Committee meeting at 1500, join the opening reception and dinner at 1800 in Marriott's 42 Degrees North venue with great water and Windsor views. You'll enjoy the Taste of Detroit Buffet featuring favorites from the Eastern Market, Greektown, Mexicantown, along with some good old-fashioned comfort foods. Dessert will be a Detroit classic: Sanders Crème Puff Pastries.

Breakfast will be on your own Saturday morning prior to the 0830 GLCC and Great Lakes Foundation Board of Directors meetings. Others attending the annual meeting are welcome to observe.



Detroit Renaissance Center

After the meeting, drive, carpool, or use Uber or Lyft to travel 3.5 miles to the impressive Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) for lunch on your own in Café DIA. Join a docent-guided tour to see the highlights of the Museum, including the world-famous Diego Rivera murals and works by Vincent van Gogh and other masters. There is no charge for your tour and visit to the DIA.

Return to the hotel to get ready to head to the historic 1923 clubhouse of the Detroit Yacht Club (founded in 1868) on Belle Isle; five miles to drive, carpool or use Uber/Lyft. Or download the Uber and/or Lyft apps. They're easy to use and there is typically prompt service in the downtown area.

Attend the Port Captains' meeting at 1615, the Annual Meeting at 1715 with reports and elections, and a reception followed by dinner at 1800. DYC Executive Chef Nikolai promises outstanding fare. After dinner, we'll have award and recognitions, comments from the Commodore and a speaker.

For the afterglow, you may return to the Detroit Marriott for a casual reception in the beautiful Governors Suite.

After checking out on Sunday morning, attendees interested in a tour of the 95-year-old clubhouse can return to the DYC for an optional brunch on your own, and a guided tour.

Mix business and pleasure in Detroit in late October. Make plans to attend soon. 🚩



Detroit Yacht Club aerial



We all met again at the Buxton National Historical Site and Museum at 1400 for a private tour arranged by Rear Commodore Steve Reinecke. Buxton was the terminus for fugitive slaves and free Blacks fleeing the oppression in the United States. Our docent is a descendant of one of the first black families and still lives and works in the original settlement. We were amazed by the displays and buildings that are part of this historical site. The log cabin we visited was built in 1852 and was still being lived in until 1986. This was truly an educational and mind opening experience.

After the tour, many in the group returned to the convention center for a Port Captain's meeting. Pam Carr-Jackson, our new Port Captain Coordinator, and Julie Thorndycraft, our new Log Book Editor, met with many port captains and discussed ways of working together to improve and update the harbor reports. After the meeting we returned to our rooms to prepare for the Commodore's Banquet.

We enjoyed another scrumptious meal provided by the Convention Center. The food was not only delicious, each entree was a work of art, which had several members discussing how the chef was able to create the presentation. Rear Commodore Steve Reinecke was the Master of Ceremonies and provided a tool to keep the dinner conversation flowing. After dinner, Steve introduced Howard Rice, our guest speaker for the dinner. Howard Rice is an educator who has traveled and sailed the world. If you attended the 2018 Rendezvous in Killarney, you may have seen his little 12-foot boat with red sails cruising down the river during our stay. He regaled his audience with his adventures living in Yam in Micronesia and exploring Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego on his tiny sailing vessel. Steve Reinecke had met Howard Rice at the Rendezvous and we were glad he was able to arrange for him to come talk to us.

The evening's festivities continued after the dinner. Commodore Rich Barzyk hosted an afterglow back at the hotel for those of us who did not want the weekend to end. The drinks and conversation went well into the night. We wish more people could have attended this year's April Launch Weekend. Please mark the weekend of April 24–25, 2020 on your calendar as we will be hosting the 2020 April Launch Weekend in Frankenmuth, Mich. Hope to see you there. 🚩



The April Launch Was a Weekend of Fun and Learning

By Rear Commodore Tony Simion

The April Launch Weekend was held for the first time in Chatham, Ont., on April 26–27. Thirty-seven members traveled from far and near to socialize, attend meetings, visit an interesting historical site in the area and enjoy two wonderfully prepared meals. It was an enjoyable weekend and we hope to return to this city for future meetings.

Members began arriving in the early afternoon on Friday at the Chatham Holiday Inn Express and Suites to attend both the Port Pilot & Log Book Committee Meeting and the Planning Committee Meeting. The meetings ended around 1700. This gave the members time to relax and refresh themselves before heading over to the Chilled Cork Restaurant located in the Retro Suites Hotel for cocktails and delicious buffet meal. We socialized, laughed and had a great time sharing each other's company. After dinner people either visited other establishments or returned to their rooms to prepare for the next day's busy schedule.

Many of our group were up early to enjoy the breakfast buffet before heading over to the Chatham-Kent Convention Center which was located right next door for the Director's meetings for both the GLCC and GLF. Those members not attending the meeting went shopping downtown, enjoyed a leisurely breakfast or just sat in the lobby and people watched as the Convention Center was hosting a Comic Con event in addition to our meetings. Many of the costumes were amazing and it was a treat to see so many young people having fun. After the two meetings, our members went their separate ways to enjoy lunch on their own or in small groups.



End of Hockey Stick Harbour at Bone Island Anchorage photo by Donna Fink / Google Earth image inset


Georgian Bay Rally – September 13–15

By Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum

GLCC members and guests are invited to this year's Georgian Bay Rally that will be held at the Bone Island Anchorage (GB-26.3) the weekend of September 13–15.

The anchorage on the south side of Bone Island is the perfect spot to enjoy the fall colours and wind down the season with friends and fellow GLCC members. Plans are underway for an enjoyable event, starting with an informal get together on Friday evening. There will be plenty of time on Saturday to jump in your dinghy or kayak and explore the

numerous bays and islands in the area, or to stretch your legs onshore. The day will be capped off with another social gathering on Saturday before everyone heads home Sunday.

There will be more information forthcoming, so be sure to keep an eye on the Events Page on the GLCC website. You can also contact Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum by email at eric.sunstrum@gmail.com or phone 613-793-4982 with any questions or if you wish to help out with our organizing committee. 

Get it all at Crowley's!

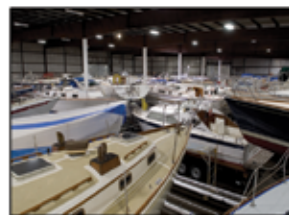
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Hoarsin' around photos L to R: King & Queen Doug & Christine McCray; Naomi, Greg & Beth Neal; and Andy & Barbie Leffler

GLCC DERBY DAYS...A Winning Weekend in Spite of Bad Weather!

By Dave Geurtal; photos by Director Doug Jackson and Port Captain Pam Carr-Jackson

Even though the Lake Erie Rally's weekend's festivities didn't start till Thursday evening, two boats arrived in Leamington on Tuesday, June 11, and six boats on Wednesday June 12, to get ahead of the impending bad weather. Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning were warm and sunny with a light breeze; both good days for sailors and power boaters to travel across Lake Erie to its Northern shore.

Thursday June 13 brought lots of wind, high waves, gray skies, and rain! In spite of these conditions, six more boats braved the elements to come be a part of this fun-filled weekend! Registration took place inside the marina lounge and blue and white streamers were attached to each boat to identify GLCC Rally vessels. The first unofficial gathering was for dinner, located inside the pavilion with 32 in attendance. Armando's Restaurant delivered delectable Bourbon pulled-pork sliders and Louisville chili, and members brought delicious appetizers and desserts to share. The Rally committee wore "Talk Derby to Me" T-shirts as they served on the buffet line. Exciting Derby details were revealed to the group about what's to come for the weekend's fun, and many stories were shared about the adventures of boating to the North Shore!

Friday June 14 was the official start to GLCC Derby Days! Sunny skies, but very windy, 4 more boats arrived and 3 couples drove in to Leamington on Friday afternoon. The excited Rally members boarded the busses to Pelee Island Winery in nearby Kingsville for dinner and a horse race. Instructions were given on how to place your

bets while members enjoyed social time. A tasty plated dinner was served by Kings Landing Catering and soon after, Doug McCray led us in singing "My Old Kentucky Home" to start the fun! The song and video were on a large screen, and the horse race, a 2000 Secretariat race, was up next, eight horses were in the line-up. Stillness filled the room as the race bell sounded. All of a sudden voices were cheering and yelling for their chosen horses to advance! The crowd was so boisterous that the announcer for the race was drowned out by the noise! In two minutes, it was over, and the surprise winner emerged! So much fun and laughter filled the room! Next came time to announce the winners. This race was set up as a 60-40 drawing. 40% went to GLCC Foundation, 30% to win, 20% to place, and 10% to show. One name was drawn from each bucket of Win, Place, and Show. The GLCC Foundation received \$136 of the proceeds! Darlene Hildebrand took Win for \$102, Barbie Leffler took Place for \$68, and Rich Kusnir took Show for \$34! Everyone seemed to enjoy the blind betting, as the only information they received were the horse names and their gate positions. The busses arrived about 2015 to take the well-fed, happy gamblers back to the marina. Live music and a local beer fest rounded out the evening on the marina patio.

Saturday morning started with firing the GLCC cannon at 0830. The weather—once again—impeded the outdoor plans, so the flag ceremonies and National Anthems were done inside the pavilion as Doug McCray led the singing, Commodore Rich Barzyk gave the



Race time photos L to R: Rear Commodore (Ret.) Brad & Pat Somers; Greg & Susan Arnold; and they're off!

Blessing of the Fleet, and announcements were given. A Kentucky Farmers breakfast (feast!) provided by Lakeside Bakery, Deli and Cafe was served buffet style by the Rally committee and there was so much mouth-watering food that nobody was left hungry! Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman (Region 53) headed up the Port Captains' meeting after breakfast. It was well attended and Port Captain Coordinator Pam Carr-Jackson led a discussion with tips on how to use the GLCC website.

Saturday afternoon, all boaters returned to the pavilion for the widely anticipated Derby-style games! First up was our own GLCC horse race. There were four horses in each of three races. Purple Passion, Yellow Surprise, Think Red and Blue Moon were waiting for riders and ready to run! Our "jockeys", (two for each horse-because a horse runs on four legs!) dressed in their matching silks, pranced and paraded around to the starting gate. At the sound of the clapper, they were off! Down the straight away! Around the first pole! Fighting for position around the second pole! The spectators cheering and clapping! Sprinting to the finish line as fast as their four legs could carry them! What a race! Every bit as exciting as the real thing! The winning horse was Purple Passion with 13.33 seconds ridden by Beth and Greg Neal. Place was again Purple Passion with a time of 13.44 seconds ridden by Barbie and Andy Leffler. Show was Think Red who timed in at 13.50 seconds ridden by Sue and Dan Noetzel. All winners received a gold medal and a bouquet of red wooden roses! All other jockeys received a glue stick for their participation!

Next, spectators moved inside to watch stable hands expertly clean the stalls. A 10-gallon pile of horse manure needed to be removed by shovel loads to buckets with speed and accuracy. Gasps of disgust filled the room! Once it was discovered the manure was really painted marshmallows covered with straw, the real fun began! 21 stable hands, three at a time competed, with poop and straw flying fast and furious in all directions! Volunteer stable hands worked diligently to get the mess back under control for the next round. It was much like watching an Indy 500 pit crew do their magic! In the end, three expert stable hands tied with full buckets in 17 seconds! Nancy Coleman, Dan Noetzel and Greg Arnold won the coveted Best of the Best award each receiving a 10-oz. bag of coconut covered marshmallows for their tremendous efforts.

The last game was mind boggling! Kentucky Derby Trivia required many minds working together to arrive at the perfect answer. Eight teams of 4-5 people researched their collective brains, first to come up with their own team name, then to quickly answer as many questions correctly as possible. Five possible points in the fill-in-the-blank 1st round, five multiple choice points in the 2nd round, and two bonus point stories being true, mostly true, or false, created quite the discussion among our teams! In the end, team Mint Julep won with nine total points! Team Kentucky Clueless came in second with eight points. Both of these teams received packets of Quaker Instant Oats to further fuel their minds as a reward! All the teams were running neck and neck until the

bonus stumper. Do you know why Secretariat was considered the fastest horse ever in Triple Crown history?

At 1800 Saturday evening, GLCC Rally members arrived at the Derby Ball in their fancy attire. Everyone was greeted at the door by a Derby jockey who presented them with a beautiful hand-made wooden red rose bud! They were directed toward the Winner's Circle to have their picture taken with Nauti Adventure the winning horse of the GLCC Derby Days! Much admiration was given to this horse as he stood proudly with the spires and grandstands of Church Hill Downs in the background. These pictures were specially framed and shipped to all attendees! Mint Juleps, Kentucky Bourbon, and more were enjoyed by all as lively conversation encompassed the room. Director Doug Jackson arranged a spectacular group photo around Nauti Adventure before dinner. The blessing was given and dinner served which featured Kentucky Hot Browns, Kentuckyaki skewers and other Derby style dishes. The dining experience was topped off with Derby Pie and ice cream! Again, catered by Armando's Restaurant, it was tantalizing and delicious! After dinner, Commodore Rich Barzyk introduced new members and first-time rally attendees, and gave a wonderful tribute to the late Port Captain Sheridan Atkinson who started the ever-famous Lake Erie Rally 27 years ago. Darlene Hildebrand

spoke about her and Steve Van Vlaenderen's sailing quest for awareness on Sailing with Parkinson's. Raffle winners and the Gervasi Package silent auction winner were announced, then music by Canadian duo Bob Gabrielle and Dan Woods rocked the room and the foot-loose dancers filled up the dance floor! From a conga line to "Elvis" (Doug McCray), to "Billy Joel" (Greg Neal), the night was simply magical!

Sunday morning was again unpleasant weather, but almost everyone showed up to enjoy pastries and fresh fruit from Lakeside Bakery. Reminiscing of the fun-filled weekend and fond farewells gave much needed positive energy to handle the long journeys homeward. This group of rally fans happily supported the horse race on Friday evening and the raffle/silent auction on Saturday evening by raising a total of \$600 for the Great Lakes Foundation. Many kudos from 2019 Rally committee members Dave and Lori Guertal, and Ken and Lynda Leque to all rally attendees for being great sports and enjoying the spirit of this wonderful rally event!

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Lake Erie Rally, June 18–20, 2020 when The Wild Wild West comes to Leamington! It'll be a rootin'-tootin', gun-slingin', saloon-dancin', wild-ropin' adventure ya don't want to miss! See ya there, partner! 🚩

Photos L to R: Saturday evening group shot; cleaning the stalls are Director Doug Jackson & Susan Noetzel and Rear Commodore (Ret.) Brad Somers; and music by Canadian duo Bob Gabrielle and Dan Woods





Yet to Come, the Lake Erie Fall Dinner Meeting at the Sandusky Yacht Club

By Port Captain Ned Bromm and Deputy Port Captain Bill Lehner

GLCC Members and guests are invited to attend the 48th Annual Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting at the Sandusky Yacht Club, Sandusky, Ohio (E-16) on September 14, 2019. There will be a cash bar, USD and credit cards for social hour at the A-Dock pavilion. Sandusky Yacht Club provides an excellent venue with a very fine buffet for only \$50 USD per person.

After dinner and a brief business meeting, our guest speaker will be Dr. Chris Winslow, Ohio State University's Ohio Sea Grant College Program coordinator, assistant, curriculum developer and recruiter, who will address Ohio Sea Grants activities on Lake Erie and the activities on OSU's Stone Lab.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Sawmill Creek Resort (contact Bill Lehner at lehnerb@aol.com or 614-560-9538) at \$129.99/night. If you are thinking about coming by boat, contact SYC Dockmaster Josh Marshall at 419-625-6567. We would love to have you join us. 🚩

Once Again, the Western Lake Erie Picnic Was a Big Success!

By Port Captain Denny Dutcher

June 1st brought a respite for a few hours from the constant rain allowing us to have a good weather day for the Western Lake Erie Picnic. We set an all-time at-

tendance record with 50 folks attending. Summer picnic food was abundant, including Jim Ehrman's famous chicken wings. Several Herl's Harbor folks assisted with preparations in order to successfully host 50 people.

Many past and current officers, directors, and port captains were in attendance. Rear Commodore for Southern Lake Erie Jim Ehrman spoke about the importance of updating the Harbor Reports for our area. Commodore Rich Barzyk welcomed all and first-timers, as well as honoring two loyal members who had recently passed. The day proved to be perfect for a GLCC gathering meeting new and old friends. Many thanks go to Port Captain Denny and Sharon Dutcher for hosting this event. Hope everyone enjoys a safe boating season. 🚩



Photos L to R: Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman at the grill; group shot; and look at all those fixin's!



St. Ignace Light photo courtesy Rodney Campbell/Flickr



Photos L to R: Port Captain Denny Dutcher and Secretary (Ret.) Phil Doolittle at gadget hour; Opposite: Members and Commodore Rich Barzyk playing cornhole; members enjoying Friday dinner; Fleet Review; GLCC boats docked at St. Ignace Marina



The 2019 Annual GLCC Rendezvous in St. Ignace, Mich.

By Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm and Port Captain Christine Moore Skrocki, Co-Chairs; GLCC event photos by Lifeline Editor, Philip R. May

Great Lakes Cruising Club members descended on St. Ignace the second week of July for an amazing week of camaraderie and fun! Members came from seven different states and Canada. They spanned all five Great Lakes plus Florida. Our member attendees varied from those who joined the GLCC as far back as 1964, to those who just joined in June 2019. We stayed on sail and power boats, both large and small, in RVs and hotel rooms. Whatever way we arrived, we were delighted to see each other and enjoyed each other's company! Consider joining this comfortable crowd next year in Little Current, Ontario!

GLCC's annual Rendezvous features some unique events that generate a lot of fun and laugh-

ter, and this year was no exception. We held our rival Stinkpotters vs. Raghaulers volleyball game on the beach. Raghaulers won! Our bilge auction revealed some interesting items that fellow boaters store in their boats, yet it all fetched a good amount of money for the Great Lakes Foundation. Other annual Rendezvous favorites were the well-attended Book Club led by Pam Murchison, and Gadget Hour led by Secretary (Ret.) Phil Doolittle. Our Flag Officers were pleased when they set their dinghies on a course around the Harbor to see all of our dressed boats during the Fleet Review.

On Wednesday we moved to Mackinac Island via the classic Star Line Mackinac Ferry. Many enjoyed



a horse-taxi ride as we went to Mission Point Resort where we had a delicious brunch. We followed with two hard-fought games. Cornhole was played on the deck led by Rear Commodore Tony Simion, and Bocce Ball was led by Cathy Zumkehr on the greens. Much cheering and groaning was heard by the spectators. After an afternoon on our own exploring the island, we gathered again at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club—where because of Port Captain Jim and Cynthia McNine—we enjoyed Happy Hour under the garden tent. We also shopped at the yacht club store. I believe we greatly increased their sales for the summer. At least I saw many new wardrobe items the next few days.

Cheryl Cheger-Timm kept everyone fully up-to-date of the details of events each day during the radio announcements. It was awesome to see so many people come together to help with details, big and small, to put such a huge, five-day, action-packed party together. Our itinerary for the week was in traditional Rendezvous style that included events that bring us together for great conversation, laughter and lasting memories.

Thursday morning brought the charming hometown feel with the Knights of Columbus cooking and serving a full delicious breakfast. Members were pleased to see their money being shared with the community to use the good causes.



From the top: First Timers and past Bayfield Award winners. At the Commodore's dinner where Commodore Barzyk welcomed attendees and presented awards and special recognitions. Rear Commodore Dan Cline was the Master of Ceremonies and kept the festivities moving. Special thanks to committee chairs Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm and Port Captain Christine Moore Skrocki! Opposite: Many boats docked at the St. Ignace Marina were dress ship for the duration of the Rendezvous

Educational sessions will help us all to be more consciences captains and crew. So much has changed from what we thought we knew about first aid, it was a major learning experience for all in attendance.

On Thursday night the Kewadin Casino banquet room was decked out for the Commodores Dinner. Rear Commodore Dan Cline was the Master of Ceremonies. Chaplain Nelson Stone ushered in the Bridge to the head table while he played the bagpipes. The dinner and the dinner company were all most enjoyable. Commodore Rich Barzyk welcomed all attendees and gave out the awards to the winners of the various competitions. The Commodore's Trophy

is awarded to the person who came the furthest. This year it went to Jim Dylewski who logged 526 miles coming from Erie, Pa.

Friday morning brought the "good byes," and "see you next years." It was another great Rendezvous with memories to cherish.

On a final note, the old saying is that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes the whole GLCC to put on a Rendezvous! And special thanks to the harbor staff under the direction of Harbor-mistress Lauren Yoder. Heartfelt thanks to all who helped, or saw a need and immediately stepped in to make this gathering of old and new friends the very best possible. We will see you all next year in Little Current, Ont. 🚩





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*Photos by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May &
Port Captain Karen Mesenburg*







A 42-day, 3 Great Lakes Cruise

Log of SV *Freelance*, Winner of This Year's Founders Award (Installment III of III), by Past Commodore Niels and Vicki Jensen

Getting Back to Lake Superior

On July 24, *Freelance* and *Annie B. Stone* did just that, leaving for Surgeon Bay at 0900 in sunny and calm conditions. It appeared it would be best if we could attempt to backtrack south of the Manitou Island on the other side of the Lake Michigan, assuming the National Weather Service was correct. However, *Inisfree* — being a fast express cruiser, capable of moving at 24 knots — took advantage of the small weather window, and sped northeast out of Green Bay, into Lake Michigan's northern end, and then toward the Straits of Mackinac. We were sad to see them part ways with us. They are dear friends, and always great company.

We spent the next day waiting for a suitable weather window at the Harbor Cove Marina, while heavy weather passed through Green Bay and northern Lake Michigan. Our travel prospects looked outright dismal.

On July 26, the opportunities to leave Sturgeon Bay were still doubtful, but by carefully studying the weather Radar and NOAA's forecasts, it seemed that a weather window might just open up at around 1600. Vicki and I decided to

chance the exit from the ship canal, while Nelson and Marilyn chose to stay in port. As it turned out, *Freelance* made an ocean-type night sailing passage in eight-foot following seas, ending up rafted to another sailboat at Leland's gas dock at 0400 in the morning.

It was a 12-hour lake crossing, and although we had not kept going toward the Straits of Mackinac as we originally envisioned, we made about 70 miles of good progress toward our homeport of Bayfield in Lake Superior's Apostle Islands. *Freelance* handled the conditions beautifully, but it would obviously have been a more pleasant passage, if the weather had calmed down as initially foretold by the Weather Service. As it was, our cross-lake passage became a bit more on the

adventuresome side than we had expected — and Vicki and I are sure some of the sailors at Leland thought we were nuts to have attempted the trip.

We moved to a regular slip, and spent the rest of July 27 enjoying Leland. It's a quaint, pleasant community with plenty of shops and restaurants, and it would be a favored stopover for sailboats, if it weren't for a persistent problem with silt-



ing in the harbor entrance. As with many other Great Lakes harbors, a creek or river runs through it — in this case the Leland River — causing a shallow bar to form.

The next day, we left the charming harbor at 0840 for St. Ignace, which is located just north-east of the Straits. In the beginning, the wind was coming from the northwest at five to ten knots,

so we were going to weather assisted by the diesel. At noon, the wind backed to the west, and the moderate seas were in the one-to-three-foot range, pushing our speed to about seven knots. It was a shame we had to hurry towards our destination. If we hadn't felt the necessity to make up lost time, it could have been a great sail.

Thunderstorms soon appeared over the horizon to the north, and the heavy overcast turned to steady rain around 1630, while we slipped through Gray's Reef Passage. When we had the Mackinac Bridge on visual approach about an hour later, a heavy thunderstorm harmlessly passed behind us. The rains soon increased and the visibility deteriorated, making it necessary to turn on our running lights.

With our lights burning bright, we passed under the huge suspension bridge at 1920, and then followed the contour lines and buoys north into St. Ignace's 135-slip municipal marina. It had been a successful 78.2-NM run. We were definitely making progress toward Lake Superior.

St. Ignace is one of the oldest communities in the United States. It was founded in 1671 by the famous French explorer and Jesuit missionary Jacques Marquette, and subsequently played an important role in the extremely lucrative fur trade. Today, it is a popular



tourist destination that has frequent ferry connection to Mackinac Island. However, it often seems overshadowed by Mackinac City on the southern side of the Straits.

Back Up the St. Mary's River

On July 30, we left St. Ignace at 0800 on a track that first would take us north of Mackinac Island, and then on to the entrance of the St.

Mary's River. This was a pure motorboat trip, forced on us due to the calm conditions. However, we made excellent time toward the De Tour Passage, where we arrived at 1305.

Our passage up the St. Mary's was routine. Along its entire length we only passed two freighters, and at times when they fortunately were of no concern. My AIS phone app again proved handy, because we were able to accurately look ahead and see if any freighters were coming downstream toward us. That AIS guidance gave us the needed information to risk ascending through the down bound channel in the Rock Cut, which is a desirable shortcut, even with the stronger current in the channel. Based on prior experiences, I knew it wouldn't have been any fun to unexpectedly meet a down bound 1,000-footer in the constricted cut. I would never have chosen this route without knowing it was clear of commercial traffic.

We arrived at our destination of Sault Ste. Marie at 1950, making this a 12-hour, 76.3-NM day. It certainly was excellent progress, and we were glad to be back in the familiar Kemp Marina, where we took on 13 gallons of diesel.

The next morning, Vicki and I had a slower-than-usual departure. It was partially due to our sleeping in, and partially due to chatting with various other boaters,





including Editor Ron Dwelle, with whom I used to work closely with on the *Harbor Reports & Log Book*, when he was its editor. We finally left Kemp at 1015, locking through the Canadian Canal at 1100.

Back in Lake Superior

We continued up the river against the current, passed Gros Cap Light, and entered the wide Whitefish Bay at 1315. When we were abeam of Ile Parisienne at 1520, a fast moving thunderstorm hit us hard from the west. Fortunately, we had seen it coming, and taken in the sails well before the strong winds came. The squall carried heavy rain, and its wind gusts jumped up in the gale force range. However, fast moving weather doesn't last long. This particular squall passed in just 45 minutes, and the seas soon flattened out again.

Whitefish Point was rounded at 1630. We were now going west along the low and featureless Shipwreck Coast, while more thunderstorms passed harmlessly to the south of us. Our destination was Grand Marais.

It's an 80-NM passage from Sault Ste. Marie to Grand Marais, so with our late start there was no

chance for us to reach the harbor in daylight. When the sunset came, we made sure our running lights were again burning bright, while holding our westerly course.

Grand Marais' harbor entrance is well lit, but the large bay and its anchorage was not. It was pitch dark in comparison. Consequently, we used our handy spotlight to guide us in, which was a good thing. Many of the anchored boats violated the navigational rules by using garden-variety solar lights, instead of proper anchor lights, to mark their position. It may have seemed like a good idea to save the boats' battery power, but the solar lights were incredibly weak, and incredibly difficult to see until the very last minute. In my opinion, these poorly lit boats were a real menace to safe navigation.

So, we were glad to realize we did not have to anchor *Freelance* among such negligent neighbors on a dark, dark night. Much to our surprise, there happened to be an open space at the township's wharf. We quickly rigged our fenders and dock lines, and had *Freelance* securely tied up at 2350.

Vicki and I declared August 1 as another layover day.





We always enjoy visiting the charming town of Grand Marais. The weather was pleasant, and we were more or less back on our intended float plan, so we felt we had the freedom to ease up a bit. The day was spent walking around the town, shopping at the local stores, and exploring the near-by nature areas.

From the town's popular beach, which fronts Lake Superior, you can enjoy an expansive view of the beautiful Au Sable Dunes, which rise up just west of the town.

In the morning, some rain passed through the marina before we cast off at 0845. The weather radar showed nothing to the west, but the forecast was for northwesterly winds 10 to 15 knots from mid-afternoon. That should certainly be all right for our intended track to Marquette, 60-NM away. It meant, of course, a beat to weather.

At Marquette

We passed Grand Portal at noon and Grand Island at 1400. At 1600, our ride got bouncier, and waves began coming more on our beam. The wind then jumped to a steady 20 knots, and the seas grew to more than four feet. We started to roll.

It wasn't too bad, so we just kept going on our intended course. Besides, we knew we only had about two hours left to our destination, and could clearly see Marquette's well-known "Yoopers Dome" in the distance. Officially known as the Superior Dome, it is said to be the largest wooden dome in the world, and is a prominent landmark, when coming from the east. It's located on the campus of the Northern Michigan University.

Marquette's harbor is well protected from northerly seas by the long breakwater, which extends out about three quarters of mile from shore to an automated light-house at its end. On arrival, we entered the huge basin's smoother water, and quickly took down our sails, before

heading into the Cinder Pond Marina. We had, of course, phoned ahead to reserve dock space, which is always a good practice. It is a practice that has gradually replaced calling in on the VHF, when closing in on a marina.

Soon after we were tied up at our slip, a NOAA research vessel named *R/V Storm* came in on the fuel dock across from our finger pier. We had seen it out on the open lake during our approach. One of the younger crew members looked across the pier at us, and with a smile said: "where did that come from?" They had not expected the higher winds and waves either.

On August 3, it was blowing hard enough to make us stay put in port. The *Lady Elaine*, another sailboat, tried to go north out of Marquette, but turned back. The conditions out on the open lake were just too unpleasant.

So, Vicki and I walked around town, and visited the Marquette Maritime Museum in a former waterworks building. It is located east of the marina, close by the active Coast Guard Station and the red-painted Marquette Light. Surprisingly, the museum has a special WWII submarine exhibit, which is focused on the *USS Darter* and *USS Dace's* participation in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944.

To the Keweenaw

On August 8, *Freelance* left Marquette at 0745 under sunny skies and in light air. The buoy off Big Bay Point was rounded at noon, and we set a course to pass on the inside of the Huron Islands. At this time the sea state was a one-to-three-foot chop, and the breeze was northwest at about 10 knots. It certainly was a much more comfortable passage than it would have been the day before. We felt we definitely had made the right decision to declare that a weather day. There are times, when you have to just say no.





Our course took us between the Huron Islands and the Huron Mountains. The Huron Mountains are an immense and well-preserved nature area with old-growth boreal forest. It includes Mount Arvon, which at 1,979 feet, is the highest point in the State of Michigan.

Incidentally, there were some plans to make the Huron Mountains into a national park back in the 1950s, but it is said the Huron Mountain Club undermined them. This exclusive and influential club owns a large tract of the land. Its members apparently wished to keep their secluded place private.

We rounded the buoy off Point Abbaye at 1445, and then headed in calm water toward the Lower Entry of the Keweenaw Waterway, where we arrived a few hours later. As expected, going up the artificial canal and through Portage Lake was no trouble at all. *Freelance* was soon tied up at Houghton's city dock for the night.

Homeward Bound

The next morning, the high-pressure weather system had left. There was a heavy overcast and some rain. *Freelance* left Houghton's wharf at 0715, passed under the large, double-decked lift-bridge, and followed the buoyed channel to the Upper Entry. When we got out into the open lake, we set our course at 260° for our waypoint just north of Gull Island in the Apostles.

Hal — as we long time ago named our autopilot — steadily held us on our intended track for the entire day, until we arrived off of Gull Island. This was another 100-NM offshore passage in light air. Unfortunately, the sails

rarely did more than just steady the boat, while the engine propelled us west. The sea state ranged from three-foot waves to "oily" swells. There was hardly any wind.

We arrived at our Gull Island waypoint at 2000, where we adjusted our homebound course for Stockton Island. The weather forecast indicated light and shifting winds overnight, so we were hoping Stockton's Presque Isle Bay would be a suitably protected anchorage. Our anchor was firmly set at 2115, and with our anchor light switched on, it was a time to relax a bit before turning in.

The weather forecast proved to be right. We had a restful night, and a nice, leisurely breakfast, before hauling up the anchor at 0800. We cleaned up the boat underway in the North Channel, before eventually docking at Pikes Bay Marina. It had been a great 42-day Great Lakes cruise, and a grand adventure. 🚩

This is the last of three installments. Be sure to read the previous issues of *Lifeline* to follow Niels and Vicki's story.

About the Founders Award: It is an annual GLCC member award for the best cruising log of a cruise on the Great Lakes. The award honors the founding members of the GLCC. The purposes of the award are to honor members for exemplary skill and artistry in recording their cruises on the Great Lakes; to foster increased participation and involvement by members in Club activities; and to provide a mechanism for soliciting material which can be used in Lifeline, in the Port Pilot & Log Book, and in other GLCC publications. You may visit <http://www.glcclub.com/founders-award> to learn more.



2020 Rendezvous

Returns to Little Current, Ontario (NC-17)

The last time the Great Lakes Cruising Club had their annual Rendezvous in Little Current was 2008. This year will mark the GLCC's 77th annual get-together.

The dates for the event are July 11–15.

In looking over the activities in 2008, many were the same as we have now. In 2008, there was a cardboard boat building contest. The boats had to float. There was a knitter's group, and a pet show. And, of course the not-to-be-missed volleyball game pitting the Raghaulers against the Stinkpotters. As it was in 2019, the Raghaulers were victorious.

Little Current is a perfect venue for the GLCC's 2020 Rendezvous. Plan on participating.



The 2019 GLCC social season got off to an early start at the Lake Ontario Rally on June 14–16. Once again, the event was held at the beautiful Trent Port Marina in Quinte West (O-34), Trenton, Ont. High water levels and rain showers did not deter rally attendees from enjoying a great weekend of fellowship, information sharing and some '60s nostalgia.

In what has become somewhat of a feature of this event, some boats arrive early, and those members enjoyed a pre-rally dinner and Port Captain's meeting at the Port Bistro Pub on Thursday evening. Activities officially get underway on Friday with a meet and greet appetizer on the patio at the marina. GLCC Rear Commodore for Region 35 Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay, Eric Sunstrum welcomed members and special guests Mary Barringer, President of the Marine Trawlers Owners Association (MTOA) and Ron Barringer MTOA Port Captain who travelled from their home in Florida to attend the rally. Later that evening, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner at Tomasso's Restaurant where old friends and new acquaintances had the opportunity to reminisce about long winters and share plans for their summer adventures on Lake Ontario and beyond.

After a group breakfast Saturday morning, a full program of seminars on interesting and informative topics relevant to those who are interested in cruising Lake Ontario was presented. In an effort to promote the GLCC, the seminars were open to the public and

several boaters from the marina took advantage and attended the sessions.

To begin the program, Rear Commodore Sunstrum provided an overview of the GLCC with an emphasis on member benefits including access Harbour Reports, the club's website, the role of Port Captains, the GLCC School and GLCC events. MTOA President, Mary Barringer then gave a brief introduction to their organization highlighting the complimentary aspects of the GLCC and the MTOA.

Port Captain and Rally Co-Chair Mary Micket, Irondequoit Bay (O-5.7) then walked the group through the steps to set up and use the recently implemented United States Customs and Border Protection ROAM app to clear customs when entering the U.S. by boat. This new procedure is particularly useful to those who enjoy travelling in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence 1,000 Islands.

GLCC member Wes Micket was next with an informative cruising guide to travelling the Western Erie Canal and Finger Lakes Region. The presentation included some great pictures from the Micket's excursions on their Sea Ray 45 Egeszsegedre.

To wind up the seminars, retired firefighter and GLCC member Don Knap provided the attendees a comprehensive session on fire extinguishers. Topics covered the properties of different types and how to identify the proper size and location of your boat's extinguishers. Don also gave the group some food for



Seminar programs with Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, Wes Micket and Port Captain Mary Micket; Fire extinguisher training with Don Knap



thought describing the things to consider should they find themselves in the position of having to face a fire on board and the decision to address the fire or abandon ship. The group put their newfound knowledge to the test and took turns discharging fire extinguishers using the techniques described during the presentation. The equipment was provided with the cooperation of Quinte West Senior Fire Prevention Officer Greg King and John Whelan, Chief, Quinte West Fire/Rescue.

After enjoying a delicious (albeit damp) closing barbecue Saturday evening, tie-dye shirts were back in fashion as GLCC members and marina patrons enjoyed a '60s-themed dance at the marina.

Sunday morning was the time to say goodbye over a continental breakfast, and to start thinking about next year's Lake Ontario Rally. The organizing committee plans to survey all GLCC members on Lake Ontario this fall to solicit suggestions regarding the venue and timing of next year's rally. Stay tuned!

The Lake Ontario Rally could not have been a success without the hard work and dedication of the organizing committee, including event Co-Chairs Cynthia Sunstrum and Mary Micket, and committee members Don and Sue Knap and Wes Micket. The GLCC would also like to extend its appreciation once again to the City of Quinte West, Trent Port Marina and the Quinte West Fire Department for making this year's Rally an amazing success. 🚩

Lake Huron Rallies Fun in the Sun!

By Port Captain Craig & Pam Murchison

The 2019 Lake Huron Rally was a great success with sunny skies and gentle breezes. We had 22 attendees, in eight boats, and four land yachts.

The highlights of the weekend were the Shipwreck Cruise in Thunder Bay and the hospitality of the Alpena Yacht Club.

The water was calm and the sun bright for perfect viewing of two shipwrecks from the glass bottom boat, *Lady Michigan*. One of the sunken wrecks went down in 1908. The hull with anchor and boilers were still intact. In addition, members enjoyed the extensive Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center before and after the cruise.

The Alpena Yacht very graciously opened their clubhouse for our cocktail hours and Sunday morning coffee and breakfast. A number of Club of members joined us, making for a very festive occasion. To our great surprise, they provided delicious appetizers each evening and a delightful Sunday breakfast.

We were especially pleased that new members Pat Weyburne, Elizabeth Camp and Dean Williams were able to join us for their first GLCC event. It was a most enjoyable experience for all. 🚩



Photos L to R: Group in front of the glass bottom boat, Lady Michigan; New members Weyburne, Camp and Williams; Rear Commodore Tony Simion presenting the 25-year burgee to Deputy Port Captains Charlene Blondy and Sam Webster; and Alpena CYC's board President, Pat Huggler receives the GLCC burgee from Rear Commodore Dan Cline





Great Lakes News & Views



Zalons Awarded As Honorary GLCC Members

By Lifeline Editor Philip R. May and
Office Manager Yvonne Murray

The Board Of Directors approved a GLCC Lifetime Honorary Membership for Erwin 'Bud' and Shirley Zalon at the April 27, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. An Honorary Member Plaque along with a letter of congratulations was presented to Bud and Shirley at the Family's celebration party for his 91st Birthday. Bud was a Port Captain in Region 21, Director in 1998-1999 and he was the Region 21 Rear Commodore from 2000-2012. Bud and Shirley were also very involved in the Wilderness Rally for many years. 🚩

GLCC Spring Break

February 17-25, 2020

As you've heard, our President has summarily stomped on our plans for a cruise to Cuba for Spring Break 2020. I was so looking forward to the trip.

I have to say right off that former GLCC First Lady Pat Classen, our travel agent in Naples who has produced two exceptional cruises for us previously, has bent over backwards to find a suitable solution to the problem. She extracted enticing concessions, and alternate itineraries from Oceania Cruise Line and several others. In the end, however, it seems that many of you have said that your interest was in Cuba, not in some other Caribbean excursion.

Accordingly, we have canceled the cruise effort as a Club event.

Pat remains open and eager to accommodate any of you who wish to individually arrange a different cruise through her directly. You can reach her at 800-523-3716 or email PatClassen@Preferred-Naples.com.

Note: All funds previously committed will be refunded in full if you elect not to pursue an alternative cruise.

We are all disappointed by this turn of events, but there may still be a way we can get together for Spring Break 2020 somewhere else. Watch for it on the Club's website and/or in *Lifeline*.

Jim Acheson, Past Commodore 🚩

2020 Boat Show Schedule

2020 Progressive Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show

January 8-12

McCormick Place-South
Chicago, Ill.

<http://www.chicagoboatshow.com>

Progressive Cleveland Boat Show

January 16-20

International Exposition (I-X) Center
Cleveland, Ohio

<http://clevelandboatshow.com>

Toronto International Boat Show

January 17-26

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place
Toronto, Ont.

<http://www.torontoboatshow.com>

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 2020. 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. 🚩



Eight Bells

Sheridan "Sherry" Atkinson

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that we report the passing of Sheridan Atkinson on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the age of 97. Our beloved Sherry joined the Great

Lakes Cruising Club in 1988 along with his wife Susan. Sherry was appointed as a Port Captain for Rondeau Harbour, Ont., in 1991. He was elected as a Director for the Great Lakes Cruising Club in 1995, a position that he held through 1999. In 2000, Sherry was honored with the William J. Kivell Memorial Award. Sherry and Susan continued to participate in many of the GLCC events throughout their many years of membership, including the October 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting. Sherry's smile, hand of friendship and his honorable manner will surely be missed by all.

Christabel Frederick

We regret to inform you of the passing of Christabel Frederick on April 4 in her home. She and her husband joined the GLCC in 1978. They were both very active in the club. She was the Port Captain for Waukegan. A celebration of her life was held on June 20, 2019 in Lake Forest, Ill.


Auora Goldfine

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that we report the passing on April 29, 2019 of Auora Goldfine at age 56 in Scottsdale, Az. Auora was the wife of long time member Ken Goldfine. They cruised out of Barker's Island Marina aboard *Kinship*. A memorial service was held on May 6 in Scottsdale, Az.

Andrew Murchison

Andrew Murchison of Midland, Mich., son of Craig and Pam Murchison died of a heart attack in his sleep Thursday April 18, 2019. Andrew was born in Midland on July 23, 1974. He is survived by his parents and sister Sarah Murchison and her husband Joseph Seka. There was a celebration of his life in April at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Midland, Michigan.

J. Richard Summers

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Richard Summers. Richard was a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club since 2001, along with his wife, Karen Kamm. Richard was an active GLCC member for many years and a member of the Duncan Bay Boat Club group as well. He, along with *Starship* will be missed at many GLCC events. 




GLCC on Television

Watch Hale Walker's interview of Port Captain Dale Lashbrook

By Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

As the Port Captain of Port Huron, Mich. (D-1), Dale Lashbrook has a good handle on the GLCC. Dale provides an excellent background of the GLCC from its founding in 1934 in Chicago, and how it has evolved over the past 85 years. It has remained a vital organization in the world of Great Lakes boat cruisers. From the beginning, the GLCC has collected and gathered information on and around the Great Lakes that has benefit cruising boats in both the U.S. and Canada.

The interview is well worth the short time it takes to watch it. Pass it along to potential members. It will make you feel proud to be a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, and you may recruit a new member. 

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Port Captain's Logbook



Port Captains Victor & Susan Camaiore

St. Clair Shores, Mich.
(D-48)

Meet the new Co-Port Captains for St. Clair Shores, Mich., Victor and Susan Camaiore. Vic and Sue have been sailing for over 30 years. They have been GLCC members since 2013, but the first social event they attended was the 2016 Rendezvous in Superior, Wis., after buying their boat in Barker's Island Marina where the Rendezvous was held. Since then, they have attended the 2018 and 2019 Rendezvous, the 2017 Lake Superior Rally, 2018 Wilderness Rally, 2019 Lake Huron Rally and GLCC meetings in Toledo, Ont., Windsor, Ont., and London, Ont. They sail on *Inspiration*, an Island Packet 350 from their home on the Clinton River off Lake St. Clair. Vic and Sue are looking forward to being representatives of the GLCC to the marine facilities and the boaters in the area. They hope that you will stop by one of the harbors in St. Clair Shores, visit the nautical mile, and have a wonderful time. 🚩



Port Captains Dee & Brian McClure

Suttons Bay, Mich.
(M-11)

As a middle-schooler Dee's Dad infused his love of sailing to her on a 16-foot day sailor. Dee became a very active racer of one-designs (Laser, Star, Lightning) and PHRF (32 to 42-foot boats) on Long Island Sound and in the Atlantic. After Brian and Dee married, they raced and cruised in New England.

They moved to northern Michigan in 2011 where they learned how nice it is in fresh waters! They truly do have the most exceptional playground to explore. The couple started with some local exploring and have toured a bit of the North Channel. This summer, they are expanding

their local and long distance cruising of the Great Lakes to include the 2019 GLCC Rendezvous. They are active cruising members of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club. They look forward to continuing to expand their involvement in GLCC. 🚩



Port Captains Bill & Jan Stover

Honey Harbour, Ont.
(GB-25)

Bill and Jan have boated on Georgian Bay since the mid-1980s, spending wonderful family times with their two sons. They are power boaters and most of their time is spent in the Honey Harbour to Parry Sound area. They know these waters very well and have also travelled to the North Channel and west to Mackinac Island via Lake Huron, as well as the Mackinac Straits to Lake Michigan. Bill and Jan have been members at South Bay Cove Marina, near Honey Harbour, since this marina opened. They both are now retired (Jan was a high school teacher and Bill was a business owner), and they look forward to spending more time on Georgian Bay. GLCC members travelling to their area of the 30,000 Islands are welcome to contact them should they be seeking local information—they know these waters very well. 🚩



Deputy Port Captains

Sam Webster & Charlene Blondy

Lexington, Mich.
(H-54)

Sam started boating on the St. Clair River at age nine in a 10-foot rowboat with a 1/2-hp motor. He was a naval aviation electronics operator for the U.S. Navy in the 1950s. He joined the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) in 1977 and cruised in his next three Chris Craft boats while serving on various committees at DYC as well as Fleet Captain in 1993.

Sam and his wife Charlene traveled extensively on the Great Lakes from their summer place in Goderich, Ont., out of Maitland Inlet Marina, Toronto, Welland Canal, Erie Barge Canal—to name a few.

Sam is now a retired CPA and former partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers. They now cruise out of Lexington, Mich., and welcome calls from GLCC boaters visiting their area requesting a tour, a lift to shops or the laundromat. They can be reached at 313-815-8813 or 810-696-2022 or via email at samwebstercpa@aol.com. 🚩



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Bayfield, Wis.
HMS LOON

Jim Brewer

Waukegan, Ill.
LONG SHADOW

David & Nancy Clark

Muskegon, Mich.
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Craig & Linda Cook
Port Clinton, Ohio
SUNSHINE STATE OF MIND

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Sandusky, Ohio
GRAND CRU

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Monroe, Mich.
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Christopher & Linda Mehall

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New member photos from L to R: Steve, Kathryn & Charlotte Feller; *GRAND CRU*, Jim & Lisa LaVallee; *AUNTIE GAIL*, Troy & Lisa Rutkofske; *MISS LISA*, Dwight "Dean" Williams; *WHY KNOT*.



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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.

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

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

If so, send your best guesses to the *Lifeline* Editor at 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*.



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Shedding Some Light...

**Featured: Old Mackinac Point Light
of Mackinaw City, Mich. (H-76.5)**

Mackinaw Point marks the junction of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Even before the advent of European explorers, the Straits of

Mackinac were a significant hazard to water-borne travelers. Consequently, before lighthouses, the Ojibwa lit the shore with fires. Founded in 1889, the Old Mackinac Point Light Station was in operation from 1890 until 1957. Its light was visible for 14 NM; 26 km (16 mi), which made it particularly valuable to the railroad car ferries *SS Chief Wawatam* and *SS Sainte Marie* that operated between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. The completion of the Mackinac Bridge in 1957 eliminated the need for the light. Since the Mackinac Bridge has lights on it at night, the bridge became a much better aid to navigation than the light. In 1960, the lighthouse property was purchased by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, incorporating it into surrounding Fort Michilimackinac State Park and, in 1969, was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The lighthouse complex, including the lightkeeper's quarters and tower, was reopened to the public in 2004 by Mackinac State Historic Parks as part of the Fort Michilimackinac complex. The light's original Fresnel lens is on display. An admission fee is charged. 🚩



Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

September 14-15

Georgian Bay Rally – Bone Island (GB-26.3)
Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
613-793-4982 eric.sunstrum@gmail.com

September 14

Lake Erie Regional Meeting – Sandusky
Yacht Club, Sandusky, Ohio (E-16)
Port Captain Ned & Sharon Bromm
419-626-2557 nedsha@aol.com
Deputy Port Captain Bill Lehner
614-336-0806 lehnerb@aol.com

October 26

Board of Directors Meeting @
Annual General Membership Meeting

October 25-27

Annual General Membership &
BoD Meetings – Detroit, Mich. (D-54)
Director Mark Lifter
248-626-3259 mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com

December 6-8

Board of Directors Meeting
Catawba Island Club (E-19)
Commodore Rich Barzyk
440-289-5243 morningstar7744@gmail.com

2020

January 8-12

Progressive Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show
McCormick Place - South
<https://www.chicagoboatshow.com>

January 16-20

Progressive Cleveland Boat Show
International Exposition (I-X) Center
<http://www.clevelandboatshow.com>

January 17-26

Toronto International Boat Show
Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place
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July 11-15

Rendezvous
Little Current, Ont. (NC-17)
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