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Make a **Splash** at **April Launch** in Frankenmuth, Mich. April 24–26
Welcome Spring at the **Western Lake Erie Picnic** Saturday, June 6
Have a **Wild Time** in Leamington (E-34) at the **Lake Erie Rally** June 19–21
Save the Date... **Georgian Bay Rally** at Thornbury, Ont. (GB-16) June 20–21



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From the Bridge



Every reputable publication I have read confirms that we are in for another high-water year. I think this is an omen that our Harbor Reports will continue to be critically relevant, as we prepare for our summer cruises. High water levels not only impact docking, but also affect the shorelines, beaches, trailer ramps, fuel piers and a host of other less obvious intrusions. Our Harbor Reports should reflect these potential obstructions because all indications are, they will be around for several years to come. In this past year, the Port Pilot and Logbook Committee launched an aggressive campaign to update our Harbor Reports to reflect some of the changing cruising environment.

Surveys and personal confessions almost always confirm that we joined the Great Lakes Cruising Club for the Harbor Reports, and likely stayed for the social life and camaraderie, but membership is more than this. It comes with an inherent obligation to contribute to the editing of our precious Harbor Reports. Contributing and editing our Harbor Reports has never been easier. The Port Pilot and Logbook Committee, the Website Committee, and the Planning Committee have long been engaged in making contributing easier. For Port Captains there is a new guide clearly defining the steps for editing updates, and is posted on the website. The Website Committee is following through on the Planning Committees recommendation to make editing easier, by updating the club's website, and in concert with the *GLCCSchool*, is creating a webinar devoted solely to updating and editing. Other enhancements are currently being implemented and will be forthcoming, all designed with simplification and ease of use in mind. Seminars are being planned for Port Captains meetings. And will also be available members online viewing as a no charge webinar. Our Port Captain coordinator is developing a program to help our Port Captains in maintaining of our Harbor Reports.

However, there is so much more to do, and we need your help to do it! In your cruising this coming year, it is critically important to our continued reason for being that you contribute to the updating of our Harbor Reports. Do not leave it for the next member, or feel that a change is not significant enough to report it. Let us determine that! I implore you this summer check the report for the harbor or anchorage you plan on visiting, and then ensure it is accurate and up to date. Even if you've been there before, or especially if there isn't an assigned Port Captain, accept the responsibility to insure it's up to date. The easiest way to submit any edit is to use the **comment** section at the end of each report. It is as easy as writing a note, then sending, allowing Julie and Dan, co-chairs of the Port Pilot and Logbook Committee to do the entry. Reporting and editing is paramount, and help is always available. As a matter of fact, Julie reported that at the end of the cruising season, they made 220 updates to the Harbor Reports. It is a very dynamic program with nothing else comparable.

So, if you still find it cumbersome for any reason, just shoot an email to Julie or Dan glccharborreports@gmail.com, and they'll do the rest. We rely on the owners of the GLCC, i.e. our members to keep our product fresh and ac-

On the Cover

*Getting underway with a beautiful sunrise over Milwaukee, Wis. harbor.
Photo by Lifeline Editor Philip May*

curate. We are counting on you!

Socially, our next club event is the April Launch Weekend, scheduled for April 24th and 25th in Frankenmuth, Mich. Rear Commodore Tony Simion has promised us an interesting weekend, and of course we will be enjoying Frankenmuth's famous signature dinner, home-style chicken with all the sides. The Western Lake Erie picnic is June 6th at Herl's Harbor Marina, and the Lake Erie Rally is at the Leamington Marina over Father's Day weekend. Our summer rendezvous is scheduled over July 11–15 in Little Current, Ont. (NC-17), where Rear Commodore Roland Aubé will be our chair and host. Please check the website as it has all the particulars you will need, along with registration instructions.

In closing I wish to share with you this; so much goes on behind the scenes, in-between our Board meetings that keeps our club worthy of membership. No credits are given, and none are expected, as they are unheralded volunteers content with quietly giving back. There's the *GLCCSchool* committee which holds lengthy conference

calls in preparation for the coming season, the Port Captain who interviewed with a local TV station in support of our event in Port Huron, or the Port Captain who writes articles touting GLCC membership benefits for the I-LYA's (Inter-Lake Yachting Association) quarterly publication, and the Rear Commodore who hosted a luncheon in recognition of our Foundations grant received by a light house restoration group. There are countless more examples but it's safe to say our volunteers are those who make us what we truly are, a boating family. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. So why not try it? You'll be glad you did?

Safe seas always,



Rich Barzyk, Commodore 

Little Current, Ont. (NC-17) is where the GLCC 2020 Rendezvous will take place. Photos courtesy of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.





From the Editor



As I write this, the snow is falling, as is the outside temperature. But hopefully by the time you read this, spring will be in its early stages. Covers will be coming off boats. Summer cruising will be on the horizon. The GLCC volunteers are hard at work planning boating season events, or putting the finishing touches on Spring Events. And there are some really nice and fun events on the schedule. For starters, the April Launch Weekend is scheduled to begin on Friday, April 24 and run until Sunday, April 26. The event will be held in Frankenmuth, Mich. Frankenmuth is a city known for its Bavarian-style architecture. The Frankenmuth Historical Museum highlights the area's German roots. Michigan's Military & Space Heroes Museum displays flight gear, Medals of Honor and military equipment. Bordered by the Cass River, Heritage Park has an event pavilion and a riverside pathway. Frankenmuth Aerial Park offers rope courses and zip lines in a wooded area.

In addition to April Launch Weekend, the annual

Rendezvous will be held in Little Current, Ont. (NC-17). Little Current is often referred to as the Gateway to the North Channel. This is the perfect reason to plan on cruising the North Channel this summer. In addition, the Wilderness Rally is scheduled for July 23–27 at Eagle Island (NC-25) in the North Channel.

And lastly, we want and need Port Captains. It's a very rewarding position that gets you involved with the GLCC. I know from my own experience that being involved with the GLCC is enjoyable and rewarding. Consider looking in to becoming a Port Captain. I promise that you will not regret it.

So, on that note, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Philip R. May

Philip R. May, Lifeline Editor 

PLEASE JOIN US!



**Great Lakes Cruising Club's Annual
Western Lake Erie Picnic**

June 6, 2020 • 12 Noon
at Herl's Harbor Marina, East of Port Clinton, Ohio (E-16.8)

\$10 USD/PP for the picnic

Welcome any GLCC Members and their guests!

Chicken wings, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, plates, plastic ware, napkins, soft drinks — and a good time! Please bring your favorite drinks, a dish to share, and your favorite lawn chair. It's a fun event telling tall boating tales, renewing friendships, and welcoming several new members in our area. Herl's Harbor park has lots of shade, picnic tables, and rest rooms. You can't miss the park, easy to find if coming by boat.

If you can come earlier, there is a big nautical flea market in the park at 0900. You can sell and buy.

♦♦♦ Herl's Harbor has offered to give free overnight dockage spots to the first 2 club members to register! ♦♦♦

Call Herl's Harbor at 419-797-2173 to bring your boat to the picnic.



April Launch Weekend 2020 in Frankenmuth, Michigan

By Rear Commodore Tony Simion, Photo courtesy Frankenmuth Convention & Visitors Bureau


Spring is in the air, and for members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club that means two things; getting the boat ready for summer cruising and attending the April Launch Weekend. Yes, you need to get the boat ready for summer. All those tasks that need to be completed before you can launch the boat. You know those tasks, waxing the hull, painting the bottom with antifouling paint, cleaning this and scrubbing that, checking all the things that need to be checked. But wait, April Launch Weekend is Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26th. Wouldn't you rather spend the last weekend in April seeing old friends and new in the wonderful city of Frankenmuth? How much work would you really get done that weekend? It could be cold and rainy. Definitely not weather that is conducive to working outside. Much more fun coming to Frankenmuth and enjoying the sights, sounds and food of Michigan's Little Bavaria.

The weekend begins with members arriving at the Bavarian Inn Lodge on Friday afternoon. There are committee meetings scheduled from 1300 to 1630. Those lucky enough not having to attend those meetings are free to relax around the pool, shop in town, shop at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland or shop at the Outlet Mall in Birch Run. (Yes, for those who like to shop, there is a plethora of places to visit to tempt that credit card out of your pocket or purse.) We will be meeting at Zehnder's for cocktails at 1700 and a buffet dinner at 1800. After

dinner, members are free to explore the town's establishments, or return to their rooms for a good night's sleep.

The Director's meeting will begin on Saturday morning at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. Those not attending can sleep in, enjoy a leisurely breakfast, wander the downtown or just relax. The afternoon offers a chance to learn how to make a pretzel at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant followed by lunch. There is a Port Captain's meeting scheduled later in the afternoon back at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. The Commodore's Banquet will begin with cocktails at 1700 with dinner beginning at 1800. Our guest speaker is Nicki Polan, executive director of the Michigan Boating Industries Association. She will update us with what is being done in Michigan to promote and enhance recreational boating in the Great Lakes State. Commodore Rich Barzyk will host an afterglow at the Bavarian Inn Lodge.

Sunday is departure day so attendees will get a chance to sleep in and have a leisurely breakfast on their own before heading home. Sounds to me like members who attend will have a great time.

Now think about it. What sounds like more fun: Getting the boat ready for launch or coming up to Frankenmuth for a weekend filled with laughs, good food and talking about cruising our wonderful Great Lakes? I'll be there. Hope to see you also. To register, log on to the Great Lakes Cruising Club website and click on Events Calendar. 



GLCC Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner 2020

By Rear Commodore Jim Passe and
Deputy Port Captain Angèle Passe

Photos L to R: Duluth Harbor in winter, Larry Carpenter performing Bayfield 'Cross the Lake (inset), Rear Commodore (Ret.) Duane Flynn accepts the Golden Wrench Award, Heather and David Gerth of the OALPS receive the Great Lakes Foundation plaque.

The 34th annual Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner was held in Duluth, Minn., on the shores of Lake Superior at Pier B Resort Hotel. A fun time in good company, and with magnificent views of the frozen harbor!

Lake Superior Rear Commodore Jim Passe chaired the Port Captains meeting in the afternoon. The agenda focused on the harbor reports and the planned Summer Rally on Isle Royale August 11–14.

Social hour and dinner followed the meeting. Deputy Port Captain Angèle Passe was the MC, keeping a lively pace. Jim Passe gave a positive State of the Club report. The GLCC is in good financial shape, membership is holding steady, and Lake Superior events are well attended.



It was quite a celebratory happening! Rear Commodore (Ret.) Duane and Mar Flynn received the Golden Wrench Award, created by Members Ron and Bonnie Dahl to honor outstanding seamanship in the face of a challenging situation. Last year's recipient, Rolf Brown, presented the award with a flair for suspense. Duane and Mar can



Larry Carpenter accepting the Founders Award from Rear Commodore Jim Passe.

keep it on their mantle all year as they look for worthy candidates in 2021!

Member and Folksinger Larry Carpenter accepted the GLCC Founders Award for extraordinary artistic skill in describing his cruising. Larry then performed his special song: *Bayfield 'Cross the Lake*, transporting the audience across Lake Superior in words and music. More about Larry's work and travels at <http://allegro.mncarpenters.net>.

After dinner, Heather and David Gerth, directors of the Rock of Ages Lighthouse Preservation Society (ROALPS) gave a captivating presentation on the restoration

of the lighthouse. It was especially meaningful as ROALPS is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the GLCC Foundation. Rear Commodore Jim Passe presented Heather and David with a plaque to mark the collaboration between GLCC and ROALPS. The enjoyable event ended with Director Bill Rodhe's (past MC) signature closing: "*There are good ships, and there are wood ships, The ships that sail the sea, But the best ships are the friendships, And may they always be.*" 🚩



YEEHAW, Y'ALL!

Listen up, pilgrim....we're burning daylight

The WILD, WILD WEST is coming to Leamington, Ontario at this year's GLCC Lake Erie Rally! Join us for a rootin' tootin', gun slinging, saloon dancing, wild roping adventure you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars now for June 19–21, 2020 and register online on the GLCC website events page under 2020 Lake Erie Rally. Cost is \$133.50 USD per person.

For those early birds arriving Thursday, we will kick off the weekend with oven fired pizza and extras, along with members sharing their favorite appetizers and/or desserts.

The Wild, Wild West in Leamington officially begins on Friday with marina crews and western wranglers standing by to handle your lines and help with docking. Barry's Car Barn will help us settle in for a delicious buffet of chicken, fish, and all the fixin's in the pavilion at 1800. A special appearance by Lusty Laura will delight the crowd as she teaches her dance moves to willing cowpokes!

Saturday morning starts with honoring our countries and blessing our vessels before the Lions Club serves up a mouth watering breakfast of "hot-cakes" and sausage! Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon of cowboy skills, and an evening of food, frills, and frolic western style! Wear your western hats and boots, or dress up as your favorite cowboy/cowgirl/saloon dancer! Maybe Doc Holiday or John Wayne will make an appearance? What about Geronimo? Have fun and be creative!

Saturday evening Armando's brings us mesquite beef brisket, wild west pasta salad, cowboy bannock, campfire chili, and other side dishes with cowboy coffee cake for dessert. You can even belly up to the cash bar for a Sarsaparilla or Wild, Wild West Cocktail.

Sunday we will depart onto the horizon toward home after a continental breakfast and fond farewells.

This will be yet another wild weekend to remember!

SEE YA THERE, PARDNER!

Ten Important Safety Items to Check During Your Spring Fitting Out

by Lifeline Editor Philip May



☐ 1. Digital Selective Calling is up and operational

If you have not had the opportunity to connect your GPS with your VHF, now is the perfect time to do it. BoatUS website has all the information you need to connect and to test your DSC. Remember, you do not want to be in an emergency situation without DSC. For more information on DSC go to: <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/>.

☐ 2. Install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a deadly silent killer that strikes with no warning. Sources can be anything from engine exhaust, generator exhaust, or even smoke from a small cabin heater.

- CO symptoms are similar to seasickness or alcohol intoxication.
- CO can affect you whether you are underway, moored, or anchored.
- You cannot see, smell, or taste CO.
- CO can make you sick in seconds. In high enough concentrations, even a few breaths can be fatal.

Make sure you install a CO alarm. Many marine insurance companies are now requiring CO alarms on all boats they insure. Installation is fairly easy, and there are several marine-grade models available from most boat chandlers. *Fireboy Xintex* makes several highly rated models.

☐ 3. Test installed Smoke Alarms, or install if your boat is not equipped

While smoke alarms are installed throughout our homes, it's always a surprise that many boats do not have smoke alarms installed. If you do not have any on your boat, install at least one now. If you do have them, test them and install fresh batteries if needed.

☐ 4. Have Fire Extinguishers checked and inspected

Assuming your boat is equipped with the proper number and types of marine-grade-approved fire extinguishers, spring fitting out is an ideal time to have them inspected and tested.

☐ 5. Inspect your Flares

Flares go bad! They get old and need to be replaced with new ones. This is as simple as looking at the expiration date on the flares. If they have expired, new ones need to be purchased. Also check to make sure you have the proper number and types of flares for your size and type of boat.

Regulations specify the minimum that you must have on board, but you may carry more if you wish. Flares need to be readily accessible and stored in a waterproof container.

☐ 6. Inspect all Thru Hull Fittings

What does that mean to inspect all thru hull fittings? The first thing to look at is the condition of the hull around the fitting. Make sure it is solid, and the fitting is tightly bedded into the hull.

Make sure all valves are operational. Close them and then reopen them. They should close and open with some degree of resistance, but not require the use of a wrench or pliers to operate.

Lastly, and perhaps most important, is to have the correct size conical plug attached with a piece of line and tied to the through hull. The plug should be the proper size to jam into the opening to stop the egress of water should the through hull fail for one reason or another. Be sure to attach the plug in such a way so as to not obstruct the workings of a valve.

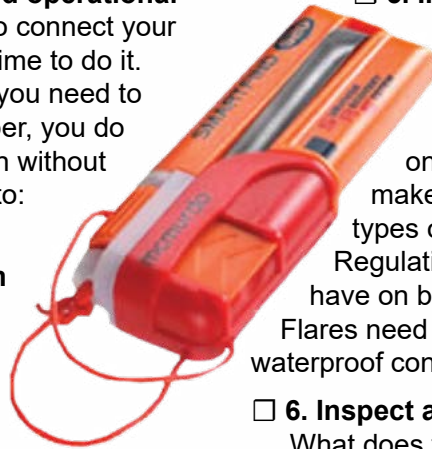
☐ 7. Inspect all Hoses for wear and deterioration

This seems like fairly simple operation, but you would be surprised how few of us actually do it. Think about it, you manoeuvring your boat into a tight spot, there is a current running, and the main cooling water hose to the engine blows apart. Not a situation any of us want to find ourselves in, but it could happen. While an inspection of the hoses is no guarantee, doing it could prevent an ugly and dangerous situation.

☐ 8. Check all PFDs

a. Non-Inflatable PFDs

Life jackets are essential to safe boating and cruis-



ing. Inspect and count them to ensure you will always have one for each and every person you might have on your boat. All life jackets should be inspected for wear, and tested for buoyancy. Waterlogged, faded or leaky jackets should be discarded and replaced.

b. Inflatable PFDs

Perform a thorough visual inspection

Check to make sure there are no rips, tears excessive abrasion or holes, all seams are securely sewn. Check that the cover, straps and hardware are still strong; and that the PFD is not twisted. Check all zippers, closures and waist buckle to make sure they are secure. Visually check that the inflator status is green. Some PFDs have more than one status indicator. Refer to the product manual if you are not sure. Make sure the inflator pull-tab is hanging on the outside.

Oral Inflation Valve Test

Fully inflate the PFD using the oral inflator, hold the valve under water. If bubbles appear, deflate and re-inflate it. If the valve leaks again, replace the PFD.

Leak Test

To test for air leakage, orally inflate the PFD until firm, and then let it lay inflated for 16 hours. A PFD with a leak will not hold its firmness and should be replaced.

Bobbin Inspection and replacement

Your inflatable PFDs may use a bobbin activation system. This is a yellow 'pill' with white powder inside. When the white powder dissolves, it activates a pin that punctures the CO² cylinder and inflates the PFD. Inspect the pill to make sure it is still intact. If the pill looks compromised in any way, replace it.

☐ **9. MOB Gear**

Inspect all MOB gear for wear and deterioration. Replace or repair as needed. If your boat has a MOM unit, check the date for recertification requirements.

☐ **10. Life Raft**

Rafts should be certified at intervals prescribed by the manufacturer. It may be beneficial to know what types of emergency gear is packed in the raft. Knowing that, you may want to augment the basic raft emergency gear with an Abandon Ship Bag. Items that you may want that are not included in basic raft survival gear include a small EPIRB, extra flares, a couple days' supply of prescription medicine, a handheld VHF radio, energy bars, and whatever else you think you might need.

Conclusion

Now is the time to check your boats for safety, both for safety systems, equipment, and personal items such as PFDs. Experiencing an actual emergency is not the time to learn that a safety item you relied on no longer reliable.

We have attempted to put together a fairly comprehensive list of items that should be inspected or installed. This article is by no means the final statement only you should inspect. Consult sources such as the US Coast Guard at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/> among others. Do not wait until it is too late. 🚩





Boating Education Through the Great Lakes Cruising Club School

By Dan Cline, GLCCSchool Coordinator

The Great Lakes Cruising Club School is in the midst of a robust tenth year of providing boating education for Great Lakes boaters. If you haven't tried one of our webinars, this is the year to do it!

Webinars

We are presenting in excess of 40 webinars this year. Among the highlights, past, present, and upcoming, are:

- *Introduction to Cruising the Great Lakes*
- *Navigating Locks*
- *Happy Hooking, the Art of Anchoring*
- *Introduction to Marine Radar*
- *Cruising Lake Huron*
- *Cruising the Trent Severn Waterway*
- *Cruising Lake Erie*
- *Favorite North Channel Anchorages*
- Five-Webinar Series on *Cruising Lake Superior*, including the Apostle Island and Isle Royale
- *Cruising Georgian Bay and the 30,000 Islands*
- *Cruising North Georgian Bay*
- *Cooking and Cruising on the Great Lakes*
- Four-Webinar Series on *Great Lakes Weather*
- Three-Webinar Series on *Diesel Engine Maintenance*, plus an introductory webinar on Diesel engines
- *Fiberglass Repair Techniques*
- *Great Lakes Cruising in a Trailer Boat*
- *Channel Ports*
- *Cruising Lake Ontario's Bay of Quinte, and Thousand Islands*
- *Amazing North Channel Geology*
- *Making the Leap to Distance and Overnight Passage-making*
- And many more!

How to Take a Webinar

Taking one of our webinars is easy! The first step is to go to our web site, www.glccschool.com, and click on "Free Enrollment." Then fill out the required information. This will then entitle you to register for webinars, and will also put you on our email list. We send out weekly emails notifying our registrants of upcoming webinars.

Next, click on "Open Classes" to see what webinars are open for registration. If you see one you like, click on it for further information about the class, and click "Add to Cart" to purchase the webinar. Have your credit

card handy for the checkout process. Note that as club members, you are entitled to a discount off the regular price of the webinar. You can obtain the discount code from the Club web site at www.glccclub.com/accessing-glccschool and clicking on the highlighted link, "Click here for the GLCC member Discount Code."

Upon completing checkout, you will immediately be sent an email that contains a link to the webinar and instructions on how to make sure your computer is properly set up to view the webinar.

What If You Missed the Live Webinar?

If you missed a webinar you wanted to see, or if you registered for a webinar but weren't able to see it when it was presented live, no worries! Every webinar we produce is recorded for future viewing. If you paid for a webinar, whether you attended or not, you will receive an email with a link to a recording of that webinar, so you can watch it at your leisure. The only difference between a recorded webinar and a live webinar is that you won't be able to ask questions during the recording. You will, however, be given the instructor's email address, so you can always ask the instructor questions by email.

You can also purchase recordings of past webinars. Just click on "Recordings" on our web site to see what is available.


Give GLCCSchool a Try – For FREE!

If you want to try one of our webinars with no risk, we have good news: we offer these two webinar recordings absolutely free:

- *Getting the most out of the GLCC Web Site* – a must for all GLCC members
- *Electroshock Drowning* – a marina hazard that all boaters should know about

Simply enroll on our web site as described above, and you will find these among the Recordings.

See You In Class!

We hope you give our webinars a try. After ten years, we have put together an excellent program and we are sure you will find something that interests you. Many of our students return again and again thanks to our excellent instructors. We're sure you will find at least one topic of interest, and hope to see you in class! 

2020 Rendezvous

Annual Rendezvous to the North Channel

By Roland Aubé; Photo of Little Current marina courtesy of Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

I am trying to feel warm by thinking of the July weather that we will experience during the upcoming Annual GLCC Rendezvous being held in Little Current, Ont. (NC-17).

Little Current has been, and continues to be, a favourite destination by cruisers since 1934.

The Rendezvous commences July 11, 2020, and the departure date is July 15, 2020.

The main events start on Saturday, July 11th and include the Board of Directors' meeting at the Anchor Inn, and BBQ pot-luck dinner, with everyone bringing hors d'oeuvres and your own beverages. On Sunday, July 12th there will be a Commodore's Reception on the dock, and the Port-Captain's meeting. The Commodore's dinner will be held on Tuesday, July 14th.

Your Committee is organizing a number of events including a seminar on the history of Manitoulin Island, the world's largest fresh-water island. The island's history will be explored through a series of theatrical vignettes.

The usual events will follow, including the Annual Bilge Auction to raise some money for the Great Lakes Foundation, the volleyball competition, and many other opportunities for club members to mingle, renew old friendships and create new ones.

Early arrival will be on July 10th, with registration occurring between 1200 to 1500.

If you are arriving by car, note that there are limited hotel accommodations in the immediate vicinity of the Rendezvous, and we suggest the following:

Hawberry Motel	705-368-3388	www.hawberrymotel.ca
The Shaftesbury	705-368-1945	www.rockgardenresort.on.ca
Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre	705-368-9966	www.manitoulinhotel.com
Woods & Waves Bed and Breakfast	705-368-3337	www.woodsandwaves.com
Sunrise Motel and Cottages	705-368-2186	www.sunsetmotelcottages.com



2020 Boat Shows...Fun and Productive!

By Lifeline Editor Philip May

Every winter the GLCC makes an investment in member recruiting in three boat shows that are in locations on, or very near one of the Great Lakes. Namely: Cleveland, Chicago, and Toronto. The GLCC rents a booth and sets it up with GLCC signage, hand-outs, and most importantly, GLCC members. The volunteers who work the booths all report having a very enjoyable and productive time while working the booth...not to mention the fact that you get into the show for free.

The shows benefit the GLCC in several ways.

First and foremost, they produce new members on the spot. This year, as a result of the shows, the GLCC was able to add 35 new members. What we are unable to quantify is the number of boat show visitors who learn about the GLCC at the show, and join at a later date. The show is also an opportunity to get to know and work with other GLCC members in your region. I highly recommend that members in the regions involved volunteer to work at the boat show booth next year. 🚤

Volunteer Photos L to R: Chicago Boat Show by Rear Commodore (Ret.) Len Nowak; Vice Commodore Dan and Port Captain Linda Cline, Fleet Captain Cheryl Cheger-Timm and Lou Bruska, Cleveland Boat Show by Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman; Dave Guertal, Lori Guertal, Port Captain Mark Gagyi, Mark Gagyi (again!), Greg Neal, Susan Arnold, Toronto Boat Show by Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce & Director Dave Spencer; Port Captain Paul Strub and Alexa Liddel, Alex Letchford





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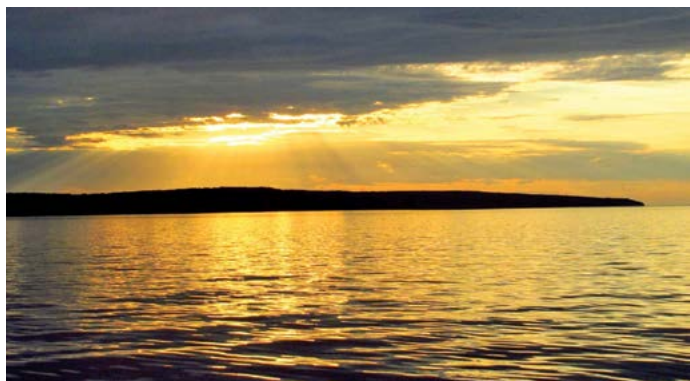


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Founders Award (Installment I of II)
by Larry Carpenter





This is a tale of the trip my wife, Judy Taylor, and I make most summers aboard *Allegro*, our Mason 33. Our home port is Port Superior, just south of Bayfield, Wis. As we prepare and provision for our trip, we keep an eye on the forecast and look for a patch of settled weather for the crossing.

Nice weather window, so mid-afternoon, we headed out into the Apostle Islands. North of Oak Island looked good, so we dropped the hook, had a gin and tonic and dinner, set the alarm and climbed into the bunk.

When the alarm went off at o dark thirty, we hauled the anchor and worked our way through the dark black islands out onto the open lake. By dawn, we reached the shipping lanes and spotted a big freighter headed up, and right in our way. We nudged the helm so we could pass behind her.

Around noon, the wind picked up from off our quarter, so we trimmed the sails to keep us heading north. We set a course toward Susie Island, and sat back to watch the GPS count down.

Our settled weather was beginning to deteriorate as we watched a system move its way up the shore ahead of us. We got to Susie Island just before the thunder and set the anchor in the blinding rain. We hunkered down and felt the storm tear at us. In a couple hours, the storm had moved farther up the shore and we had a pleasant rest of the night.

In the morning, we had coffee in the cockpit as we watched two bears swim from shore to shore. We hauled the anchor, said goodbye to Susie and headed

up the coast. The haunting shapes near Thunder Bay soon came into view: Pie Island, Thompson Island and the Sleeping Giant. We bypassed them and continued to our next anchorage.

The North Shore takes on a much different look when you cross from Minnesota into Canada. Haunting shapes carved by glaciers past.

One of the most prominent formations is the Sleeping Giant, seen over Judy's shoulder. We dropped anchor next in Tee Harbor at the foot of the Sleeping Giant. One of the last sandy bottoms on our trip.

We took the dinghy ashore for a hike and climbed to the top for spectacular views. We crossed over and had a view across Thunder Bay to the city of the same name. Back on the boat that evening, we saw the Porphyry Light blinking to the east, one of the still functioning lighthouses along the shore. Then, as the sun set in the west, we watched a full moon rising to the east.

In the morning, we rounded the Porphyry Light and turned north. We left Number 10 lighthouse to starboard and continued on to the beautiful Loon Harbor. We took a dinghy ride past rusting relics of the logging days through a narrow channel to a wilderness sauna tucked out of sight for a refreshing warm bath. Later, a cormorant perched on our dinghy and kept returning, even though we repeatedly shooed him away. We rose early the next morning to a spectacular sunrise.

From Loon, we went past Otter Cove. It is a very

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Thornbury, Ont. (GB-16), 2020 Georgian Bay Rally location. Photo by Port Captain Alan Chesworth

2020 Georgian Bay Rally to Be Held in Thornbury, Ontario

By Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum

GLCC Members are invited to this year's Georgian Bay Rally that will be held in Thornbury, Ont. (GB-16) the weekend of June 19–21.

The community of Thornbury is on the southwestern shore of Nottawasaga Bay nestled around a clean sheltered harbour that offers a great location for GLCC members to welcome the summer of 2020. Plans are underway for an enjoyable event, starting with an informal get together for early arrivals Friday evening. We are planning some interesting activities for Saturday, but there will be plenty of time to explore the town and enjoy the sights and do some shopping. The day will be capped off with another social gathering on Saturday before everyone heads home Sunday.

There will be more information forthcoming, including instructions for reserving your slip at the Marina, 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: ericsunstrum@gmail.com or phone 613-793-4982 with any questions or if you wish to help out with our organizing committee. 🚩



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sheltered anchorage boasting a great hike up past Otter Falls to the lake above that feeds the falls. We promised to stop there next time passing.

We continued on to Woodbine Harbor – another spectacular wilderness anchorage. It is marked by a prominent dome, which we spotted as the sun was low. We wound our way into the inner harbor and set our anchor. There is not a lot of swing room where we anchor, so it's nice to have lots of chain. In the morning, we watched a moose feeding on the bottom, and a couple of otters swam past the boat and climbed out on the shore near us before sliding back into the water.

The Canadian North Shore is a beautiful setting, boreal forest surrounded by black spruce and some tamarack, jack pine and birch. We hiked up to Kenny Lake with a couple of canoe paddles and used the old canoe parked there to paddle around the lake. We picked some raspberries. Rumor has it that Kenny is a good fishing lake.



This is the first of two installments. Be sure to read the next issue of *Lifeline* to follow Larry and Judy'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.*



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Six Ways Boat Fires Happen

Courtesy of BoatUS

Fire ranks number five among all boat losses according to the *BoatUS* Marine Insurance Program claims files. Dig a little deeper, and those claims files also tell you the six specific areas that lead to most reported boat fires. If every boater paid attention to these six things, over a third of all fires aboard boats would be prevented. So what are the top six ways boat fires happen, and some lessons to take home?

26% of fires are due to Off-the-boat sources: Over a quarter of the time, a *BoatUS* member's boat burns when something else goes up in flames – the boat next to theirs, the marina, their garage, or even a neighbor's house. It's every boater's responsibility to prevent fires.

20% of fires are due to Engine Electrical: For boats older than 25 years, old wiring harnesses take a disproportionate chunk of the blame here. A good electrical technician can put one together for you as most boats of this age had relatively simple electrical systems.

15% of fires are due to Other DC Electrical: The most common cause of battery-related fires is faulty installation of batteries—reversing the positive and negative cables or misconnecting them in series (when they should be in parallel). So take a picture. Label the cables. Use red fingernail polish to mark the positive lug. Do everything to hook it up right the first time.

12% of fires are due to AC Electrical: Most AC electri-

cal fires start between the shore-power pedestal and the boat's shore-power inlet. Inspecting the shore-power cord routinely (connector ends especially) and for boats older than 10 years, inspecting or replacing the boat's shore-power inlet, could prove wise.

9% of fires are due to Other Engine: This one is all about when an engine overheats due to blocked raw water intake or mangled impeller, the latter of which can also happen after experiencing a grounding or running in mucky waters. Be sure to check the engine compartment after getting underway and replace impeller every other year.

8% of fires are due to Batteries: This fire fact is for the outboard folks to pay attention to. On older outboards, by far the most common cause of fires is the voltage regulator. At 10 years of age, failure rates on these important electrical components begin to climb. Once it hits 15 years old, it's time to replace. 🚩

Do you know...the Phonetic Alphabet?

The phonetic alphabet is a list of words used to identify letters in a message transmitted by radio. Spoken words from an approved list are substituted for letters

First Introduced in 1913, the phonetic alphabet has been modified over the years. For example, the letter "A" has been phonetically pronounced Able, Affirmative, and now Alpha. Both the meanings of the flags (the letter which they represent) and their names (which make up the phonetic alphabet) were originally selected by international agreement.

The current phonetic alphabet, adopted in 1957 is listed below:
(Source: The Naval Historical Center)

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FM
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A - Alpha
B - Bravo
C - Charlie
D - Delta
E - Echo
F - Foxtrot
G - Golf

H - Hotel
I - India
J - Juliet
K - Kilo
L - Lima
M - Mike
N - November

O - Oscar
P - Papa
Q - Quebec
R - Romeo
S - Sierra
T - Tango
U - Uniform

V - Victor
W - Whiskey
X - X-ray
Y - Yankee
Z - Zulu

QY
G
A
ES



Eagle Island, Ont. (NC-25) looking northeast over the anchorage. Mt. McBean is in the distance. Photo by Ron Michalak

2020 Wilderness Rally to Be Held at Eagle Island, Ont. (NC-25) July 23–27

By Joann Mead

This year, Eagle Island, Ont. (NC-25) has been chosen as the site of the 2020 Wilderness Rally. Many of you probably have been there and know what a great anchorage it is. For those who have not, you will be pleasantly surprised to find out that it is large with good depth and holding, plenty of exploring areas, blueberry picking and great for taking pets ashore. It is also in the heart of the North Channel, about 15 miles from Gore Bay and 22 miles from Little Current, Ont. (NC-17). If you have never been to a Wilderness Rally, you should plan on attending this one. Wilderness Rallies are anchor out events, so this is a good chance to get away from the dock, chill out and experience what the North Channel is all about.

Your committee, Mellissa Spillenkothén and Joann Mead as co-chairs, Past Commodore Chuck Mead, Alison Brown, and Rod Munro, are working hard to have a great rally. We will have some of the tried-and-true activities as well as some new ones. As we write this, we are still in the planning

Some of the standard activities we have in mind are:


- Book/DVD Exchange
- On-shore dinners (hot dog roast, pot luck)
- Roving Cocktail hour
- Fun dinghy race
- Dinghy ride and picnic
- Dinghy Poker Run
- Blueberry picking
- Presentation (hopefully someone from the First Nation)
- Craft hour

stages, so stay tuned and watch the GLCC website for updates. Your committee can use help during the event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Melissa (missysails@aol.com) or Joann (c.jmead@fuse.net).

As you may be aware, last year was a near-record-breaking year for high water and preliminary indications are that water will remain high again this year. Your committee is keeping that in mind as we plan the activities. However, we hope that the site we have chosen will accommodate us even with high water. As with most Wilderness Rallies, dinghy landing space is always

a challenge, so be prepared to “dinghy pool” to onshore events. Of course, weather can change our plans in a moment, so flexibility is always prudent. Don't forget to

bring camp chairs and a folding table if you have one.

Registration is available through the GLCC website or mail-in flyer, and the cost for the event will be \$35 USD per boat which includes a burgee. We look forward to seeing you at the Wilderness. 



Eagle Island, Ont. (NC-25) looking east-northeast at the anchorage. Figgys Islet is on the left in the photo. Photo by Ron Michalak

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Isle Royale View of Hill Islands. Photo by NPS / Paul Brown

What? **Lake Superior Summer Rally 2020**

When? **August 11–14**

Where? **Washington Harbor (S-163), Isle Royale National Park** (L 47° 55' 8" N, λ 089° 10' 55" W)
GLCC Harbor Report link: <https://www.glccclub.com/s163-washington-harbor>

Save the Date!

It is the first time the Lake Superior rally will be held at the Isle Royale National Park! This is exciting news. **Washington Harbor is at the SW end of Isle Royale.** It consists of a beautiful fjord five miles long, surrounded by steep wooded hills, and ending in a creek and natural harbor basin, guarded by Beaver Island. The Windigo Dock area will be the site of the GLCC activities. Amenities include a modern visitor center and ranger station, gasoline and diesel, concession store, flush toilets, pay showers, washer-dryers, and picnic shelter. Campsites and rustic cabins can be reserved through the National Park: <https://www.rockharborlodge.com/index.php/windigo-camper-cabins>.

Windigo is the start of a nature hike trail and other long trails that cross the entire island. It is a best spot to observe eagles in the sky and moose in the water!

Preparation is underway. It will be a great event for Lake Superior members, and we invite all GLCCers from other lakes to join in. Due to the wilderness nature of Isle Royale, attendees are expected to bring their own flatware, cups, glasses, plates, deck chairs, BYOB, musical instruments, and good energy. All lunches will be on your own and breakfast and dinners will be pot-luck with some simple grilling. Details are being worked out for activities such as: tour of Rock of Ages Lighthouse; visit to Barnum Island; guided nature hikes; a public service project; and seminars by GLCC members and park rangers.

Past GLCC Commodore Niels Jensen (nielsrjensen@gmail.com) and Lake Superior Rear Commodore Jim Passe (jrpasse@earthlink.net) are leading the committee. More details will be coming soon. In the meantime, save the date, and start planning your itinerary and preparing your boat and crew for this adventure!

To help you get ready, the *GLCCSchool* has scheduled many offerings about Lake Superior this winter and spring: <https://www.glccschool.com/content/pk00901-e-special-lake-superior-package>

Check out this webinar in particular! **CG00106-e: Wilderness Cruising Lake Superior's Isle Royale:** On February 19th, explore the wonders of Isle Royale, which represents the ultimate in wilderness cruising. Join Niels Jensen as he explores its beautiful anchorages, hiking, fishing, and wildlife. 🚩



2020 Harbor Reports Spring Updates Now Available

By Log Book Editor
Julie Thorndycraft

We are now releasing the 2020 edition of the Spring Harbor Reports Updates. The format this year will be a little different from prior years in that you will have the option of ordering the entire report or subsets. The entire collection consists of 75 Harbor Reports. The grouping of the subsets is as follows:

- St. Lawrence Seaway and Lake Ontario
- Lake Huron, North Channel and Georgian Bay
- Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Erie

The reports will be printed as before on a glossy four-color version of our online Harbor Reports. The reports included have had significant changes to the web-based reports. As usual, the ordering information and pricing is available online at www.glccclub.com, or by calling the GLCC office. The entire collection will be \$75 USD and each subset will be \$25 USD, plus shipping and handling.

Annual Financial Report of the Great Lakes Cruising Club

The Independent Auditors of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, Frohm, Kelley, Butler & Ryan, P.C., of Port Huron, Mich., audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Club as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, as well as the related statements of unrestricted revenue and expenses and changes in unrestricted net assets for the years then ended. In their opinion these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Great Lakes Cruising Club as of September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2018, and for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are published below.

BALANCE SHEETS

September 30, 2019 and 2018

	ASSETS	2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in bank		\$ 113,906	\$ 101,876
Certificate of deposit		100,794	100,000
Prepaid expenses		8,924	8,948
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		223,624	210,824
EQUIPMENT		19,169	17,962
Less allowance for depreciation		4,679	4,679
		14,490	13,283
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments		461,504	456,625
Security deposits		1,300	1,017
		462,804	457,642
		<u>\$ 700,918</u>	<u>\$ 681,749</u>

LIABILITIES AND UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued wages and payroll withholdings payable	\$ 3,649	\$ 3,594
Accrued payroll taxes	366	351
Deferred revenue - annual meeting	5,475	6,942
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,490	10,887
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	691,428	670,862
	<u>\$ 700,918</u>	<u>\$ 681,749</u>

STATEMENTS OF UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

UNRESTRICTED REVENUE		
Dues	\$ 165,210	\$ 155,835
Initiation fees and log books	15,780	15,075
Log book updates and shipping	3,890	3,505
Lifeline subscription fees	8,550	9,225
Lifeline advertising	3,725	3,705
Directory fees	5,310	5,190
Merchandise sales	6,376	3,531
Meeting, program and Rendezvous fees	99,126	124,154
Unrealized gain on investments	(15,903)	14,210
Investment income	20,860	15,298
Miscellaneous income	6,000	6,000
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE	318,924	355,728
EXPENSES		
Program services	254,827	267,994
Management and general	43,531	42,054
TOTAL EXPENSES	298,358	310,048
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	20,566	45,680
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	670,862	625,182
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 691,428</u>	<u>\$ 670,862</u>

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	2019			2018
	Program Services	Management and General	Total	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 38,456	\$ 18,941	\$ 57,397	\$ 55,212
Payroll taxes	3,055	1,504	4,559	4,391
	41,511	20,445	61,956	59,603
Production and distribution of publications:				
Log book and updates	14,390		14,390	15,326
Lifeline	20,245		20,245	20,362
Membership directory	8,085		8,085	7,840
Meetings, programs and Rendezvous	78,916		78,916	105,916
Boat show	1,729		1,729	2,704
Membership maintenance	17,353		17,353	19,378
Port captain operations	1,528		1,528	441
Publicity and public relations	1,201		1,201	1,238
Other operating expenses	69,869	23,086	92,955	77,240
	<u>\$ 254,827</u>	<u>\$ 43,531</u>	<u>\$ 298,358</u>	<u>\$ 310,048</u>



August Lake Erie Rally

This is a “New” GLCC Rally and will be hosted at the beautiful

Geneva State Park Marina, Ohio (E-6.5)

August 14–16, 2020

There is so much to see and do we cannot list it all here. Go to the website
<https://www.genevamarina.com>

The itinerary for this weekend is developed for you to see the Marina, Park, and Town with all the shops, restaurants, and attractions. Everything in town is within walking distance. It's a short scenic walk from the marina to town. (Transportation is available to town if required.)

Friday and Saturday evening meals and Saturday breakfast included in the event.

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Registration Deadline August 5, 2020



Eight Bells

Evelyn T. Johnson

Long time (1987–2019) GLCC Member Evelyn T. Johnson passed away on Nov 15, 2019 after an unsuccessful heart surgery. Evelyn was the wife of Eric Johnson, who was Port Captain for Ephraim, Wis. (M-78) from 1999 until he became the Deputy Port Captain there in 2009 and held that position until he retired as Port Captain in June of 2018.

Fred Biemann

GLCC Honorary Member and Port Captain (Ret.) Fred Biemann passed away earlier this year. Fred and his wife Elfriede were members since 1978. Fred was appointed as Port Captain for Parry Sound, Ont. (GB-31) in 1993. He became an Honorary Member of the GLCC in 2012.

Robert C. Schiesswohl

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of (1964) GLCC member Robert C. Schiesswohl. His son John said that his Dad had shared his love of the GLCC with all of his sons. That he had lived a long, good, and happy life with much of the time on the Great Lakes. He especially loved cruising with his family on the waters of Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and The North Channel. But Lake Erie was always his home port. 🚩



Port Captain's Logbook




Port Captain Mark Clymer

Les Cheneaux Islands,
Mich. (H-81)

I have been a year-round resident of Clark Twp. the unit of government covering the Les Cheneaux Islands, and the communities of Cedarville & Hessel, Mich. since 1974. My wife and I now live in a log cabin on McKay Bay, where *Kimow II* is moored. Spending summers on Marquette Island meant learning a respect for both water and piloting boats at an early age. I have been a member of the Les Cheneaux Yacht Club since 1986.


Volunteer positions have included: the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show - Docking Committee Chair, Cochair & Judge; the Les Cheneaux Islands Association - President, Director; and the Lake Huron Fisheries Advisory Committee (IJC/MDNR) - Committee Member.

I'm also currently a member of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance, the Sault Region Area Maritime Security Committee, and the Three Shores Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). 



Port Captains Rick & Debbie McQuin

Hamilton Harbour, Ont.
(O-48)

Fairly new-to-GLCC members Rick and Debbie McQuin started sailing about 35 years ago with a short hiatus while their two boys were young. They joined Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC) 22 years ago when their sons started to race competitively. Deb and Rick started the cruising program at RHYC about 15 years ago and continue to represent the Club as Cruise People who organize the reciprocal cruises with Clubs around Western Lake Ontario. Rick is the cruising representative on the Sailing Committee at RHYC. They look forward to welcoming you to Hamilton, Ont. 




Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall

Cooley Creek, Ohio
(E-20.5)

I am a solo sailor. The first few years were intimidating. But with time and practice, I improved and became more self-assured. Now that I'm retired, I'm expanding my horizons.

Alan and Eileen Clark, longtime sailing friends, encourage me to join the GLCC, meeting members who are happy to share their knowledge, experience and friendship.


As I continue to learn and gain knowledge about cruising, I also look forward to sharing my knowledge of Lake Erie and as Port Captain of Cooley Creek (E-20.5).

Thank you for my appointment to Port Captain. I'm truly honored to serve and look forward to making new friends and sharing my adventures with others. 




Port Captain Christine Moore Skrocki

Caseville, Mich.
(H-59)

Christine is a second-generation GLCC member. She has been boating her entire life. Her parents, Norman and Gloria Moore, would say "she was born on a boat". They became members of GLCC around 1978 when Chris was a young girl, and has participated in GLCC functions ever since. Her first rendezvous was at Cedar Point 1981. She became a member of GLCC in her own right, in 2001. She and her husband have a 29-foot power boat which they enjoy cruising around the Saginaw Bay area. She is on the Board of the GLCC. She heads the Trailer Boater Committee with an agenda that includes incorporating information into harbor reports, and creating and hosting Rallies to help recruit new boaters. 

Long-Time Port Captain Retires

W.J. Bing Stroh Port Captain Les Cheneaux, Mich. (H-81), retires after 23 years of service as a Port Captain. He has been a good standing GLCC member for over 51 years. If you see his boat *Strohaus*, congratulate him on his long run as a member and Port Captain. 



Monroe Harbor in Chicago, Ill. (M-37) is one of the larger harbors that is in need of a Port Captain. Photo by Marge Beaver

The Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) has only one full-time paid employee, and one part-time graphic designer that helps put this magazine together. Everything else is accomplished through volunteerism. We rely on it, and it brings us together as a community. Volunteering is a way to feel good about yourself. The best part is that you get to share that positivity with those you're volunteering with. A very good way to initially volunteer with the GLCC is to become a Port Captain.

Have you considered becoming a Port Captain? Harbor reports are the lifeblood of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. Port Captains, as the point person for their harbor, are responsible for maintaining and updating their harbor reports, and being the contact if a member needs to confirm something about a port, or needs more information. It is important that Port Captains check their harbor reports frequently to make sure that they are accurate and up to date. GLCC leadership recommends checking the reports at least quarterly, and even more frequently if the port is a busy one. But keep in mind that these updates are most often quick and easy to do!


How do you become a Port Captain? Contact the Rear Commodore for your region (see GLCC website for the list of Rear Commodores) and let your RC know that you are interested. Your RC will direct you to the application form, which you will complete and email to your Rear Commodore. Your application will be reviewed by the Port Captain Coordinator and distributed to the GLCC Board for approval. If you meet the requirements below, you will very likely be approved:

Once you are approved, you will receive a special burgee that indicates you are a Port Captain, as well as an insignia for your dress blazer to wear at GLCC events.

The initial term for a Port Captain is one year, but it may be extended until the Port Captain retires or resigns. Port Captains who retire under honorable circumstances—after five years or more of service—may continue to fly their Port Captain burgee, so long as they are willing and able to competently represent the Club informally.

The most important responsibility of the Port Captain is maintaining the accuracy and current information in their harbor reports. It is recommended that Port Captains review their harbor reports at least annually for any needed updates, and to incorporate their own observations as well appropriate comments from other members (which may be submitted verbally to the Port Captain or added as a comment on the harbor report) on an ongoing basis.

Members may become a Port Captain at any time after they become a member. Couples who become Port Captains may do so as Co-Port Captains, sharing the responsibility for maintaining the harbor reports. Another option is to become a Deputy Port Captain to assist the Port Captain in their area. This may be a good option for those not quite sure about what is expected of them, or if their desired harbor already has a Port Captain.

For more information, please feel free to read the Port Captain Handbook (https://www.glccclub.com/files/PortCaptainManual%20rev.3.29.16_1.pdf) or contact your Rear Commodore or Pam Jackson, Port Captain Coordinator, at pam@dougandpam.com. If you are interested in completing a Port Captain Candidate Profile you can find it here (<https://www.glccclub.com/port-captain-candidate-profile-form>). 



WELCOME ABOARD!

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



Brett & Carey August
Belmont Harbor-Chicago, Ill.
LIBERTE

Jeff Benson
Port Superior & Pikes Bay, Wis.
GAVIA

Jean-Marie Fiala
Honey Harbour, Ont.
SATISFACTION

David & Nancy Gee
Parry Sound, Ont.
IMPULSE II

Tim Hanrahan
Knife River, Minn.
SCARECROW

Michael & Lauren Jacker
Waukegan, Ill.
JOLIBA

John & Patty Lenander
Waukegan, Wis.
MAKARA

Harold & Eleanor Marsh
Grosse Pointe, Mich.
EERIN

Traci Martin & Marv Kuziel
Trailers
ARIEL

Mike Nally
Peter Penfold
Arcadia, Mich.

Steve & Doreen Sharpe
Victoria Harbour, Ont.
CHIPMONK

**Larry Stanton &
Susan Loeb**
Michigan City, Ind.
FLOW

Mark & Gayle Walker
Port Huron, Mich.
MISS CHRIS



New member Tim Hanrahan; SCARECROW.

The GLCC Honors Our Supporting Members

"On behalf of the Great Lakes Cruising Club Bridge and Board of Directors, I take great pleasure in congratulating the following, for their long-term membership in our club and for their steadfast commitment to cruising the Great Lakes."

— Commodore Rich Barzyk

2020 50th Anniversary - Members (since 1971)



Norma J. Heninger
Bettendorf, Iowa



2020 25th Anniversary - Members (since 1996)

Fleet Surgeon (Ret.)
Gail Bowdish & Barry Lyon
Green Cove Springs, Fla.
GAIAMAR

Richard & Patricia Card
North Street, Mich.
LADY SLIPPER II

Jay L. & Patsy Doty
The Sea Ranch, Calif.

Port Captain (Ret.)
Hartford M. Harding Jr.
& Sheryl Harding
Bluffton, S.C.
SCAMPI

Rear Commodore (Ret.)
Walter M. & Brenda Johnson
South Bend, Ind.
EXPORTER

Blaise & Carol Klenow
Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.
PERSNICKETY

Alan & Susan McLaughlin
Royal Oak, Mich.
CONSTELLATION
Port Captain

James A. & Cynthia McInne
Green Valley, Ariz.


Brian & Katherine Minton
Estero, Fla.
SOUND WAVE

James H. & Sheila Parker
Waterloo, Ont.
JAWS

Donald W. & Karen Strang
Boca Grande, Fla.
STRANGER

Port Captain
Alan F. & Nancy Wentworth
Green Bay, Wis.
BELLATRIX

GLCC Member Celebrates His 100th Birthday!

Harry Whiteley, along with his wife Betty and close friends celebrated his 100th birthday. Harry was a member of the GLCC for almost 20 yrs, and served as Port Captain, Rogers City, Mich. (H-73). Maybe there are more benefits to boating than we might of thought! 





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 listing details or to place an ad, please visit www.glccclub.com/forums/ads.



PORT CAPTAINS NEEDED! Looking for a way to contribute to your GLCC? Consider becoming a port captain. The harbor reports for each port in the Great Lakes are the mainstay of the Club, and Port Captains maintain the report for their port. Want to learn more? Contact Pam Jackson, Port Captain Coordinator at pam@dougandpam.com.



2004 Monaco Motor Home 38-foot, 3 slides, Cummins diesel, low mileage, washer/dryer, satellite dome, warranty transferable, tow braking system, tow and hitch available, many extras, stored indoors, professionally maintained, mint condition, original owner. \$75,000 USD jldever@aol.com 260-471-1677



1985 Sabre 32 for Sale Cleveland, Ohio Lightly used, classic layout, upgraded with many extras, auto helm, Sirius. \$34,900 USD. Call Rob Morley, Riverfront Yacht Sales. Phone 216-276-1420 rob@riverfrontyacht.com



2009 Trinka 10-foot Sailing Dinghy Easily rigged. Can accommodate up to a 2.5 HP motor. Comfortable for two adults. Currently indoors in Cheboygan, Mich. \$1900 USD OBO Contact steve@theroakes.com



1983 Cape Dory 31 Cutter Stella Maris Bayfield, Wis., Many upgrades. Contact Ray O'Bryan: ray@obryanandco.com (ref: Cape Dory in subject) 952-920-1411 (leave msg)

Submit and view all member-to-member ads online at:
www.glccclub.com/forums/ads.
Please remember to remove your ad from the website when your item is sold.



Caliber 40LRC for sale One owner, fresh water boat, fully loaded for extended cruising, located Lake Superior. \$195,500 Contact Stan Cory scory68419@aol.com Cell 612-816-3887

ICW & Florida Chartbooks & Waterway Guides (Includes Florida Keys) \$150 for all. I also have 2015 Navionics Platinum + Micro SD electronic charts #645 North Carolina, #642 South Carolina & Northern Florida, and #362 Central & Southern Florida. All for \$250 (These charts can be updated on any computer from Navionics. Call Jeff 719-641-8231

Bahamas Charts & Cruising Guides Will take \$200 for all. Also have Navionics Platinum + Micro SD electronic chart #699 (2015) for SE Florida and all of the Bahamas. Will take \$100 (These charts can be updated on any computer from Navionics) Call Jeff 719-641-8231



2004 Hunter 36-foot fresh water boat. Engine/Fuel Type: Single/diesel. Located In: Holland, Mich., YW#:5024-3254150 Price: \$79,900 USD. Very nice fresh water boat with recent upgrades. Please contact Henry DeJong at 616-335-3144



Enjoy the summer with a 40'X14' well at The Edgewater Inn. 50/30A service. Use of the indoor/outdoor pool, exercise facility, laundry, and all facilities. NW corner of Round Lake, close to downtown Charlevoix. \$4,500 USD for the season. Contact Jeff at jrf@universalprop.com.



Canoe Cove 42-foot 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 Biemann 705-351-1973



Photo credit Honorary Member Ron Dwelle

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: Little Current, Ont. (NC-17) Lighthouse Replica

Venetia Moorhouse of Stittsville, Ont. correctly identified this light. In 1866, a pair of range lights was constructed to guide mariners through the narrow passage. Range lights usually consist of an inner and outer light or a front and rear light, but since Little Current Range served mariners approaching Little Current from different directions, one of the range lights was called the north light and the other the south light. The south light was placed on the shore at Little Current between the docks, while the north light stood on the east point of Spider Island, 450 yards from the south light. This is the replica of the original lighthouse in Little Current, built in 2012. You can see this light when you attend the 2020 Rendezvous! 🚩



Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

April 24-26

April Launch Weekend / Joint Regional Dinner
Frankenmuth, Mich.

Rear Commodore Tony Simion
586-949-7322 asimion3@yahoo.com
Rear Commodore Steve Reinecke
519-245-4001 steve@bam.on.ca

June 6

Western Lake Erie Picnic
Herl's Marina, West Harbor, Ohio (E-16.8)
Port Captain Dennis & Sharon Dutcher
937-602-8391 dutcher.ds@live.com

June 19-21

Lake Erie Rally
Leamington, Ont. (E-34)
Dave & Lori Guertal
330-224-7813 dlguert@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Jim & Janice Ehrman
330-697-8878 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com

June 20-21

Georgian Bay Rally
Thornbury, Ont. (GB-16)
Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
613-793-4982 ericusunstrum@gmail.com
Port Captain Alan Chesworth
519-599-7865 chesworth@sympatico.ca

July 11-15

Rendezvous
Little Current, Ont. (NC-17)
Rear Commodore Roland Aubé
705-677-6159 rha@aubalex.ca

July 23-27

Wilderness Rally
Eagle Island, Ont. (NC-25)
Joann Mead
513-379-4090 c.jmead@fuse.net
Rod Munro & Alison Brown
613-387-2872
r.munro22@gmail.com & amsb@kingston.net
Melissa Spillenkothen
941-907-0684 missysails@aol.com

August TBD: Trailer Boaters' Rally
August 11-14: Lake Superior Rally
August 14-16: August Lake Erie Rally
August 21-23: Border Rally

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