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From the Bridge



Greetings once again from Traverse City, Mich., where it is late April and the daffodils are finally starting to appear. Linda and I spotted some Dutchman's Breeches in bloom on a trail last week, which is a little early, but I'll take it. We love it here, but we sometimes long for those regions south of the 45th parallel where spring lasts more than about three days.

The onset of Spring, of course means boat projects, and we are no exception. Our sailboat, *Wildwood*, a 2001 Island Packet 320, is starting to get a little long in the tooth, and the projects are multiplying. So far, Linda and I have put a new coat of VC-17 on *Wildwood's* bottom, we've waxed her topsides, and I've done a partial rebuild on the head. I've also downloaded updated operating software for our multi-function display, but won't be able to install it until the boat is launched, as it ties into the radar and wind instruments.

We replaced our major electronics and instruments in 2019, and we are still amazed by how much better modern electronics are than those of the 2001 era. Even our autopilot works reliably! Our old one had the nasty habit of shutting down after an hour or so of use, so when we used it, we experienced a strange combination of relief and dread. No more, thank goodness.

In prior columns, I've mentioned the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I'll provide a brief update here. New mutated strains of the virus are appearing worldwide, at least one of which is more highly contagious than the original. This is resulting in another wave of infections. In the United States, the disease has begun to impact younger adults. In the good news department, vaccines are being administered, with about 216 million doses of vaccine administered in the U.S., and over 87 million adults fully vaccinated as of this writing. In Canada, almost 11 million doses have been administered, and almost 1 million adults have been fully vaccinated. The vaccine rollout has unfortunately been much slower in other parts of the world. The U.S. – Canadian border remains closed to recreational visitors.

Club Success Stories

In spite of the winter season and the remaining impact of the pandemic, the GLCC has continued to achieve successes.

Among the notable achievements is the launch in February of a brand-new website. This site brings to our club the latest in website software, and can be used on all platforms: computers, laptops, tablets, and smart phones. This has been a huge project involving numerous volunteers and of course, our staff. In particular, I would like to thank Website/IT Committee Chair Joann Mead for her outstanding work on this project. If you haven't taken a look at the new website yet, be sure to check it out!

Another huge success this year has been *GLCCSchool*. Attendance (and revenue) has **doubled** over last year. I attribute it to the plethora of new and exciting webinars, as well as to the repeat of webinars that have

On the Cover

Big Sable Point Lighthouse, on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan near Ludington in Mason County, Mich. (M-19), at the Ludington State Park. Photo credit ehrif/23rf

been favorites for years. Port Captain Mark Gagy, *GLCC School* Administrator and *GLCC School* Committee Chair, likes to attribute the success to the pandemic keeping people indoors and looking for online outlets, but frankly I disagree and attribute it to the quality of the School's offerings. My hearty congratulations to Mark and his team of dedicated volunteers on a job well done.



GLCC flagship Wildwood at dock. Photo by Commodore Dan Cline

The third success story is the Great Lakes Foundation. The Foundation, under Past Commodore Rich Barzyk's leadership, created a Grants Committee chaired by Sharon Simion. The Grants Committee was formed to review and recommend grants for approval by the Foundation's board. But has also undertaken such projects as developing a comprehensive plan for advancing and enhancing the work of the Foundation, and a grantmaking policy designed to provide the Foundation board with guidance on the financial scope and limitations on its grantmaking. Both were unanimously approved by the Foundation board in April. Most important, the Foundation received six grant requests, of which three were approved in April, for a total of a little over \$34,000 USD in grants made to Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior, Thousand Islands Association, and Nature Conservancy of Canada – Vidal Bay. Rich Barzyk will provide more detail on the activities of the Foundation later in this issue.

The Contest

I've decided to stop hiding the contest in the text, but before I reveal this issue's challenge, I would like to extend my congratulations to Steve DeBoth, who hails from Wisconsin and sails out of Milwaukee. The challenge last time was to find the secret message hidden in my article. It was a tough one, and only five people got it right. The secret message is deciphered by taking the first letter of each paragraph and using them in order to spell out, "WE LOVE THE GREAT LAKES." Steve's prize is a \$10 credit against any purchase at the GLCC's Ship's Store.

The contest this time is geared toward those of you who love numbers (any engineers or mathematicians out there?), but can be solved by anyone who enjoys math problems. Here it is: The combined surface area of the Great Lakes is 94,250 square miles or 244,106 square kilometers. On average Americans, or Canadians consume 88.5 gallons or 335 liters of water per day. If the overall level of the Great Lakes changes by a

mere 1 inch or 2.54 centimeters, how many people in the US or Canada would that 1 inch/2.54 cm of water support for a 365-day year?

You should use the figures given in the problem. Answers expressed in scientific or engineering notation to three significant digits are acceptable. Pro Tip: Solve the problem using both U.S. and Canadian measures in order to check your

work. The answers should be the same (to three significant digits). Email your answer to me at dancline@me.com, and good luck!

By the time you read this our boats should be launched. May we all enjoy the new boating season!

Dan Cline, Commodore (dancline@me.com)



Great Lakes Cruising Club

2021

June 5

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

July 17

BoD Meeting - Virtual

July 17-19 (Early birds come July 16)

Lake Erie Rally
Presque Isle State Park - Erie, Pa. (E-4)
Rear Commodore Jim & Janice Ehrman
330-697-8878 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com

October 23

BoD Meeting - Virtual

December 4

BoD Meeting - Virtual

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Summer is here! And along with it is cruising the Great Lakes. Unfortunately, given the lingering Pandemic, most of the usual GLCC events are not going to happen this summer. While the Canadian and American borders are closed to incoming cruisers, there are great cruising grounds in both countries. And we maintain a large selection of harbor reports for almost all cruising areas.

In this issue of *Lifeline*, we have included the Founders Award winning Log Book of Sue and Vic

Camaiore's 2019 circumnavigation of Lake Michigan on their Island Packet 350 named *Inspiration*. They started their cruise on June 22 and finished it on September 9. They logged almost 1700 statute miles. And, based on their log book, seemed to enjoy it all the way. I encourage everyone to read it. I also encourage everyone to submit their log book as an entry for a Founders Award.

Lastly, I encourage all our readers to get out on the Great Lakes. Keep a log and use it to note things that other boaters may benefit from knowing about. Enjoy your summer. And let us know where you went.

Philip R. May, Lifeline Editor 

In Memoriam

Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce, 1945-2021

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce on April 7, 2021. J.E. was a highly-respected attorney in Toronto, but was far better known to us for his boating accomplishments.

J.E. received his initial training as a Sea Cadet with the University Naval Training Division, on the Great Lakes in 1963, and overseas in 1964. He raced his *Shark Celeste* at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for thirty years before going to the "dark side" to become the captain of a trawler. His two trawlers, *Entre Deux Mers* and *Adagio I*, gave him and the Admiral the opportunity to cruise extensively along the U.S. Atlantic Coast down to Florida, as well as the Bahamas, the St. Lawrence River, the Maritimes and throughout the five Great Lakes. In recognition of his seamanship, he was made a Fellow and Medalist of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

J.E. and his wife, Michèle, joined the Great Lakes Cruising Club in 1999. He was appointed in 2003 as Port Captain of Moon Island Area, Ont. (GB-28).

J.E. was elected as a GLCC Director at Large in 2004 and was elected as Rear Commodore for the Lake Ontario Region 60 in 2005. He served the GLCC membership in that position until 2007, when he was elected as Vice Commodore for 2008-2009. J.E. was elected Commodore for 2010-2011.

J.E. was part of the team that facilitated the move of the GLCC office from Chicago, Ill. (M-36) to Port Huron, Mich. (D-1) in 2008. He was also instrumental in hiring our office manager, Yvonne Murray, in 2008.


J.E. received the William J. Kivell Award in 2003, the Award of Merit in 2007, and the Admiral Bayfield Award in 2011. J.E. also served the GLCC as the Chairman for the Toronto Boat Show from 2006-2021.

J.E. is fondly remembered by those in the Club with whom he worked and sailed. Roger Hankle shared these anecdotes:

Over the years, Joyce and I had many great experiences and fun times with

J.E. and Michèle, but one I remember most was when they were heading south in Adagio I via Lake Erie. They had mechanical problems and were forced to remain on the hard in Sandusky for several days. We used the opportunity to party, and one of the parties happened at Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave and Bobbe Miller's house with many other GLCC members present. Don't remember who but it was a fun time.

While sequestered in Sandusky, they lived on Adagio I behind a chain link fence at the marina. We called it their gated community, and ingress and egress was problematic after hours. We have a picture of J.E. and Michèle behind the fence, hanging onto it like a couple of fugitives.

In J.E.'s memory, the Club's board of directors unanimously decided to donate \$500 USD each to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and the Great Lakes Foundation. J.E. was a model Corinthian yachtsman, an excellent leader, and a warm human being. He will be greatly missed. 





Semi-Wilderness Rally July 2021

By Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman; Presque Isle Light photo via Wikimedia Commons

Presque Isle State Park - Erie, Pa. (E-4) / July 17–19, Early Bird Friday, July 16

Why is this a Semi-Wilderness Rally? Lake Erie South Shore does not really have any true “wilderness” areas to anchor and enjoy nature. Presque Isle State Park (PISP) has the best of both worlds. PISP is located about 90 miles East of Cleveland (via boat) or about 130 miles east of the Lake Erie Islands.


Presque Isle State Park is a beautiful anchoring area protected on all four sides with good holding in sand and mud. It is surrounded by trees and wild-life on three sides. There is also an exploring area leading from the lagoons going to Misery Bay where Commodore Perry hid ships during the War of 1812.

This rally was designed for members who always wanted to anchor out but didn’t know quite how to do it. You will be among experienced members who can guide and teach you to enjoy one of the sought after

joys of boating. Here at this rally you can anchor out, and if it does not quite suit you, civilization is only a half mile away in the awesome waters of Presque Isle Bay. There are several marinas to serve your needs. You have the choice of being docked at a marina, so you can join the anchoring festivities during the day. Truly the best of both worlds.

This anchorage will suit those who want to be out there and share the beauty of the outdoors. It has much to offer with scenic shoreline, exploring the lagoons into Misery Bay, protected on all four sides, plus... fuel, food, mechanical (if needed) are in close proximity.

Mark your calendars for July 17–19 and join us for a fabulous fellowship.

Details and registration will be forthcoming on the website soon. 

THE GREAT LAKES FOUNDATION



The Great Lakes Foundation Board of Directors has created a Grants Committee to facilitate the Board in conducting its philanthropic mission. The committee is chaired by Port Captain Sharon Simion, who has done an admirable job leading the committee's direction. Thank you, Sharon. I welcome this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Sharon's leadership as well as her entire supporting team that I now introduce. Her fellow members are Director Mark Lifter, Judge Advocate (U.S.) Greg Korstad, Director Ardy Barclay, Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, Rear Commodore Tony Simion, Commodore Dan Cline and Foundation President Rich Barzyk. They have created an action plan titled *Advancing the Great Lakes Foundation*, which was presented to the Board by committee members Eric Sunstrum and Mark Lifter. The Board adopted the plan, and have approved its implementation. The Plan covers a myriad of issues, all designed to improve the efficiency of the Foundation, which will be implemented in the coming months.

The committee's first collateral assignment was to vet five grant applications for this April meeting. The result was that three of the five grant requests were recommended for further consideration.

The first grant request was submitted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. It's important to note here that this grant was initiated because of the intercession of Rear Commodore for Region 33 Dave Spencer. Thank you, Dave, for getting involved. The request for \$20,000 USD is to be used for a land purchase on Manitoulin Island. It alone encompasses 18,000 acres, and 11 miles of shore and is part of the Vidal Bay Forest (NC-11), thereby creating a 29,800-acre preserve with over 50 miles of shoreline. The Conservancy studied and was acutely aware of the impact of the purchase on the indigenous population of Manitoulin Island. This grant also qualified for matching funds from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant program, shared by both U.S. & Canadian governments, thereby increasing the grand value of our donation to \$80,000 USD.

The second grant application was from the Thousand Islands Association, brought to our attention by Rear Commodore for Region 35 Eric Sunstrum. Eric is a member of the Grants Committee, and has reinforced

the need for more member involvement in soliciting grant applications. The Thousand Island Association is responsible for maintaining channel markers in the recreational area of the Thousand Islands (SLR-00.1). The request for \$8,800 USD was for replacing their aging channel markers over a 5-year replacement time frame. The pandemic has severely hampered their opportunities to seek private donations, and they have turned to us for help. The channel markers provide critical navigation assistance for recreational boaters, Canadian and U.S. alike, traversing the region.

Our third grant request was from the Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior, an organization dedicated to the preservation of Canadian lighthouses. However, in this case, the request was for harbor infrastructure needs such as cribbing, mooring balls, boat slips, and a travel lift for visiting tour boats. They actually have four short-term restoration projects on two different sites planned. In addition, they also have forged a working relationship with the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area of Parks Canada, which should prove to be a reputable coalition for our Foundation to invest in. The amount requested was \$6,968 CAD (\$5,575 USD).

All three grant applications totaling a little over \$34,000 USD were approved by the Great Lakes Foundation Board. While the Grants Committee and the Foundation's Board certainly have their work cut out for them, two actions needing immediate attention are the solicitation for more Grant applications, and then the eventual distribution of our available funds. This is where YOU, the membership, comes in! It doesn't take a lot of work, you just need to recognize organizations, townships or non-profit operations that might be in need of financial assistance and encourage them to submit a grant application. The form is on the club's website under the Foundation menu tab. Of course, YOU can always help by making a personal donation to the Great Lakes Foundation yourself (same page on the website). Consider it an investment in your boating future, or better yet, your grandchildren's boating future.

Rich Barzyk, President

PLEASE JOIN US!

Great Lakes Cruising Club's Annual Lake Erie Picnic



June 5, 2021 • 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!

We will be following all CDC guidelines, so bring your mask. Food will be purchased and served. There is no need to bring a dish to share this year. Please come, rain or shine! We have a large sheltered backup location on site in case of rain. We are providing wings, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, baked beans, coleslaw, mixed fruit, cookies, all condiments, plates, plastic ware, soft drinks, cups, and water. You may bring an adult drink and a lawn chair to supplement distance picnic table seating. We tell tall boating tales, renew friendships, and welcome new GLCC members.

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Vic and Sue's Excellent Lake Michigan Adventure

Log of SV *Inspiration*, Winner of This Year's Founders Award (Installment I of II, by Port Captains Vic and Sue Camaiore)

We spent most of the summer of 2019 making a complete circumnavigation of Lake Michigan on our Island Packet 350, the sailing vessel *Inspiration*. When we told our friends from the North Channel crowd where we planned to go, we would get some quizzical looks followed by a comment like, "There is civilization there!" But we were committed to Lake Michigan for a couple of reasons. First, we had been invited to cruise the Northwestern shore of Lake Michigan and Green Bay by (then) Director Bill Bailey and a group of cruisers from Traverse Bay. Secondly, we were interested in perusing all of the Great Lakes and in the greater scheme of things, it was good timing to go to Lake Michigan. We planned to attend the GLCC Rendezvous at St. Ignace (H-78), and the end of the rendezvous would be a perfect start for a trip to Lake Michigan. Finally, we had that sense of adventure, the urge "to boldly go" knowing that many had gone before. We had been around Lake Michigan at various times by land yacht and we were a wee bit curious to see how the various ports explored by land would look by sea. On this trip, we visited many old places and had a great opportunity to explore many new places. It was interesting to see the Lake as it changed from the wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, to the resorts of Door County, Wis., to the industrial ports of Wisconsin, the large cities of Milwaukee and Chicago and the impressive sand dunes and resorts of the Michigan Shore.

We left home on Saturday, June 22 with the goal of attending the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) Lake Huron Rally in Alpena (H-66) on Friday, June 28th. We got a late start and the sun was getting low as we motored up the North Channel of the St. Clair River. We decided to make an unplanned stop at the Algonac Harbor Club (D-18) for the night. There was a classic boat show going on in the marina. We ran into some friends, Marie and Doug McDougal, on their beautiful vintage Chris-Craft power yacht. We set out on Sunday morning bound up the St. Clair River. We arrived on the Black River and tied up just in time to hear a 97-foot vessel announce over the VHS that they were bound up the Black River and that all prudent mariners should get out of the way. Sure enough, we saw a large boat enter the river. It passed by us, then turned around in the river and tied off at the fuel dock at Desmond Marine. It was really interesting to watch how the crew maneuvered that small ship within the confines of the Black River. We have a tradition of stopping in Port Huron (D-1), because one of the benefits of being a GLCC member is a free night stay on the Black River. And we have a tradition when we are in Port Huron of going to see a movie at Sperry's Movie House. We went out for dinner downtown and watched the movie, *Toy Story 4*.

On Monday morning, we left the Black River heading up the St. Clair River and Lake Huron to Port Sanilac (H-55). Then Tuesday, we made Port Austin (H-58) and Wednesday we stayed in Harrisville (H-64.5). We

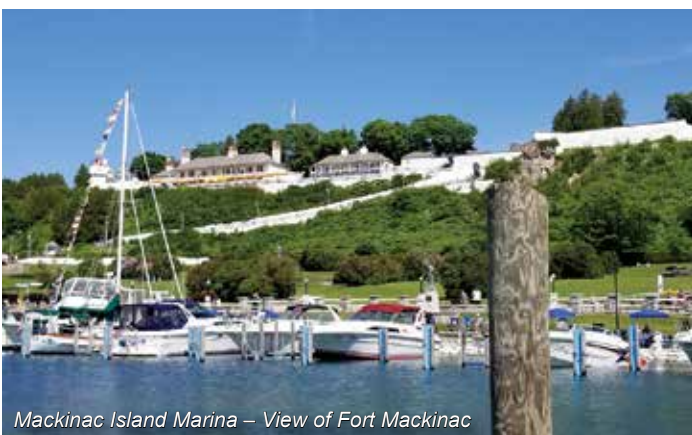


Alpena Thunder Bay Harbor Entrance Light

were moving up the lake to get to Alpena in time for the Lake Huron Rally and we arrived a day ahead of time on Thursday, June 27th.

It was a time to meet some new friends, deepen some older friendships, and explore the port of Alpena. We visited the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center and boarded a glass bottom boat to view shipwrecks in the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Alpena Yacht Club hosted us for some of the rally events and I don't think you will find a more hospitable group anywhere on the lakes. The weather was very cooperative for our event with sunny skies and warm temperatures. In our usual run up Lake Huron, we always considered Alpena to be too far up into Thunder Bay to be a practical stop, but Thunder Bay Harbor Marina was a wonderful marina and Alpena was a wonderful town to explore. As it turned out, on our way home, some heavy weather was forecasted for a few days and we opted to come back to Alpena rather than spend the weather days in Presque Isle (H-70).

Our time was over too quickly and on Sunday, the thirtieth of June, we headed to St. Ignace for the GLCC Rendezvous. We stopped at Presque Isle, Rogers City (H-73), Duncan Bay (H-74.5) and Cheboygan (H-75) before arriving at St. Ignace. It was only the third of July and the Rendezvous didn't start for a few more days, but we planned to spend the Fourth of July with our daughter Christiana and her partner Cassie. They joined us at St. Ignace and we



Mackinac Island Marina – View of Fort Mackinac

sailed to Mackinac Island. We also met Sue's college roommate Monica and her husband Brad in the Mackinac Island marina. We often run into Brad and Monica on the lakes but this was the first "roommate rendezvous" at Mackinac Island. Mackinac Island never seems to get old (maybe that is because it is already old) and it really becomes a different place at night after the last ferries leave. Staying in the Mackinac Island State Harbor always includes the joyful sensation of being awakened by reveille from Fort Mackinac. As the weekend ended, we said goodbye to our friends and family and headed back to the St. Ignace Marina to enjoy the 2019 Rendezvous.

We enjoyed the GLCC Rendezvous events at the marina and meeting up with old friends. Then we boarded the ferry with the rest of the attendees as the Rendezvous shifted to Mackinac Island. Another



Fireworks over Inspiration at St. Ignace Marina



Inspiration awaiting Ship Dress inspection at the 2019 Rendezvous

marvelous time was had on the Island with lunch at Mission Point and a visit to the Mackinac Island Yacht Club to celebrate happy hour. Thursday, we enjoyed the Commodore's Ball and a tasty dinner at the Kewadin Casino. As we took the ferry back to St. Ignace, a squall moved across the Straits just to the south of us and a bolt of lightning struck the north tower of the Mackinac Bridge. That is an image that lit up my mind and I won't soon forget it.

After the Rendezvous came to a close, it was time for us to depart on an adventure in Northern Lake Michigan with our GLCC friends from the Traverse Bay area. We joined Bill Bailey, Tom and Jan Stone, and Jerry and Madonna Williams for our northwestern Lake Michigan Cruise. Four sailboats went west under the Mackinac Bridge to Naubinway (M-66), about 43 miles away, on the southern shore of the Upper Peninsula. The marina at Naubinway is kind of rustic, but clean and with a friendly staff. Some friends brought us pasties by automobile from one of the places in Naubinway and that evening, we all ate together at a picnic table in the marina. Pasties are a wonderful "meal in a pie pastry" famous in the Upper Peninsula. They originated as a lunch that the miner's wives would pack in their



Leaving the Mighty Mack astern as we head out for adventure on Lake Michigan

lunch bucket back in the day. You can tell the genuine Upper Peninsula pasties as they have a hint of rutabaga. As we ate our pasties, we watched a mink run out from the brush, cross the road, disappear behind the seawall, then run back up the boat ramp and into the brush with yet another fish for her family. The next morning, Saturday the 13th of July, we departed on a 47-mile run for Manistique (M-62). On the way to Manistique, we passed by Seul Choix Point (M-62.5) and its lighthouse. It is said that many years ago some French fur traders were wrecked on Lake Michigan nearby. So, they made their way to this point that they saw on their travels and they built a tower. They decided that this was their “only choice” to be rescued, so they named it Seul Choix, which is French for “Only Choice.” The legend doesn’t tell us if they were rescued but they must have been otherwise we wouldn’t know that we were supposed to call that point Seul Chioix. The marina at Manistique was under construction but the harbor master was very accommodating and we tied off and rafted off the wall on the river. After we were tied up and all of the boats were settled in, we walked up to the town, which was close to the marina. The town was having a festival so we enjoyed some of the music and found a nice spot to have a sandwich for dinner.

The next morning, we were up early for our run to Fayette (M-91), a 52-mile run. As we approached our destination, we rounded Michigan’s Garden Peninsula and we saw some impressive limestone cliffs. Once we arrived at Fayette, we stayed in Snail Shell Harbor, in

the Fayette Historic State Park. Fayette was an historic iron smelting community for a time in the late 1800s. Fayette was out at the end of the string during those days, and it still is. If you ever make it to Fayette, you will think that you can almost talk to the ghosts that inhabited the restored buildings. It is an overlooked and out-of-the-way spot that really deserves a visit. We were able to get an automobile ride to a restaurant about 5 miles away from Fayette and we enjoyed a whitefish dinner, another treat of the northland.

A Tiara powerboat with Bill and Pat Rottman joined us at Fayette and the next morning, our group crossed Green Bay, from the Garden Peninsula (Michigan) to the Door Peninsula (Wisconsin). We passed the place the French called Porte des Morts, now called by the English translation - Death’s Door, (It earned this name



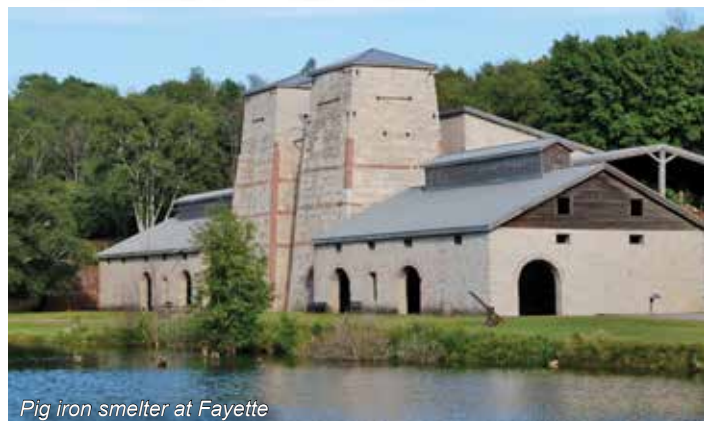
Limestone cliffs on the approach to Fayette



Restored buildings at the Village of Fayette



Inspiration under sail on Lake Michigan (Tom and Jan Stone photo)



Pig iron smelter at Fayette

due to a large number of shipwrecks), and headed down the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin to our next port at Sister Bay (M-80), a distance of 45 miles. The isolation of the upper peninsula changed to the resort ports of Door County. In Sister Bay, we enjoyed breakfast at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant and it was so good we went back the next day. The restaurant has a grass roof and goats that climb the roof to keep the grass trimmed.

On Friday, the 19th of July, we departed Sister Bay for the Alibi Dock at Fish Creek, Wis. (M-75). It is another charming Wisconsin resort town. We had a dinner called a Fish Boil, a popular meal in northern Wisconsin, which provides its own entertainment as the meal is prepared. The chef gradually puts all the ingredients in a big iron kettle, explaining as he goes, and brings it to boil on a wood fire. In the last moments



Preparing to enjoy a community meal with our friends from Traverse Bay

of cooking, the chef pours oil on the fire which causes the pot to boil over and expel the oil from the fresh whitefish. None of the potatoes or veggies had a fishy taste at all. A storm came in during the night and some of our boats had a very rocky time. We departed the next morning for Egg Harbor, Wis. (M-74), a distance of 8 miles, and spent another day and evening exploring the beauty of the door peninsula.

On Sunday, we moved on with our group to Sturgeon Bay, Wis. (M-72.5). Sturgeon Bay has a history as a shipbuilding center and the industrial might of Wisconsin begins to show up. We went swimming at the marina pool, had a great Italian dinner with our group, visited the ship building museum and had ice cream. We have been negligent in talking about the ice cream. We had some almost every night and of course, Wisconsin is known for ice cream.

It was time for our group to break up. There were two drawbridges to navigate on the way into our marina and one more on the way out of Sturgeon Bay. Sturgeon Bay was (and still is) a major bay of Green Bay and in the 1880s the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal was constructed to provide a 1.3-mile passage directly to Lake Michigan. When we left Sturgeon Bay, we continued down the Wisconsin shore while the rest of the group crossed Lake Michigan and headed home to Traverse Bay. The time that we had with the Traverse Bay group was special and memorable and we were sad to leave our new friends.



Boats at berth in Snail Shell Harbor



Scuppers, out of Sister Bay, Wis. in the sunset



Drawbridge opening to allow us access to our marina at Sturgeon Bay

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



WELCOME ABOARD!



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

Gordon & Vicky Adkison

Muskegon, Mich.
OUTRAGEOUS

Elio & Itir Arditi

Midland, Ont.
BEKO BAY

Charlie Arnett

Frankfort, Mich.
UNSERE

**Derrow Bodell &
Laura McFarlane**

Meaford, Ont.
OLE

Mark & Claudia Brow

**Eric Brown &
Zuhai Butuner**

Wye Heritage, Ont.
BLUE EYE

Robert & Lori Bryant

Mentor, Ohio
DETOUR

James & Susan Cole

Muskegon, Mich.
BON SOLEIL

**Matthew Cook &
Ingrid Crause**

Ashtabula, Ohio
AUSTRALIS

Jeff & Laura Cooper

St. Clair Shores, Mich.
ROSIE II

Barbara & Michael Dawson

Michael Donatz

John & Marilyn Drake

Ludington, Mich.
HERCULES

Bert Flora

Tawas, Mich.
COYOTE

Mark & Vicki Gehrke

FLYING DOVE

**Bill Gorsline &
Cynthia Chiasson**

Bath, Ont.
TARDIS

**Donald Grunsten &
Karen Walker**

Port Dover, Ont.
BOO-KNOWS

**John Hanna &
Mary Jane Braide**

Toronto, Ont.
ORCADIA

Tim & Liss Heileman

Port Huron, Mich.
OLD STYLE

Christian & Anne Hepfer

Jim & Sheryl Jurrries

Holland Harbor, Mich.
THE JURY'S OUT

Trevor Kenopic

Collingwood, Ont.
STARGAZER

**Michelle Klump &
David Benenati**

Boyne City, Mich.
TOP OF THE WORLD

**Cathie Macdonald &
Brian Monrad**

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CATTITUDE

Ryan & Terri Marrie

Cleveland, Ohio
YOU & ME

Bill & Sally Martin

Detroit, Mich.
STRIPES

**David McCardel &
Kathleen Holan**

Charlevoix, Mich.
SPECIAL TEAMS

Tim & Tawnya McNair

Green Cove Springs, Fla.
KNOT QUITTERS

**Paul Mendell &
Marilyn Levine**

Orilla, Ont.
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Tim Miller & Jennifer Wiber

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York River, Va.
EXPERIOR

Steve Orr & Priscilla Payne

Traverse City, Mich.
DAZY

Mark Paoli

Port Elgin, Ont.

Todd & Julie Radloff

Sandusky, Ohio
HOW WE ROLL

Rob & Melissa Rice

Bayfield, Ont.
ATLAS

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Danny Goldstein**

Anchor Bay, Mich.
ONLINE

Leighton & Paulette Roslyn

Serpent Harbour, Ont.
MINDFUL

**Christian Sandvig &
Lisa Nakamura**

Detroit, Mich.
ONLINE

Cathryn & Michael Schmidt

Honey Harbour, Ont.
BRAMASOLE

**Michael Schultz &
Frances Johnson**

Milwaukee, Wis.
LA DOLCE VITA

**Craig Shantz Sr. &
Jeanne K. Shantz**

Suttons Bay, Mich.
JEANNE K. II

Ilan & Carol Shapiro

Menominee/Marinette, Mich.
CAROL ANN

Patrick & Carleen Shinn

Ludington, Mich.
WIND DANCER

**Scott Silliman &
Carol Coleman**

Belmont Harbor - Chicago, Ill.
REASON FOR BEING

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Trailers
OFF KILTER

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Matthew & Susan White

Duncan Bay, Mich.
DAISY

Jim & Tracy Williamson

Sarnia, Ont.
EASY GOIN' II

**Steven Zarkowski &
Sandy Prichett**

Grand Haven, Mich.

Duane & Melinda Zehr

Menominee/Marinette, Mich.
SURFACE INTERVAL III





Port Captain's Logbook

Deputy Port Captains

Jim & Heidi Egensperger

Mentor Harbor, Ohio (E-8)

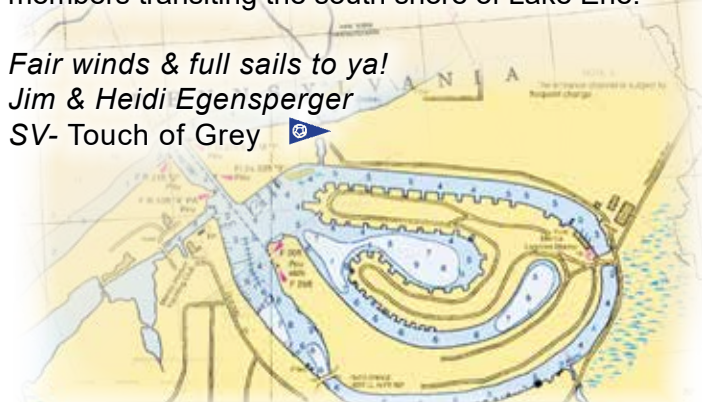


We both grew up in N.E. Ohio near Lake Erie and have been boating all our lives. We learned to sail by crewing on various race boats at Mentor Harbor Yacht Club back in the 1970s. In the following decades we had many wonderful boating adventures and experiences on the boats of other boating skippers and friends in the Great Lakes and New England. We bought our current boat on Lake Erie in 2014 and joined the GLCC in 2015.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the events and comradery at GLCC Rendezvous: Sturgeon Bay 2017, Killarney 2018 and St. Ignace 2019; Rallies at Rochester N.Y.; West Harbor, Ohio; Geneva, Ohio; Wilderness at Keyhole Harbour 2018; and several Cleveland Boat Shows in the GLCC booths. Jim proudly displays his 2017 GLCC Commodore's Trophy on the main bulkhead on *Touch of Grey* for his 762 NM trip (mostly single-handed) from N.E. Ohio to Sturgeon Bay.

Growing up in Mentor, where we began sailing, we are now thrilled to be members at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club and have our boat there. It is an honor to offer our knowledge and helpful hospitality as Deputy Port Captains at Mentor Harbor (E-8) to GLCC members transiting the south shore of Lake Erie.

Fair winds & full sails to ya!
Jim & Heidi Egensperger
SV- Touch of Grey



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Eight Bells

Rick Butler

Rick (Warwick) Butler, age 75 died on Christmas Day 2020. Rick left behind his loving wife Joan, and they were members to GLCC from 2013-2020, they cruised on their sailboat *Waterbaby*, out of Gilford, Ont.

He lived a full and interesting life, but was felled by illness in the last few years. They ask for your kind donations in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Ron DeCapio

Ronald A. "Ron" DeCapio, age 81, of Osprey, Fla., and former resident of Powell, Ohio passed away on February 6, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Ramonda and four children. They were members of GLCC from 1999-2015, and cruised on their power boat *R & R Unlimited*, out of Sandusky, Ohio (E-16).

Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce

Please read *In Memoriam* on page 4. Cards of sympathy may be mailed to Michèle and family at: 90 Pleasant Blvd., Toronto, ON M4T 1J8, Canada

Port Captain George (Gus) Hoster

Port Captain Gus Hoster joined the Great Lakes Cruising Club in 1970. He was appointed as Port Captain for Presque Isle, Mich. (H-70) in September of 1994. It was a position he continued to proudly hold until his passing. He was the Chairman of the 1999 Rendezvous, which was held in his beloved Presque Isle, Mich.

Gus was elected Director at Large in 2001 through 2003. He was elected as Rear Commodore of Region 39 for 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Gus continued to be a staunch supporter of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, and the Presque Isle harbor, including yearly invitations to all GLCC members to stop in for the White Fish dinners. George's life was well lived, as indicated from his obituary that can be read from this link: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=george-hoster&pid=198328532>

Eric V. Johnson

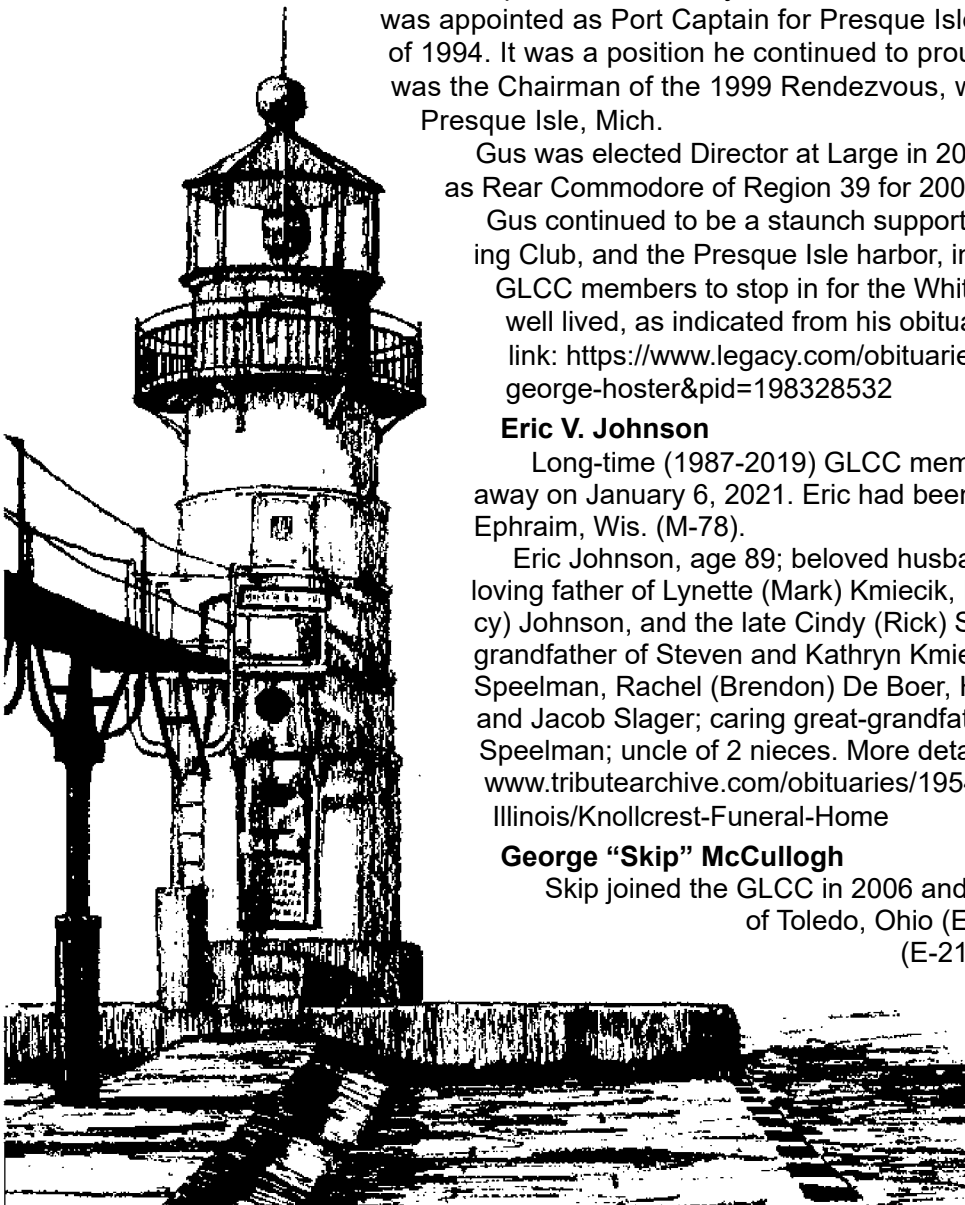
Long-time (1987-2019) GLCC member, Eric V. Johnson passed away on January 6, 2021. Eric had been the Deputy Port Captain for Ephraim, Wis. (M-78).

Eric Johnson, age 89; beloved husband of the late Evelyn Johnson; loving father of Lynette (Mark) Kmiecik, Debbie (Don) Slager, Eric (Nancy) Johnson, and the late Cindy (Rick) Speelman. He was a devoted grandfather of Steven and Kathryn Kmiecik, Michael (Julie) and Jennifer Speelman, Rachel (Brendon) De Boer, Hannah (fiancé Matt Meyrick), and Jacob Slager; caring great-grandfather of Eva, Collin, and Jack Speelman; uncle of 2 nieces. More details may be viewed here: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/19546746/Eric-V-Johnson/Lombard/Illinois/Knollcrest-Funeral-Home>

George "Skip" McCullogh

Skip joined the GLCC in 2006 and was appointed as Port Captain of Toledo, Ohio (E-21) and Toledo Beach, Mich. (E-21.8). A position he held until he

retired as Port Captain in October of 2015. Skip and his wife, Kristin cruised aboard their sail boat *Summer Place*. Skip will be missed by all who knew him. 🇺🇸





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Wanted: Private charter in North Channel I'd like to charter a 34 to 44-foot boat, power / sail, in early August of 2021. Have great deal of experience having sailed there for 20 summers in own boat. Looking for about 2 weeks. Jim Wooll 719-641-8231



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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

Bahamas Charts & Cruising Guides
2017 Waterway Guide - Bahamas, 2015 Cruising Guide to Abaco Bahamas, The Great Book of Bahama Anchorages, Maptech Chartbook - Bahamas 7th Edition, Explorer Chartbook - Near Bahamas 6th Edition, Explorer Chartbook - Exumas & Ragged Islands 6th Edition, Explorer Chartbook - Far Bahamas 5th Edition. Asking \$200 for all. Also have Navionics Platinum + Micro SD electronic chart #699 (2015) for SE Florida and all of the Bahamas. Asking \$100 (Can be updated on any computer from Navionics) Call Jeff 719-641-8231



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