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From the Bridge



New focus put on recruiting and retaining club members

As you read this issue of *Lifeline*, you may have done what I do each winter – think about and plan for our upcoming summer boating/sailing season. With COVID travel restrictions behind us (hopefully forever), it again opens up the Great Lakes for cruising and exploring.

I tend to get specific in my summer cruise planning. I create a spreadsheet listing each day's travels, and the locations I plan on stopping, think about how holidays will fall and where I want to be, and of course, schedule GLCC events into my itinerary. I use the GLCC Harbor Reports to explore places I have not been to before, and to learn about navigation concerns, what services and amenities are available, and what restaurants are recommended. This summer will continue to be post COVID with GLCC events all across the Great Lakes.

To get ready for the season, consider attending the Spring Launch, held this year on the first weekend in May in Niagara Falls. We will be staying at the Marriott Fallsview on the Canadian side of the Falls which offers a great view. If you recall, we had planned this event at Niagara Falls last year, but COVID risk forced us to postpone. Remember to bring your passports and Nexus cards.

The 2023 Rendezvous will be on Lake Erie this summer – to be held at Oasis Marina at North Coast Harbor (formerly Rock 'n Dock), Cleveland, Ohio (E-10). The marina is located downtown and adjacent to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Restaurants, amenities, major league sports, and more are a short walk or Uber ride from the marina. Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave and Bobbe Miller, our co-chairpeople, promise a fantastic time. This marina is a bit small – only 53 slips – so once registration is available, don't hesitate to sign-up and get your dock reserved.

Lake Erie will offer three additional fun events this season:

- Lake Erie Picnic – This is a casual and fun little event to be held at Herl's Harbor, Port Clinton, Ohio (E-16.8), June 3. You can drive, or there is dockage available as well. This is a great kick-off to the boating season. Enjoy Jim Ehrman's famous wings, as well as burgers and hot dogs. Bring a side dish.
- Lake Erie Rally – This event is on Middle Bass Island (E-18.5) on Father's Day weekend, June 16–18, its theme will be an African Jungle Cruise. This fun-filled weekend will include delectable food, unique African games, team activities, one-of-a-kind decorations, and more.

On the Cover

"Cleveland By Night" - Photo by Rob Sinclair, Flickr / Wikimedia Commons

The lights of downtown Cleveland reflected in the Cuyahoga River



This event will likely draw 75 attendees. Dave and Lori Guertal are the best rally co-chairmen ever! Don't miss it – you'll have a blast.

- Lake Erie "Semi-Wilderness" Rally– This is tied into the Rendezvous dates, and will be at Presque Isle State Park at Erie, Pa. (E-4). The dates are July 11–13. The Presque Isle State Park has a protected harbor for anchoring. The agenda will include a potluck dinner ashore, a Happy Hour meet-and-greet, and a dinghy poker run. Once you're done with the Wilderness Rally, it's just a quick hop over to Cleveland to attend the Rendezvous two days later.

Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior are also all planning on rallies this summer. Check out the GLCC Event Calendar to stay up to speed on all events close to you.

As you cruise this summer and visit Harbors around the lakes, please take a moment to add comments to our Harbor Reports. You can note any changes to the reports, comment on services and amenities, or just make a comment about a fun restaurant you visited.

Our members help make the Harbor Reports the best source of information for Great Lakes cruising.

One of the initiatives I've started is to attempt to improve our member recruitment and retention. We have developed a Marketing Committee to work on these challenges. Heading up this program is Mark Lifter, Director. The committee already has met via Zoom several times on a biweekly basis. It will continue its work leading up to a discussion of recommendations at the May Spring Launch meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Mark, in an effort to develop and review all kinds of ideas, has subdivided the committee into three teams which also meet regularly to provide input to the full committee:

1. External Member Prospect Development – This team is being led by Joe McKeown, Vice Commodore. This group is looking at advertising, social media, boat shows, third-party alliances, etc. Team members are Port Captain Amy Babinchak, Deputy Port Captain Bill Rohde, and Mark.

2. Prospect Marketing Materials Enhancement – This team is being led by Tom Tucker, our Admissions/Membership Committee Chairman. This team is reviewing our brochure, website new member recruitment, standard emails that are sent, and our Value Proposition. Team members are Port Captain Kelly Hillman, Director Chris Moore Skrocki, Rear Commodore David Spencer and Mark.

3. Member Communications and Engagement Enhancement – This team is being led by Niels Jensen, Treasurer and Past Commodore. Topics being reviewed include the *Lifeline*, email blasts, member exit interviews, Port Captain roles, and more. Members of this team are Secretary (Ret.) Phil Doolittle, Doug Jackson, Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, and Mark.

I want to thank all of these members for their work in helping to grow our membership and make our club better. Any members who have suggestions for the Marketing Committee may send an email to mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com or to any of the committee members.

Finally, I encourage all members to provide input, be it a compliment or criticism. Reach out to their rear commodore or to me personally. We care about the experience we provide to our members.

Pam and I wish everyone a great upcoming cruising season on our Great Lakes.

Doug Jackson, Commodore
(doug@dougandpam.com)

July 16–20 | 2023 GLCC Rendezvous | Cleveland, Ohio (E-10)



From the Editor



Time to unwrap something special

Stuff of whatever sort that's been sitting all winter needs to be dealt with come spring.

I've lived most of my life along Lake Huron, and have long watched boaters preparing their craft for winter storage, and then, around this time of year, getting them ready for the season.

It's an arduous task if it's seen as a task. Boaters I've known don't view it quite that way. A better analogy, perhaps, is unwrapping a Christmas present and making it ready for play.

Boaters have their seasonal gifts put up on hoists, or tucked into sheds, or covered on trailers. Those gifts sit there through the cold, just waiting to be unwrapped and enjoyed.

Maintaining a boat is a chore. But so is wrapping a Christmas present. The chore is one thing. The joy is quite another. The pleasure is in the unwrapping, and seeing the smiles on the faces of those who will enjoy it.

I hope you keep that in mind as you uncap that next can of spar varnish these coming weeks.

Garth Kriewall, Lifeline Editor
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The real fun begins where the road ends.



All picnickers welcome to June 3 event on Lake Erie

All Great Lakes Cruising Club members and guests are welcome June 3 at the 2023 Lake Erie Picnic.

The picnic is at Herl's Harbor Marina, east of Port Clinton, Ohio (E-16.8). It starts at noon, but earlier arrivals are just fine.

The site has a large sheltered backup location in case of rain. Prepare to tell tall boating tales, renew friendships, and welcome new GLCC members.

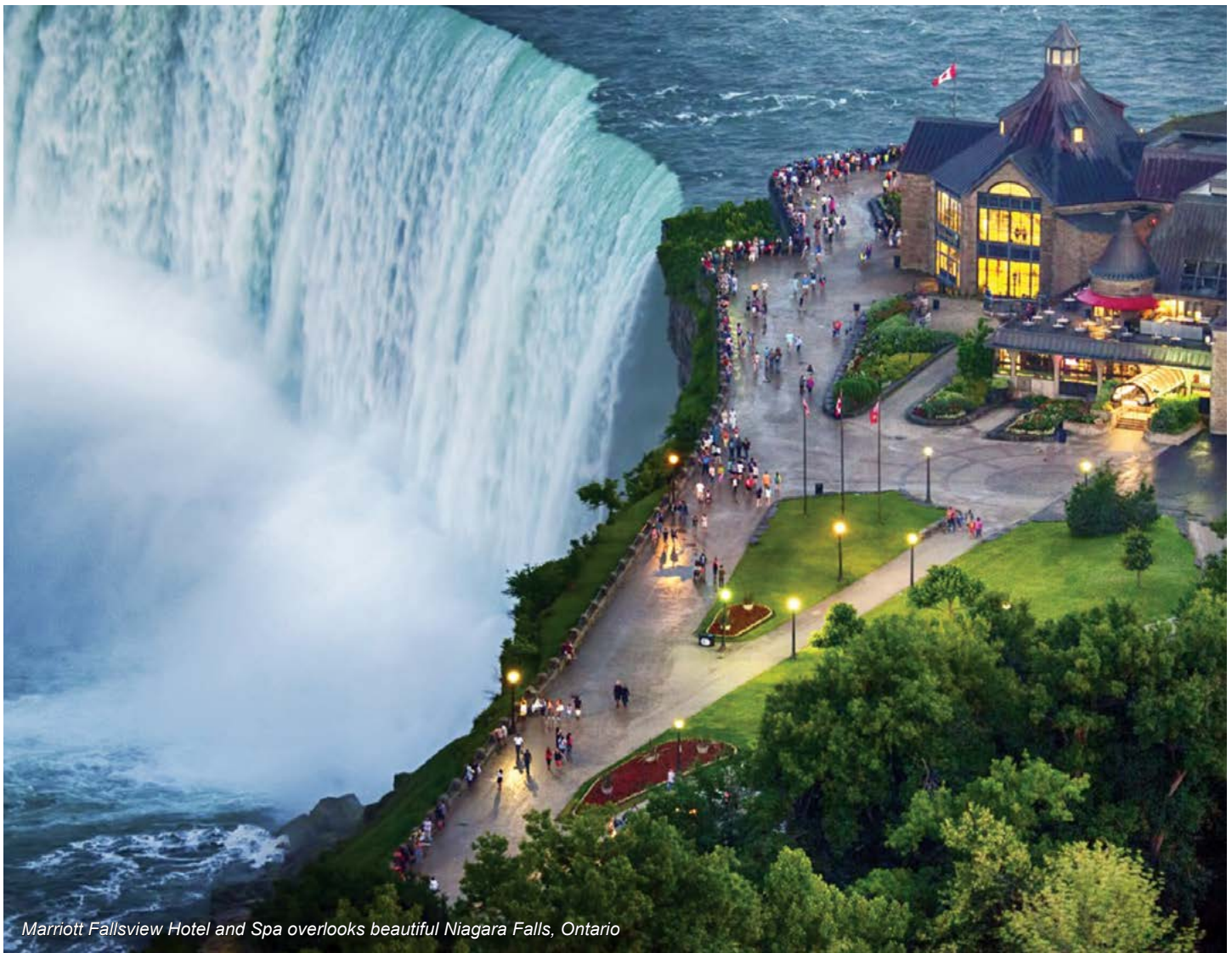
Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, all condiments, plates, plastic ware, soft drinks, cups, and water will be provided. Picnickers are welcome to bring a dish or dessert to share. Those attending also can bring their own adult drinks. Lawn chairs are encouraged.

Register early on the GLCC website. Cost is \$12 USD for adults. Those age 13 to 18 years eat for \$6 USD, and children age 12 and under eat free.

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

Questions? Please contact Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall, 937-266-0888, jibkid@aol.com or Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman, 330-697-8878, jimsmarine@neo.rr.com.





Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa overlooks beautiful Niagara Falls, Ontario

Annual Spring Launch Weekend returns with gathering at beautiful Niagara Falls

By Rear Commodores Eric Sunstrum and David Spencer


It's been a long time coming, but after a 3-year hiatus we are pleased to announce that this year's GLCC Spring Launch Weekend will be at the Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa in beautiful Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The hotel is in proximity to the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and offers rooms overlooking this amazing sight. Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa has been recognized with a Top 25 Spas in Canada award, certainly something to consider as you enjoy your time in Niagara Falls.

The Spring Launch Weekend will begin Friday afternoon with committee meetings at the Hotel from 1500-18:30. After the meetings, everyone is invited to a welcoming reception to reconnect and relax with nibbles and a cash bar at the hotel. Afterward you are free to enjoy the sights of Niagara Falls on your own.

The Director's Meeting will be Saturday between 0900 and 1200 at the hotel. Members not attending can visit downtown Niagara Falls, within walking distance of the hotel. Information about hours and activities on Saturday afternoon are available on the GLCC website.

The Commodore's Banquet begins with cocktails at 2000 with the dinner beginning at 2100. The guest speaker is from the Niagara Falls Historical Society. After dinner, members are invited to join Commodore Doug Jackson for an afterglow to finish the evening.

Sunday is a day of rest. Attendees can sleep in and have a leisurely breakfast on their own. Guest are encouraged to consider further exploring the Niagara Falls region with perhaps a side trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake before heading home. 



Meet Your GLCCSchool Team



There's still time to take advantage of informational online webinars

By Mark Gagyi, GLCCSchool

If you haven't been taking advantage of the Great Lakes Cruising Club School's webinars, there is still plenty of time to sign up and get working on your Cruising IQ.

As this issue of the *Lifeline* goes to press, the GLCCSchool has available 27 recorded webinars plus 12 live webinars scheduled for viewing yet this school session. Over the next several months, we will be turning our attention to getting our boats ready for cruising. How about your cruising skills and knowledge? Maybe it's time to tune those up, too.

Right now the GLCCSchool is offering two outstanding webinar packages. Both are four-part series discounted to well below the normal single webinar price. Those two series — *Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance* by Jim Zima, and *Great Lakes Marine Weather Essentials* by Mark Thornton --- are thorough, informative and well-presented by two of the GLCCSchool's most popular instructors.

Also this spring, watch for Steve Wyckoff's *Amazing*

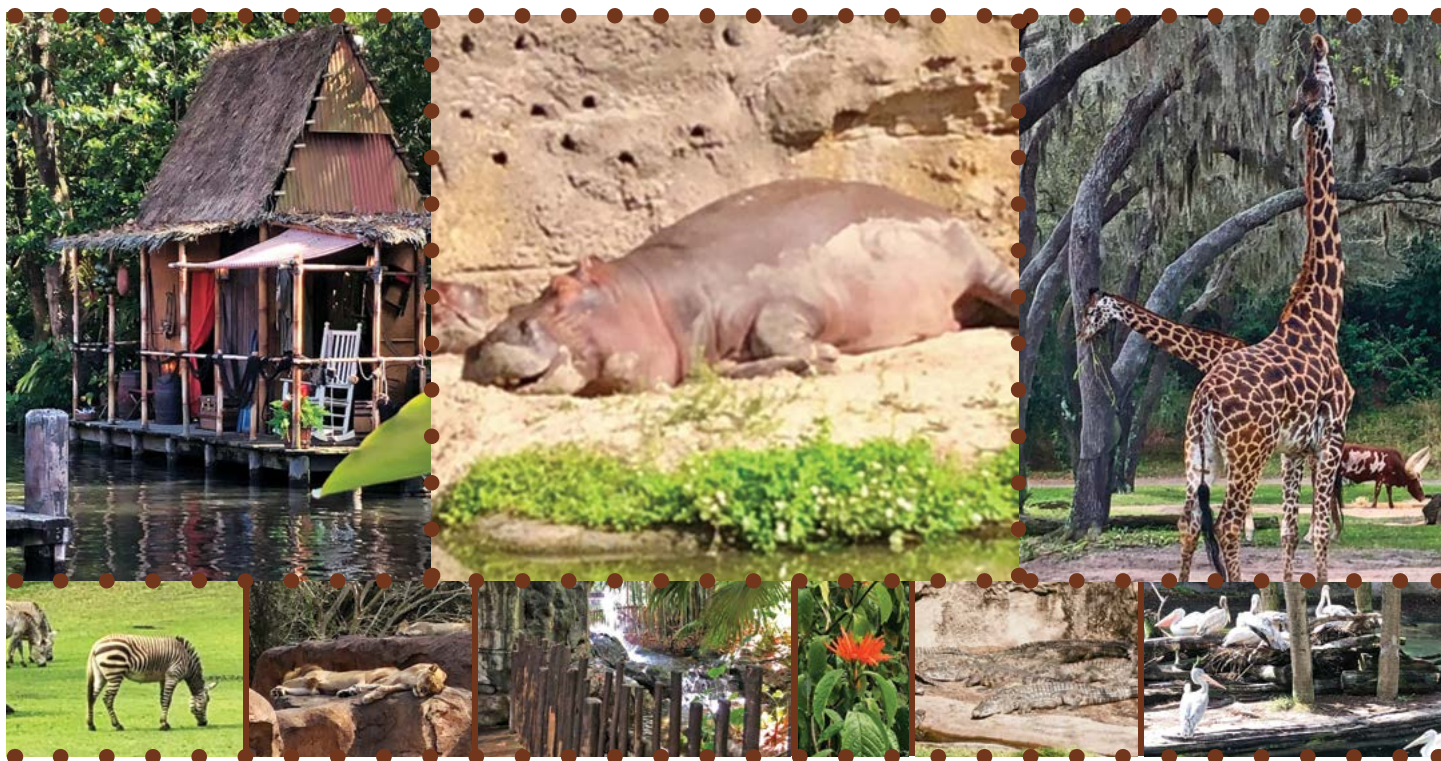
North Channel Geology and his whimsical *Rum: History, Interesting Facts and Trivia*. And, don't forget, Steve's rum webinar is free.

The GLCCSchool has many more outstanding selections, so check them out at glccschool.com.

Before heading out to start sanding the bottom and varnishing the teak, we want to take a moment and thank those GLCC members who volunteer their time and talent to make our school a success.

Since the GLCCSchool was founded a decade ago, we have been lucky to have many great volunteers. This year our team includes: Secretary Jim Austin, Immediate Past Commodore Dan Cline, Port Captain Mark Gagyi, Port Captain Jim Lee, Deputy Port Captain Bill Rohde, Rear Commodore Dave Spencer and Steve Wyckoff. We want to extend to all our current team members and to our former team members a hearty congratulation for making the GLCCSchool a success.

See you in class. 



African Jungle Cruise is a few weeks away

By Lori and Dave Guertal, Rally Co-chairs

Residents have reported some unusual sightings on Middle Bass Island (E-18.5). An elephant was spotted lumbering through someone's backyard. A local resident observed a giraffe's head appearing over the waterfront tree line just about dawn. An island boater claimed to see a hippopotamus head rise out of the water in the bay around dusk.

These all make sense, given the African Jungle Cruise theme for the 2023 Lake Erie Rally on the island June 16–18. No one knows what type of African animals may appear, but we do know it will be another fun-filled weekend. Delectable food, unique African games, team activities, one of a kind decorations, and especially, treasured time with GLCC friends - this is a weekend you won't want to miss.

Come early if you can! Thursday June 15, 1800 will be the unofficial start to the weekend - pizza, salad, cookies, water, pop and African trivia will test your palate and your mind. Cash bar is available. The cost for the meal is \$15 USD a person.

Rally festivities start Friday June 16 at 1800. Get settled into your dock, dress your boat, and join us for a Posh Picnic dinner at the Lonz Shelter house. Cash bar is available.

Saturday June 17 starts at 0830, featuring flag presentations and a bootlegger's breakfast at the Speakeasy (you will be given a special password to enter), African games start at 1300 and include a jungle hunt! (wear your walking shoes.)

Saturday night, we gather at the Lonz Shelter House for A Taste of Africa dinner at 1800, followed by dancing to live music by the "Lucky Fools." Cash bar is available. There will be a costume contest with 3 winners, prizes for all game winners, and souvenir portraits to round out the evening.


Use your imagination to dress the part. African animals, explorers, characters (even a Venus fly trap!) from your favorite jungle-themed movie (think Bogart and Hepburn in *The African Queen*) are all fun choices. (Please do not wear a costume that is disrespectful to the African people or its culture. Such costumes will not be permitted at this GLCC event.)

Finally, catch breakfast on at the Speakeasy Sunday morning June 18 before heading back to home port.

All this fun and camaraderie is available for \$120 USD per person! Dockage is a separate cost. Last year it was \$1.75 per foot. Your Golden Buckeye card gave you a 10% discount on dockage. Some golf carts will be available for rent.

Watch for more details to follow in future emails and on the GLCC events page. Be sure to register early so we can include you in our reserved GLCC docks at the State Park Marina.

Registrations must be in by May 25. See registration flier in this issue of *Lifeline* and on the GLCC website events page.

Questions? Please contact co-chairs Dave & Lori Guertal at 330-224-7813, or dlguert@gmail.com 

HARBOR INSIDER

EDITOR'S NOTE: The hundreds of harbors around the Great Lakes are unique in different ways. "Harbor Insider" is a feature for Lifeline that gives new visitors to a harbor some information that isn't typically included in the GLCC Harbor Reports or other resources.

To submit a Harbor Insider for consideration, please follow this broad format. Include any topics you wish about places to do and things to do at your harbor. Email Harbor Insiders to: editor.glcc.gk@gmail.com. Please copy Yvonne at glclub@att.net, and Cindy at designerglcc@yahoo.com.

-Garth Kriewall, Lifeline Editor



Presque Isle hiking



Giant bell at the old lighthouse


PRESQUE ISLE, MICH. (H-70)

Visit this must-stop site in northern Lake Huron

By Port Captains Rob and Kelly Hillman, Presque Isle, Mich., (H-70)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *These reports are accurate as of the time they were written. Things change season to season. Please check ahead with local sites if you're planning a visit.*

Presque Isle (pronounced "presk-EEL") is a friendly port and if you're heading north, it's one of the last stops for fuel and pump-out before the Straits. Meldrum Bay, Ontario is a day's sail north from Presque Isle and a favorite jumping off point for the North Channel. If you time it right, as we did last year, you can anchor in the south end of the harbor and watch a few of the 250-plus sailboats, with spinnakers flying, racing north in the annual Bayview Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Sailboat Race.

- **A safe harbor:** The shore at the south end of the harbor is owned by the Presque Isle Harbor Association. If you're anchored near PIHA's Crystal Point, you are considered a guest of the association. There's a dinghy dock and a place for an evening fire on the shore, plus two beaches that are available to you.
- **Where to shake off those sea legs:** The Presque Isle Harbor Association maintains about 15 miles of hiking trails. The No. 10 trail, the 1.9-mile Chrystal Point Loop, takes you through both soft and hardwood forests and provides many views of two lakes. This association's common land has never been developed or logged and you might see otters, cougars, sand-hill cranes, bear and many deer. Two years ago, I saw what looked like a huge coyote walking near the water pumping buildings. Possibly it was a "coywolf," a cross between coyotes, gray wolves and eastern wolves. It may sound like urban legend, but this unique species lives in this area. The last confirmed wolf sighting in Presque Isle County was in 2004.
- **Check out the lights:** After your trail hike (and there are many from which to choose), there are two lighthouses to tour. You can ring the giant bell at the old lighthouse or crank a 19th century ship's fog horn in the museum. A one-mile walk to the new lighthouse affords a panoramic view from the tallest accessible lighthouse tower on the Great Lakes. These lighthouses have been restored to the 1910-1920 era and give a realistic look at the role that lighthouses have played in protecting Great Lakes sailors over the years.
- **Grabbing something quick:** The Portage Restaurant in the state marine is closed, but the Portage Store and Deli across the street has expanded its offerings to include BBQ ribs, sandwiches and pizza. Their beer and wine selection has been significantly upgraded to include Michigan beers and wine plus recognized and unique labels. Their freezer includes a variety of protein for your grill, ranging from hot dogs and brats to Japanese Wagyu beef steaks. And this shop continues to serve great ice cream from the walk-up window. The owners are building a bar next door that should be open in 2023.
- **It's dinner time:** Want some tasty parmesan encrusted walleye or a medium rare prime rib? There's Woody's on Grand Lake (14313 E. Hwy. 638) about 4 miles from the marina. Woody's Sand Bay Trading Company store has a good variety of deli and packaged food, liquor, wines, craft beers and sundries. Woody's Grand Lake restaurant has a dinner and craft cocktail menu. 



Make plans for dockage, hotel for Rendezvous

The 2023 Rendezvous will be July 16–20 at the North Coast Harbor, formerly known as Rock ‘n Dock, in downtown Cleveland. Some logistical details about the Rendezvous:

Dockage for the 2023 Rendezvous is at Oasis Marina, North Coast Harbor, Cleveland, Ohio. Rate is \$2.50/ft per day.

To secure dockage for the rendezvous you must call Tom Tucker at 440-309-5885 or e-mail ttucker4399@bex.net.


Be prepared with your name, your cell phone number, your email address, as well as boat length, boat beam, draft, 30A or 50A.

This is the way to secure dockage. Note: You can schedule coming in on the 15th and leave on the 21st if you desire.

There is no fuel available at the marina.

The Rendezvous hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1111 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114. When making a reservation, use booking code “ARD.” You may book online at www.hilton.com/en/hotels/clelstdt-doubletree-cleveland-downtown-lakeside/. Click on group rates. Or call the DoubleTree at 216-241-5100 and reserve that way.

The cutoff date for reservations is June 18. Room rate is \$149 per day plus tax.

Questions may be sent by email to capdave@centurytel.net. 



2023 GLCC Rendezvous

July 16–20

**Cleveland, Ohio
(E-10)**

at the
Oasis North Coast Harbor
(formerly Rock ‘n Dock)



Club members show well at Cleveland Boat Show

By Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman



The Great Lakes Cruising Club had a strong presence at the 2023 Boat Show in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 12–15. Hosting and organizing the show was the Lake Erie Marine Trade Association. LEMTA provided GLCC with an outstanding booth location across from the “On The Water” presentation stage.

Port Captain Mark Gagyi and Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman averaged 3 seminars each day, presenting topics of Cruising on Lake Erie, Fuel and Boating, and Emergencies Onboard.

Our GLCC members who volunteered their time to greet attendees and talk about the club did an amazing job: Bill Ellert, Dan Stinebring, Port Captain Michael and Diane Brookins, Port Captains Tim and Liz Musolf, Thomas and Diane Tucker, Director Jim and Port Captain Heidi Rewald-Egensperger, Director Ken Kabb and daughter Rachel, Pete and Lynn Ensinger, Kevin and Alice Miller, Greg and Sue Arnold, Dave Zgrabik, Eoin Herlihy, Denny and Ellie Schurdell,

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Join GLCC friends on Lake Erie this summer

By Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman

Great Lake Cruising Club Region 53, Lake Erie has an awesome, fun and full agenda for 2023.

GLCC Picnic: The picnic is Saturday, June 3 at Herl's Harbor Marina, 2263 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio (E-16.8). This picnic kicks off our summer boating season. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship – rain or shine. Being early in the season, many people drive, but dockage is available for those who want to come by boat. Contact Herl's Harbor Marina (419-797-2173) for a dock reservation. Mention GLCC.


Lake Erie Rally: The rally is June 16–18 at Middle Bass Island (E-18.5). Dave and Lori Guertal have put together a magnificent weekend for us all again. This year's theme is “African Jungle Cruise.” Think Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn as they wind their way downriver in Africa. This will take you back in time, cruising the Nile, meet all the “critters” (animals) and experience the adventures. There is an early-bird party on Thursday (June 15) to plan your Jungle Cruise.

Exploring Lake Erie: After you cruise Africa, you can then cruise around Lake Erie. Depart Middle Bass to Put-In-Bay - it's a whole mile away. Stay a few days and experience the “Party Island Life.” Then a short hop to Kelly's Island, or Pelee for some quiet time. Leamington Lakeside, awaits your arrival for a festive time of your choosing. Further east along the Canadian North Shore, is Rondeau Bay, Port Stanley, Kettle Creek, Port Bruce, and many more ports around Long Point to Port Dover.

GLCC Wilderness Rally: The Wilderness Rally is July 11–13 In Erie, Pa. (E-4). Presque Isle State Park is the site. Arrive on July 11, Set your hook for Happy Hour snacks, meet and greet, with potluck ashore. There's a dinghy poker run, followed with burgers and hot dogs on the grill. A weather day is built in. See the website itinerary for details. Novice and experienced alike enjoy this anchorage. It is protected on all sides. Peaceful, serene, relaxing. And if you're looking for nightlife, restaurants and lots of action, stop in Erie on your way into or out of the harbor. Erie has done an outstanding job of enhancing their lakefront for maximum enjoyment along with a wonderful Maritime Museum.

Geneva on the Lake: You can refuel on your departure or travel to Geneva on the Lake for gas and provisions. Geneva State Park (E-6.5) is a beautiful well-protected marina. Geneva on the Lake is the halfway point to Cleveland. See the town and step into the past or enjoy the wineries. GLCC Port Captain and marina manager Anne Wech will make you feel welcome.

2023 Rendezvous: Don't be late to arrive in Cleveland, Ohio (E-10) ,at North Coast Harbor for the 2023 GLCC Rendezvous July 16–20. We only have 53 docks available and they will go fast. Sign up early to reserve your spot.

Annual Lake Erie Dinner Meeting: The weekend of Sept. 16, the Cleveland Yachting Club will again open its doors to GLCC. This is a first-class yacht club that will show you a weekend to remember. There's no better way to close the boating year. More details will be posted on the website as they become available. 

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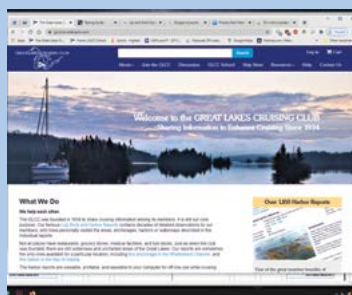
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GLCC Website Challenge

Harbor Reports need all of us to help keep them current for all

Craig Shantz was the first member to correctly reply to last issue's challenge question. Not only was his the first of 5 correct answers received, but his was the most comprehensive.

The question: **"How and where do you notify the GLCC Harbor Report editors about changes or needed additions or deletions to a harbor report you visit?"**

Craig's answer:

1. Be sure to check the Harbor Reports carefully to see whether your observations have already been noted.
2. If not, please post a comment or make a direct correction/addition to the particular Harbor Report on the GLCC website. There is a "post comment" box at the end of every Harbor Report. As has always been the club's practice, the Harbor Report Committee will review your submission. We suggest you type in your material to avoid any potential formatting issues; if you "paste" long passages of text, please try to use "text only" format. Please note that this system is our preferred method for submissions to the reports, because it significantly shortens the time between when your observation is submitted and when the update is viewable by all members. In most cases, your comments will be viewable immediately. You may also utilize the Check List for Harbor Report Updates on the website.
3. Concise, objective information on the characteristics of harbors is what's needed for our harbor reports. Subjective commentary on cruising experiences is welcome but should be posted on the web page discussion boards or directed to the editor of the *Lifeline* (*Lifeline's* Harbor Insider feature).
4. It's crucial that you note in your report whether soundings are referenced to chart data. The weekly mean water level, for adjusting soundings, can be ascertained for Canadian waters by listening to the Coast Guard's weather broadcasts on VHF channels 21B or 83B (Wx Channels 8 or 9), depending on cruising area. The same data is available on the Weekly Water Level Bulletin at: http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/ALPHAPRO/TWL/e_pt_wlb.htm

For American waters, daily historical data are available on the Internet at <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/GreatLakesInformation/GreatLakesWaterLevels/CurrentConditions.aspx>.

5. Your digital photos and sketches can also be attached directly to the individual report. They should be in the jpg format. We suggest the file size of the individual image be kept under 200 kb. If possible, set the resolution to 72 DPI. It may be easiest to post the photos in the members' Photo Gallery on the web page (include some text description of each photo) and then email the Log Book Committee that the photos are posted there.

E-mail or mail

1. Of course, you are welcome to send Harbor Report updates to the GLCC office by email or on paper, flash drive or CD-rom. We always value all your submissions, regardless of the format they are received in. Paper updates will be generally reviewed during the offseason, and their information uploaded to the web site before the new boating season.

2. Note that lengthy text changes are best forwarded on a flash drive or CD/DVD (in any contemporary word processing format). To publish your corrections, we need to know exactly what's changed. Word-by-word comparison of a rewrite against the current edition is needlessly time-consuming for the editors. Relate any new text written separately to the old report using key numbers or letters.

3. Send information on each harbor on a separate sheet or word processing file, so it can be filed with that harbor report. Be sure to put the date of observation and your name on each one.

4. Photos should not be annotated directly, but on a copy of the photo or on tracing paper overlaying the photo. Digital pictures should be in the jpg format and at 72 DPI resolution, if possible.

5. You can send your contributions either by email to glccharborreports@gmail.com or by mail to the Log Book Editor via the Great Lakes Cruising Club, Suite 202, 405 Water Street, Port Huron, MI, 48060, USA.

The prize for the first correct answer is worthy of adulation: two official GLCC cold beverage cozies, and a mention in the *Lifeline*.

The GLCC website (glccclub.com) has information of value to GLCC members. The Website Challenge is designed to encourage members to take advantage of this members-only resource.

This issue's question

This edition's GLCC Website Challenge question is: How do you find upcoming events and register for them?

Send your answer to "GLCC Website Challenge" at glccclub@att.net. Remember: Everyone who gets more familiar with our website is a winner. 🚩

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, 2021 and 2020, 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, 2022 and 2021, 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, 2022 and 2021

	ASSETS	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in bank		\$ 84,185	\$ 66,666
Certificate of deposit		-	-
Money market account		105,036	104,983
Prepaid expenses		9,134	8,609
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		198,355	180,258
EQUIPMENT		116,536	95,047
Less allowance for depreciation		60,581	28,196
		55,955	66,851
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments		488,287	561,769
Security deposits		3,130	1,700
		491,417	563,469
		\$ 745,727	\$ 810,578
LIABILITIES AND UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued wages and payroll withholdings payable		\$ 3,942	\$ 2,534
Accrued payroll taxes		388	-
Deferred revenue - annual meeting		5,325	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,655	2,534
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		736,072	808,044
		\$ 745,727	\$ 810,578

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Dues	\$ 175,500	\$ 178,965	
Initiation fees	11,305	14,435	
Log book updates and shipping	1,722	985	
Lifeline subscription fees	9,600	9,959	
Lifeline advertising	3,108	1,944	
Directory fees	5,680	5,480	
Merchandise sales	7,948	2,172	
Meeting, program and Rendezvous fees	79,505	26,280	
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(93,564)	69,853	
Investment income	20,144	11,020	
Miscellaneous income	6,000	6,000	
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	226,948	327,093	
EXPENSES			
Program services	251,955	178,949	
Management and general	46,965	42,385	
TOTAL EXPENSES	298,920	221,334	
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(71,972)	105,759	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	808,044	702,285	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 736,072	\$ 808,044	

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	2022			2021
	Program Services	Management and General	Total	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 40,798	\$ 20,094	\$ 60,892	\$ 59,119
Payroll taxes	3,187	1,570	4,757	4,622
	43,985	21,664	65,649	63,741
Production and distribution of publications:				
Log book and updates	14,023	-	14,023	13,663
Lifeline	16,095	-	16,095	15,788
Membership directory	6,431	-	6,431	7,533
Meetings, programs and Rendezvous	63,669	-	63,669	13,118
Boat show	925	-	925	599
Membership maintenance	24,976	-	24,976	17,743
Port captain operations	1,122	-	1,122	903
Publicity and public relations	1,271	-	1,271	1,309
Other operating expenses	47,073	25,301	72,374	65,340
	175,585	25,301	200,886	135,996
	32,385	-	32,385	21,597
	\$ 251,955	\$ 46,965	\$ 298,920	\$ 221,334




Hello ALL Great Lakes Cruising Club Members,

Your GLCC 2023 Membership Renewal Notice & Agreement was mailed to all of our Memberships. **The renewal forms are for all members that pay dues through the website, members that have a recurring dues subscription and those members that mail it to the office for payment. PLEASE read the instructions that are on your renewal form.**

Please also take a minute to review the information on the renewal form as that information was auto-populated from your membership profiles. You are encouraged to make any needed changes to your profile once you are logged on to the GLCC website.

Members with a recurring dues subscription should select the Recurring Fees tab on their member profile/account page to confirm that the credit card information is still accurate and that the **billing address for the credit card** that is being used for your dues payment **is correct**. Anyone with an outstanding balance for 2023 will need to call the office to make their payment.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Great Lakes Cruising Club year.

Your Great Lakes Cruising Club Office 





WELCOME ABOARD!

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



John & Nicki Arendshorst
Holland Harbor, Mich.
BLUE BELLE

**Jacques Raoul Boisvert &
Sandra Buccino**
Penetanguishene, Ont.
DELFI

**Hunter Botto &
Jaleen Hartney**
St. Petersburg, Fla.
CATNISS

**Lea Ellwood-Filkins &
John Filkins**
Gibraltar, Mich.
CALLIOPE TWO

Jack & Teddy Haas
Sandusky, Ohio
VALIUM

Edward & Elizabeth Johanson
Cheboygan, Mich.
EDVENTURE

Tim & Erica Kavanaugh
St. Clair Shores, Mich.
GOOD SPIRITS

Al & Cathy Lajiness
Bayfield, Wis.
ANTARES

**Julianne Lyons &
Timothy Sarns**
Clinton River, Mich.
NOMAD

Stephen & Sarah Neuman
Hessel, Mich.
GYPSEA

Tom Post
Harbor Springs, Mich.
RAMBLER

Paul & Joan Quinlan
Toledo Beach, Ohio
WINDLESS

Don & Karla Salo
Marquette, Mich.
WINDFALL

Rick & Marilyn Yesue
Toledo Beach, Mich.
BLUE PEARL

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 Doug Jackson

2023 25th Anniversary - Members (since 1999)

Robert J. & Diane Falk
Ballwin, Mont.
CRAZY HORSE

Donald T. & Kerry Albanese
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
ANNIE

Rear Commodore / Port Captain
Jim Ehrman & Janice Vitucci-Ehrman
Ravenna, Ohio
LA DOLCE VITA

Chaplain / Port Captain
Nelson C. & Marilyn Stone
Sioux Falls, S.D.
ANNIE B. STONE

Stephen & Bobbi Polk
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
DELPHINUS

John & Maia Appicelli
Somerset, Ky.

Michèle Fordyce
Toronto, Ont.
ADAGIO I

Port Captain
Pat O'Connor & Lorie Horbatiuk
Southampton, Ont.
NIOBE

Dale R. & Michele Grooters
Lamont, Mich.
PETAL POWERED

Rear Commodore (Ret.)
Duane R. & Marlene Flynn
Duluth, Minn.
INISFREE

Robert L. & Phyllis Jernstadt
Spring Lake, Mich.
GABRIEL

Patricia Classen
Naples, Fla.


Randolph & Barbara Jacques
Midland, Mich.
BLUEBELL OF HAMBLE

Bruce G. T. & Janis Cunningham
Woodstock, Ont.
ENCHANTED SUMMERS

Cleveland Boat Show continued from page 10

Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave Miller, Jim and Janice Ehrman, and Mark Gagy.

On a somber note: A dedication service honoring Sam Insalaco was held at the presentation stage. Sam was a long time Power Squadron (Berea) member and a longtime supporter / organizer with LEMTA and

Cleveland Boat shows. He organized the education stages, the IT equipment for presentations, and was a key figure in the implementation of LEMTA / Cleveland Boat shows. Sam was a mentor to many people, always helping to promote safe boating education. He will be sorely missed. 



Port Captain's Logbook




Port Captains Dan & Sandy Kerpelman

Rochester, N.Y.
(O-6)

Dan was introduced to sailing at 5 years old on his father's 14-foot wooden dinghy. Growing up in Switzerland, he crewed on dinghies and catamarans on Lake Geneva and off the west coast of Sweden.

Dan's association with the Great Lakes began when his career in medical imaging took him to Milwaukee, Wis., and later to Rochester, N.Y. His first boat was a MacGregor 26X *White Wind* on Lake Michigan, replaced some years later by a Hunter 336 *Howler* on Lake Ontario. Dan's career took him back to Switzerland and *Howler* was moved to Lake Geneva, where it was eventually sold and replaced by a Dufour 360 GL *Howler II*. Dan and his wife, Sandy, then acquired a Beneteau 41.1 *True North*, whose home port is the Rochester Yacht Club.

Dan and Sandy spend the spring and fall in Switzerland and cruise Lake Geneva aboard *Howler II*. They spend the summers cruising Lake Ontario aboard *True North*, with particular affection for Little Sodus Bay, Sackets Harbor, the 1000 Islands, the Bay of Quinte, Kingston and Toronto.

Dan has a US Coast Guard 100 GRT Master license and was recently certified as a Basic Keelboat instructor by US Sailing. He's also a member of the Société Nautique de Genève, where he serves on the organizing committee of the internationally renowned Bol d'Or Mirabaud regatta. 

Eight Bells

Melanie Hitch

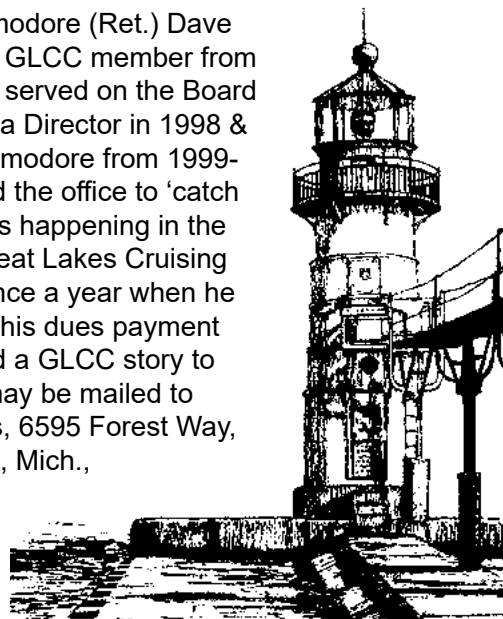
Melanie Hitch, 75, passed away Dec. 2, 2022, in Port Clinton, Ohio. Melanie is survived by her husband of 50 years, David Hitch. The Hitches have been members since 2006. Their trawler is *Know On Call*. A funeral service was held Dec. 16 in Dayton, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to GiGi's Playhouse, Towards Independence, or your local quilting society. Cards may be mailed to David Hitch, 4962 Walther Circle, Kettering, OH 45429-1944.

Roger Dye

Port Captain Roger Dye died on Dec. 21, 2022. Roger, along with his wife, Jeanne Bakale, have been members of GLCC since 1983. Roger had been the GLCC Port Captain at Algonac Harbor, Mich. (D-18) since 2012. Algonac is where his *Diamond Girl* rested when she was not cruising the Great Lakes. Roger was also a GLCC director in 2020 and 2021. Cards may be sent to Jeanne Bakale, 71800 Lassier Road, Romeo MI 48065-3522.

Dave Williams


Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave Williams was a GLCC member from 1982-2021. He served on the Board of Directors as a Director in 1998 & as a Rear Commodore from 1999-2003. He called the office to 'catch up' on what was happening in the world of the Great Lakes Cruising Club at least once a year when he called to make his dues payment and always had a GLCC story to share. Cards may be mailed to Nancy Williams, 6595 Forest Way, Harbor Springs, Mich., 49740-8610.



Holiday Gala rings in New Year

By Commodore Doug Jackson

Many of the Great Lakes Cruising Club Board members and friends of the Commodore attended a Holiday Gala at the Easton Town Center, Columbus, Ohio the first weekend in December.

The formal holiday dinner was Saturday evening at the Hilton Easton. Chris Winslow, the director of Ohio State's Sea Grant Program, was the featured speaker for the evening. Chris talked about environmental issues affecting the Great Lakes. The group followed up his talk with a variety of questions. A GLCC board meeting was held Saturday morning. 



Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave & Bobbe Miller with Vicki Jensen and Treasurer Niels R. Jensen enjoy the evening. Photo by Port Captain Karen Mesenberg



Member to Member Ads

Member-to-Member classified advertisements are available free to GLCC members on the GLCC website (<https://www.glcclub.com/forums/ads>). Ads are reserved solely for personal boats, boat-related gear, and cruising activities such as boat-swaps. No commercial sales, please. For listing details or to place an ad, visit [glcclub.com/forums/ads](https://www.glcclub.com/forums/ads). Or go to the website, then click on the "Discussion" link at the top of the page and scroll down to "Ads." Members advertising items are asked to remove their ad from the site when the item is no longer available.



Mariner Pilothouse 38 For Sale
Vellissa. <https://www.boats.com/sailing-boats/1980-mariner-pilothouse-sloop-83456> She is in the water at Toledo Beach if you or have a friend who is interested. Walt 419-324-9718 / wdgrabowski@aol.com



5HP Mercury Outboard Motor, long shaft, with internal & 3 gallon external fuel tank.
2018 BRIG Inflatable Boat (floor tool), 8'8" / 65#s. 495# capacity.
(Used once at 2018

Keyhole Wilderness.) Rated for 5HP use. Has Weaver davits for power boat application / removable for sailboat application. Pump, repair kit, oars, & carrying bag. Both for \$1800 USD. Contact Rich at 440-289-5243 / morningstar7744@gmail.com



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



Photo by Port Captain Philip R. May



Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

May 5-7

Spring Launch Weekend
Niagara Falls, Ont.

Rear Commodore Dave Spencer
519-520-1399 spencerdd@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
613-793-7982 ericssunstrum@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Tony Simion
586-258-9670 asimion3@yahoo.com

June 3

Lake Erie Picnic
Herl's Marina, Port Clinton, Ohio (E-16.8)
Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall
937-266-0888 jibkid@aol.com

June 16-18

Lake Erie Rally
Middle Bass Island, Ohio (E-18.5)
Dave & Lori Guertal
330-224-7813 dlguert@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman
330-697-8878 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com

July 11-13

Lake Erie Wilderness Rally
Erie, Pa. (E-4)
James Dylewski
561-317-9492 sv.windigo@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman
330-697-8878 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com

July 17

Board of Directors Meeting @ Rendezvous

July 16-20

Rendezvous
Lake Erie at Oasis North Coast Harbor in
Cleveland, Ohio (E-10)
Rear Commodore (Ret.)
Dave and Bobbe Miller
216-210-2136 capdave@centurytel.net
216-210-2135 bobbem@centurytel.net

September 16

Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting
Cleveland Yachting Club (CYC)
Cleveland, Ohio (E-10)
Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman
330-697-8878 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com

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