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Growing our membership key goal for coming year

I hope everyone has been able to get out on the water this summer, do some cruising on our beautiful Great Lakes and enjoy a GLCC event or two. The club offered the Rendezvous in Cleveland and many rallies all over the Great Lakes. Many of these events were well attended and enjoyed by our membership. See elsewhere in this issue for details.

Pam and I did not take a long cruise this year since the Rendezvous was in our backyard (Cleveland). The Rendezvous had a unique urban feel this year, being in downtown Cleveland and adjacent to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The fine dining options, museums, waterfront, club activities and the Commodore's dinner aboard the *Goodtime III* made this year's Rendezvous a great success.

After the Rendezvous, Pam and I took *Bleu Lagoon* for a little cruise. We hit the ports of Geneva-on-the-Lake (Ohio) State Park, then across Lake Erie to the North Shore to visit the Ontario communities of Port Stanley, (a delightful small town with many boutique shops), Eriean, and finally Leamington (one of the most beautiful marinas on the Great Lakes).

Marketing efforts

Your club's membership has been at about the same level of 1,300 family memberships for more than 10 years. We lose some members each year as they move out of the area or get out of boating. We have been able to generally add enough new members to keep our membership at about the same level for a long time.

But there has been just a bit of a dip in these numbers in the past year. As your Commodore, I wanted to start an initiative to attempt to increase our membership to secure our future and bring the benefits the club has to offer to more boaters. I mentioned this concept and work in my article in the summer edition of *Lifeline*.

A concern for me is that boat shows, our primary method of attracting new members each year, are becoming less effective. The shows on the Great Lakes are tending to show more center console boats, pontoon boats and other smaller boats rather than cruising boats.

A GLCC Marketing Committee was formed. After several months of effort, an extensive presentation was made at the April 2023 board meeting. Some key takeaways from this meeting:

- We need to develop new and different marketing techniques to help us

On the Cover

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame at Cleveland, Ohio (E-10),
site of the 2023 Rendezvous

- Photo by Janice Ehrman



Costume contest winners Rear Commodore Jim & Janice Ehrman, Port Captain Pam Jackson & Commodore Doug Jackson and Denny & Ellie Schurdell proudly posing at the 2023 Lake Erie Rally

prospect and earn new members. These would supplement our continued support of local boat shows. A digital marketing committee is working on determining our typical member profile, determining the best techniques for finding those individuals, and converting them into new members. Several techniques are being considered:

- Optimize our webpage so it is “discoverable” by internet search engines, i.e. those individuals searching about cruising locations, cruising boats, etc. This technique is known in the industry as SEO work.
- Consider online advertising on YouTube, Facebook, and other online vehicles.
- Improve our Facebook presence and activity and evaluate the possible use of other social media sites.
- Develop evaluation methods to determine which of these techniques we’ll use to help us identify and earn new memberships. We expect this process will be worked on in the next year.
- Evaluate our member communications.
 - The Marketing Committee team has rewritten all standard communications to members with a goal to make them more succinct, shorter, and more oriented to bulleted items to help make our communications more effective and easier for members to jump to what interests them the most.
 - We will be adding a monthly online newsletter. Our goal is to develop and provide a professional-looking email newsletter that will provide more timely information than can be done with our current *Lifeline* magazine. As I write this, we are just starting the design of this critical new member communication tool.
 - We will be evaluating the *Lifeline* magazine to determine how effective it is as a member communications tool. Due to its printing lead time, articles for the *Lifeline* are typically written at least 2 months

before publication. And most members do not pay the additional fee to get the printed copy. Therefore, we are considering reducing the number of issues of the *Lifeline* magazine since the new newsletter can do a better job keeping our members up to date and current.

– We are also evaluating if we should start a print advertising program in publications distributed primarily to the Great Lakes boating community. We are considering *Lakeland Boating*, *Canadian Yachting*, and *Scuttlebutt*, among others.

• *GLCCSchool* – At the April board meeting, there was great acceptance to making the *GLCCSchool* free to our members. (Non-members can still take our classes but will pay something). Although there is a cost to provide the classes free, nearly everyone was looking forward to this new member benefit. Some small increase in dues will likely be needed to cover this cost. And frankly, non-members who take GLCC classes are wonderful prospects for membership, and we will work harder to follow up with these attendees of our classes and promote more non-member participation.

As you can see, a lot of effort has been put into reviewing our club marketing and attempting to create a stronger membership base. I’d like to recognize the many members who have helped with this process, including: Director Mark Lifter, Tom Tucker, Treasurer Niels Jensen, Rear Commodore David Spencer, Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, Port Captain Amy Babinchak, Director Christine Moore Skrocki, Vice Commodore Joe McKeown, Secretary (Ret.) Phil Doolittle, Rear Commodore Rob Hillman, Port Captain Kelly Hillman, Greg Arnold, Director (Ret.) Bill Rohde, and Fred Bagley. There also have been others.

Rally was a blast

Pam and I attended the Lake Erie Rally in mid-June.

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What a fun event. This was chaired by Dave and Lori Guertal. About 70 members and guests were involved in this African safari-themed event. An article in this *Lifeline* has more details and pictures, but I did want to mention the costume winners: Rear Commodore Jim & Janice Ehrman won first place, with Denny & Ellie Schurdell and Pam & I tied for second. A good time was had by all.

Annual membership meeting

The GLCC's Annual General Membership meeting will be Oct. 27–28 at the St. Clair Inn in St. Clair, Michigan. The hotel was opened in 1926 and is a wonderful boutique location. It sits on the St. Clair River with stunning views. It was completely renovated in 2019, providing a blend of old and new to greet you. This weekend event will include the normal board meeting and election of officers, and will also host a *GLCC School* class Saturday afternoon.

One last thing: As you were out cruising this summer, we encourage you to write comments on Harbor Reports of things you saw that are noteworthy. Maybe the depths have changed, or there is a new gas dock or you found a great restaurant. These comments bring real value to our members with up-to-date information.

Be safe and enjoy our Great Lakes.



Doug Jackson, Commodore
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The GLCC office is happy to announce that we have added a new employee in the office... Lynn Blanchard (left) started working part time for Great Lakes Cruising Club June 5. Lynn comes to us with many years of office experience including customer service, record keeping and meeting planning. She is already proving to be quite an asset, taking to the GLCC way of life like a duck to water! She will supplement the staff to keep the GLCC office running smoothly in the coming years, as Cindy focuses on the graphic design work. Please welcome Lynn when you call the office.



The water can have multiple meanings

A few decades ago, I spent 3 ½ days aboard the 1,000-foot freighter *Belle River* (now named the *Walter J. McCarthy Jr.*) for a series of stories I wrote as a reporter for the *Times Herald* of Port Huron, Michigan.

The trip held many wonders. The night view of total darkness from the pilot house. Walking the bottom of the ship alongside the hold, a dozen feet or more below the surface of Lake Huron. The overwhelming, almost tangible noise in the engine room. The view of the St. Marys River from the bow. The precision by which this freighter fit in a lock at the Soo, with only inches to spare. And so on.

But most memorable to me were the sailors. Their job was to journey, back and forth, on this immense motorized ship. One minute, a sailor was at the wheel. A few minutes later, that same sailor was mopping down a deck. It's an incredible setting, filled mostly with mundane tasks.

One image sticks with me. I was interviewing a middle-aged sailor in his room – essentially a double-bunked college dorm room with walls of steel. He sat on his bunk and talked about becoming a sailor just out of high school. He had a family in suburban Detroit that he said his career aboard had allowed him to provide for well.

At one point I asked him, if he could go back in time and advise the young man he was back when he started, if he would tell that young man to make his career on the lakes? The man looked down for a long moment, then told me, "No. You miss too much."

For much of the year, he was away from home. He missed birthdays, holidays, proms, household emergencies -- all sorts of the normal events that mark our lives.

I'm sure if I'd have asked that question of others, I would have gotten different responses, but that one hit home for me.

Cruising club members sail for joy. He sailed for work. There's an unspeakable gulf between the two. The only commonality is the lakes. Don't miss them.



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The Walter J. McCarthy Jr. photo via Wikimedia Commons



St. Clair Inn river side, photo courtesy St. Clair Inn

Annual member meeting includes a close look at *Edmund Fitzgerald*

By Rear Commodore Rob Hillman

The historic St. Clair Inn, in St. Clair, Michigan, is the site for this year's Annual Membership Meeting Oct. 27–28. But a famous shipwreck is the star.

The boutique hotel on the St. Clair River is within sight of Ontario. It has recently been renovated. Its new look is built in many ways on stories of the past, when bootleggers around the area made the short trip from Canada to the US. Other stories include one referencing Jimmy Hoffa and the North Tower, and a treasure chest at the bottom of the river just off the boardwalk.

The event begins Friday evening with a reception in the Inn's 1920s-era speakeasy, with hors d'oeuvres made from Michigan-sourced organic ingredients along with a selection of global and statewide beers, wines and cocktails.

Saturday will start off with a Board of Directors meeting followed by an afternoon activity. Attendees are back in the speakeasy at 1800 for a short reception




Photo courtesy Ric Mixter

followed by dinner.

Guest speaker Ric Mixter, a noted marine historian, will give a visual presentation of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the most investigated shipwreck in the Great Lakes.

Mixter has produced more than 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery channels. He has had more than 3 million views of his YouTube videos, countless views on museum videos in four states, cover stories in such magazines as *Michigan History*, and hundreds of downloads of his unique interview-based podcasts.

Mixter is one of only a few who have visited the *Edmund Fitzgerald* in the icy depths of Lake Superior.

The cost to attend is \$165 USD a person. There also will be a *GLCC School* workshop from 1-3 Saturday afternoon. The St. Clair Inn is at 500 N Riverside Ave., St. Clair, Michigan, 48079 (D-8). 



Spring Launch has backdrop of Niagara Falls

By Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum, photos courtesy Commodore Doug Jackson & Rear Commodore Dave Spencer

The weather was perfect for the GLCC Spring Launch in Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 5–7.


The Spring Launch formally began Friday evening with a cocktail hour. It was a great opportunity for reconnecting with friends and meeting new acquaintances after a three-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions.

The Board of Directors met Saturday morning. Along with the usual club business, a good amount of time was spent discussing the work that had been undertaken over the winter by the GLCC Marketing Committee to identify steps the club could take to attract and retain members.

The Great Lakes Foundation also met and approved a grant for Able Sail Toronto to buy equipment to support its sailing program for people with disabilities.

The afternoon was spent taking advantage of the excellent spring weather to explore the numerous attractions that Niagara Falls has to offer.

At dinner Saturday night, Commodore Doug Jackson presented the Admiral Bayfield Award to Log Book Editor Daniel DeWeese and Director Julie Thorndycraft, who have cruised all five Great Lakes. Suzanne Morse from the Niagara Falls Historical Society talked about how integral tourism has been to the history and life of Niagara Falls.

Watch for updates on next year's event. 

Lake Erie Picnic draws a crowd

By Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall


The spring Lake Erie Picnic at Herl's Harbor in Port Clinton was well attended, drawing more than 60 people, including several new members.

Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall organized the event, with the support of several folks who pitched in to help set up and cook.

The Herl brothers, Jim and John, have hosted this picnic for many years. They provide the club with the site. They also set up picnic tables, provide access to electric outlets, and set aside an indoor spot for us in case of bad weather.

It's important to note that the Herls have never asked



GLCC for compensation. This year, the club presented them a letter of appreciation for all they do to benefit the club. 



2023 Lake Erie Regional Dinner set for Cleveland Yachting Club

By Port Captain Ed Mahoney


The fall Lake Erie Regional Dinner has been a Region 53 tradition for many years. In 2023, the Sept. 16 dinner will be a fitting end to a remarkable year of events on Lake Erie: the Lake Erie Rally, the Lake Erie Wilderness Rally and most importantly, the GLCC Rendezvous.

The event will again be at the Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River, 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, Ohio, 44116. The agenda assembled by Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman and Port Captain Ed Mahoney includes a cocktail hour with cash bar (US dollars only), dinner and dessert.

The cost for this year's event is the same as 2022: \$59 USD per person. As always, that fee will be inclusive of all taxes, gratuity, and credit card processing fees. The cancellation cutoff date is Aug. 31 with no refunds after that.

This year's event will again be at CYC's beautiful Center Isle complex. There is an outdoor space available for roaming, the freedom to walk the docks, and football on TV. Where appropriate, the wall-mounted TVs will be tuned to the Ohio State/Western Kentucky game. This year we are planning a Lake Erie buffet featuring Lake Erie walleye, chicken and beef.

The planning committee is working with the CYC harbormaster to place a priority on dockage requests from GLCC members. The current dockage rate is \$2.75 USD per foot. Details can be found on the GLCC website (glclub.com) in the Rocky River Harbor Report (E-11).

CYC dress code is casual; collared shirts and nice shorts are welcome. There are a number of hotels in the area, including Town Place Suites 440-892-4275, 440-871-3756, and a Red Roof Inn 440-892 7920. A search for hotels near Rocky River, Ohio, will yield others. 





2023 Lake Erie Rally succeeds with African jungle cruise theme

By Dave and Lori Guertal, Lake Erie Rally co-chairs; photos also contributed by Commodore Doug Jackson

The wild and adventurous African Jungle Cruise on Middle Bass Island for the 2023 Lake Erie Rally was a huge success. With 30 boats and 60 members and guests at the rally, Africa came to life for the weekend.

African trivia was laid out Thursday evening. Do you know what color a giraffe's tongue is and why? Lions, leopards, monkeys, snakes, water buffalo, red driver ants, zebras, crocodiles, giraffes, a hippo, and even an elephant were all spotted on the island.

Cruising club explorers used rebus pictogram clues to search the island and collect African animal cards. Mark Radabaugh was crowned "King of the Jungle" for collecting the most valuable animal cards on his jungle hunt. He received his own "gold" crown and a bottle of Royal Crown whiskey.

Several attendees won the table decorations for their hunting efforts. Members were also seen throwing fish to hungry crocodiles with Mark and Paula Radabaugh being the most successful in getting the fish into the crocodile's open mouth 8 out of 10 tries.

Explorers were also challenged to hoop an angry hippo rising out of the water. Becky Hall managed to wrangle it 3 out of 5 times. She has quite the skill at tossing a hula hoop. Monkeys smiled and taunted our players with their open mouths, just begging for nerf darts to swallow. Our best sharp shooters were Virginia (Jynx) Pfile, Port Captain Ned Bromm and Commodore Doug Jackson, scoring 5 out of 9 shots.


Creative foods were provided throughout the weekend. Jane Wolnik, caterer and owner of the Press House Island Grind Cafe and Prohibition Bar, served flatbread pizzas, salad, and cookies

Thursday night. Friday night's "Posh Picnic" was a surprise, with a gourmet mac and cheese bar and toppings fit for a king. Chopped lobster, brisket bits, and a host of other foods made for a delectable meal. This was topped off by homemade vanilla gelato and raspberry sorbet.

Saturday evening featured grilled beef and chicken kabobs, grilled veggies and a wonderful rice dish. Dessert was an array of cheesecakes. Breakfast in the Speakeasy featured homemade Greek yogurt with an assortment of toppings and fruit. Also available were breakfast bagel sandwiches of egg, cheese and bacon/sausage, and mini donuts with cream or flavored fillings; and assorted pastries galore.

Saturday night's costume contest featured wild animals and hunters/explorers from Africa. Three crafty fellows dressed as Charlie Allnut (Humphrey Bogart) from the movie, "The African Queen." All attendees joined in on the spirit of the evening with some unique costumes. Costume contest winners, as voted by the group, were Rear Commodore Jim and Janice Ehrman, Doug and Pam Jackson, and Dennis and Ellie Schurdell. Each couple was awarded a bottle of wine in a crocodile bottle bag.

Guests could have their picture taken with a baby elephant eating grass in front of a beautiful waterfall. Lucas, of the band "Lucky Fools," provided live music on Saturday night.

The 2024 Lake Erie Rally will be Father's Day weekend, June 14-16. The theme is "The Psychedelic Sixties," where you can live out your Woodstock fantasies. It will also be at Middle Bass Island. 

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Port Captain Missy Siudara's "Caprese Ladybugs"; Rally cup event; Port Captain Dave Bartilson is presented with the cup; breakfast; family of swans; Port Captains Missy Siudara & Amy Babinchak; Port Captains Victor & Susan Camaiore

Food, games highlight 2023 Region 47 Picnic

By Rear Commodore (Ret.) Tony Simion; photos by Rear Commodore Rob & Port Captain Kelly Hillman

The official date for this year's Region 47 Picnic at Lake St. Clair Metro Park was Saturday, June 10, but members began arriving at the park's marina days before.

The park offers a variety of activities, so many came early or stayed late. They journeyed from as far away as Cape Coral, Florida, and as close as a subdivision across the canal from the park. More than 50 members and their families and friends attended the one-day rally.

The picnic unofficially began at 5:30 p.m. (1730 for those naval types) on Friday with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the pavilion near the marina. The biggest hit was Port Captain Missy Siudara's "Caprese Ladybugs." The original idea was for attendees to get together and then go out to dinner at a nearby restaurant. Before anyone knew, it was 2030. No one was hungry, so members either returned to their boats or headed home to prepare for the picnic the next day.

Breakfast chefs were setting up breakfast before 0700. Director Mark Lifter and Port Captain Tom Buckley were making pancakes, Rear Commodore Rob Hillman was preparing omelets, and other types of egg dishes to order. Rob's wife, Port Captain Kelly Hillman, staffed the cappuccino machine. Arlene Oakland set up a Bloody Mary and mimosa bar. Attendees came, had something to eat and had more time to sit and relax, and enjoy the beautiful June morning.

The Birmingham Power Squadron provided boat inspections to those members who wanted to be ready for the boating season.

Many of the picnickers boarded a park bus to go on

an hour-long nature walk at 1000 while others helped clean and set up for the picnic at noon. Members, family and friends continued arriving at 1300.

There was so much food. Fried chicken, cole slaw and broasted potatoes from Chicken Shack, hot dogs and hamburgers, sweet corn and pasta salads. Dessert was cookies, brownies and a sheet cake.

The Region 47 "Rally Cup" was on display. Rear Commodore (Ret.) Tony Simion organized the cornhole competition. Sixteen contestants played for the honor of having their name inscribed on the trophy. Several of our younger attendees served as "volunteer baggers," removing bags from the cornhole platforms that were ruled disqualified. Two hours and 15 contests later, Port Captain Dave Bartilson was the winner and will officially be presented his award at this year's annual membership meeting.

This year's picnic would never have been so successful without the help of a host of people: Rob Hilman and wife, Kelly, for heading up the organizing the picnic, David Bartilson as host for this year's picnic and arranging for the boat inspections by the Birmingham Power Squadron, Mark Lifter and his wife, Arlene Oakland, for organizing the breakfast, Port Captains Victor and Susan Camaiore for setting up the nature walk and arranging for all the food for the picnic, Rear Commodore (Ret.) Tony and Port Captain Sharon Simion for organizing the cornhole tournament, Tom Buckley for providing a second cornhole set, the Lake St. Clair Metro Park Staff and GLCC members who helped in countless ways. 🚩

2023 Rendezvous

shakes up the lake

By Janice Ehrman and Bobbe Miller; photo contributions courtesy Greg Arnold, Susan Atkinson, Lori Guertal, Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman, and Commodore Doug Jackson

This year's Rendezvous was July 16–20 at North Coast Harbor Marina run by Oasis (formerly known as Rock n' Dock) in Cleveland, Ohio (E-10).

It was not a typical GLCC Rendezvous. It was in an urban setting, allowing many options for members to explore everything Cleveland. The marina is next to Burke Lakefront Airport, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center, which also includes the steamship *William G. Mather*, and near the USS *Cod* submarine. In addition, Voinovich Park across the marina's walking bridge had several concerts during this time. The Rendezvous was loosely scheduled to allow plenty of opportunities for members to pick and choose their favorite activity.

Sunday, July 16, was the official arrival day, although some members chose to arrive a day or two early. Before boaters were fully settled at the dock, Oasis Marina staff surprised them with the question, "Do you prefer red or white?" Shortly thereafter GLCC Rendezvous boaters received a gift basket, including a bottle of Josh wine, two Yeti drink cups, some Malley's chocolate bars, and other sundry items, all courtesy of the marina.

Oasis continued to surprise GLCC members throughout the Rendezvous by providing appetizer tacos and margaritas Sunday evening. There was so much food that there was no need to eat dinner elsewhere. On Tuesday, the marina staff served GLCC attendees mimosas, *Continued on page 18*

The story behind the Rendezvous is worth the telling



Sunday was arrival day. After the Ship Store closed, co-organizer Bobbe Miller lost her key fob to the marina. While she searched for it, husband Dave Miller went to get off the *La Dolce Vita*. Somehow his phone was knocked out of his back pocket and ended up in the water. No one had a big fish net to scoop it out; it was lost forever.

Bobbe and Dave enjoyed about an hour or so socializing, then as Bobbe left *La Dolce Vita*, her cane went overboard to join Dave's phone at the bottom of the lake.

Dave and Bobbe socialized for a time before Dave walked back to the hotel to get her spare cane. After he left, Bobbe told Paula Richlak about all this and asked, "How much worse can it get?" (Note *Continued on page 19*)





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**2023 Summer
RENDEZVOUS**
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Cleveland, Ohio (E-10)
*Photos by Greg Arnold, Susan Atkinson,
Lori Guertal, Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman,
and Commodore Doug Jackson*







Single-handed tour turns into a two-person adventure

Editor's note: This story is based on the log of Jim and Heidi Egensperger and their visit to Redezvous 2017 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Jim sailed their Catalina 30 mostly single-handed from Chagrin River, Ohio, meeting with Heidi in Escanaba, Michigan.

Touch of Grey trucking



GLCC cruisers: Fairytale, Sea Skimmer and Touch of Grey at anchor, St. James Harbor

Beaver Island (M-2), June 21, 2017 (continued)

I wasn't halfway through my libation when I noticed some activity on deck of the boat some 100 yards off my portside. The couple had boarded their inflatable and motored in my direction.

The lovely lady in the bow, reached up to grab a stanchion and in a pleasant French-Canadian voice asked: "Are Jim and Heidi here?" In confusion, I replied: "Heidi's not here, I'm Jim." After a short pause, I added, "Do I know you?" This lady, whom I came to know as Monique, replied: "Oh No. WE don't know you, but", pointing to the other boat, "THEY know you!"

It turns out, long-time GLCC members, Ted and Venetia Moorhouse on *Fairytale*, observed the GLCC burgee fluttering on my starboard spreader. Venetia simply looked up our boat in the club roster and radioed our names over to Bob and Monique in *Sea Skimmer*,

their cruising partners for many years.

Bob and Monique were stopping by to invite us (me) to join their usual evening rendezvous for drinks and snacks. "Would it be ok if I brought along a little entertainment?" I offered to bring my guitar along for some strumming music in the cockpit.

Venetia brought out a GLCC sing-along songbook from the 1999 Rendezvous. With the required telling of tall tales of sailing adventures and no one watching the clock, that cocktail hour stretched several hours and proved the start of an enduring friendship.



A little strumming is good for cocktail hour!

In my berth that night and in many years since, I've concluded that beautiful evening of new friendship and shared comradery, at anchor no less, to be nearly the ultimate manifestation of the joy of cruising. Beyond the wind, waves, stars, harbors, sunrises, storms, glorious sailing, restaurants, bars, on and on...It's the wonderful people along the way that make it so great.

For me, that is a big part of being a GLCC member. Beyond the Harbor Reports, it's the many cruising folks I've met and consider as friends. I still have and dearly cherish that songbook Venetia gave me.

After a comfortable night at anchor, I moved to dock



Dalwhinnie's Deli, Beaver Island

at the Beaver Island Marina (M-2) and stayed there for two nights: Thursday 6/22 and Friday 6/23. My new Canadian friends departed for other places, but we all resolved to reconnect in Escanaba (M-101).

A stone's throw across the street from the marina, Dalwhinnie Bakery & Deli has fabulous breakfasts, outstanding fresh bakery and 'to-die-for' sticky buns. A grocery next door had a fabulous inventory of food stuffs. Hard to believe such a wonderful grocery existed on an island in the middle of northern Lake Michigan. The local fishing museum is also a short walk and well worth the visit. Dockmaster Dennis and Ilene became new friends. I fell in love with Beaver Island.



Dalwhinnie Bakery & Deli

Fayette, Mich. (M-91), June 24, 2017

I left Beaver Island dock, Saturday, 6/24, after one last Dalwhinnie sticky bun, at the casual hour of 1045, for a short crossing north to uninhabited Garden Island (M-1.1), where I anchored at 1245, kayaked and hiked into the historic, sacred Indian burial grounds. That was a quiet, isolated and spiritual moment.

Sunday, June 25, anchor up at 0600, headed west across Lake Michigan to enter Green Bay and turned north for a stay on the new state docks at Snail Shell Harbor by the historic industrial iron smelting town of Fayette (circa 1870's).

In the summertime, it is mandatory to reserve ahead for dockage. With the extended delay of normal summer warmth, there were few cruising boaters in the area. A 50-foot trawler and my Catalina 30 were the only occupants of the 14 slips. This is another unique, enjoyable stop for any cruiser, good enough that I stayed through Monday.

Escanaba (M-101), July 27, 2017

Tuesday, 6/27, I left Fayette, motored the 2 hours across Big Bay De Noc, turned north into Little Bay De Noc, secured a dock in Gladstone (M-100) at 1230 intending an afternoon visit. Then departed at 1530 for a nighttime anchorage up in Little Bay De Noc.

On Wednesday 6/28, I weighed anchor at 0550, illuminated by the colorful spectrum of a "lovely sunrise." "0745" dock Escanaba. Wonderful Escanaba!"



Historic Fayette State Park, Snail Shell Harbor;
State of Michigan DNR docks



Happy Hour in Touch of Grey's cockpit – Fun!

Escanaba is a lovely port town with many attributes for the traveling boater; including helpful dockhands, immaculate washrooms, gorgeous waterfront park, lighthouse, museum, and a classic Main Street with many shops and eateries. With my Wednesday morning arrival, I had two days to scout out Escanaba and then two more to explore nearby ports and decide on the best sites to show Heidi.

I cast off Escanaba dock Friday 6/30 1100 hrs. It was a bumpy motor-sail south to check out three possible ports. Rock Island (M-88.5) is a park with woodsy hiking trails to a vintage lighthouse. Jackson Harbor (M-88) is a small, quiet anchorage. Detroit Harbor (M-86), at the south end of Washington Island, is protected but noisy with speed boats and jet skis whizzing about.

We decided that Escanaba would be the port for Heidi to drive to and begin her participation in this summer's cruise. She could arrive Sunday evening 7/2. I departed Detroit Harbor early that day and headed north into variable winds and occasional rain showers. I was occupied switching from motoring, motor-sailing, reefing, sailing, then motoring again. All normal adjustments. I arrived Escanaba 1300 hrs. Heidi drove in at 1630. *Touch of Grey* now had a crew of 2!



Heidi is now aboard for the GLCC Rendezvous!

My GLCC Canadian friends were already here with dog Sailor, plus new GLCC friends Fleet Captain Cheryl Cheger-Timm and Larry Timm on *Meritricious* from Bay City and local sailors Brian and Virginia Zinser. Being the newbies, we all decided cocktail hour and Heidi's welcome would commence at 1730 (it ran to 2030!) aboard *Touch of Grey*. It was definitely a proper cocktail party with 10 sailors and one dog aboard, 2 dogs on the dock, Jimmie Buffet on the stereo and absolutely nothing better to do! When Port Captain Marilyn Kinsey stopped by, we considered it a semi-official mini-GLCC event!

Having Heidi aboard in Escanaba for these 2 days was way better than the two days without her. We had cruising friends dockside, local friends shore-side, loaner bikes available, a lighthouse to climb, a museum to visit, restaurants to indulge, all capped off with a fantastic July 4th fireworks show. We loved Escanaba!

For Heidi's first day under way, we chose a short ride to that special place I knew – Fayette. After several hours of pleasant motoring, we docked at Snail Shell Harbor: 1150. Taking lunch aboard, we "spent all afternoon touring the historic village, enjoying ice cream at the State Park Visitor's Center and hiking Rim-trail overlooking the harbor. A most enjoyable, special port."

Baileys Harbor, Wis. (M-54), July 7, 2017

We were surprised to be headed south on a brisk northwest wind. It's a rarity for a sailboat to have a favorable wind when going someplace. We logged a "wonderful sail, beam reach, 6-6.5 knots" rapidly approaching the north tip of the Door County peninsula.

We had planned to go down the west, Green Bay, side of Door County and overnight at any available anchorage or marina.

At 1200 hrs., we began calling ahead for dockage. To our dismay, the few suitable anchorages and all marinas had no space available. Boating season had begun! Luckily, we were literally just abeam Death's Door Channel to portside and with a 90° turn to port, we altered course into Lake Michigan and headed to a bay on the eastside of Door County to be better protected at

anchor in the building mid-20's northwest wind. At 1820 hours, in Baileys Harbor, on the second attempt, the Delta set solidly.

Tomorrow we would arrive at Sturgeon Bay for the 2017 GLCC Rendezvous.

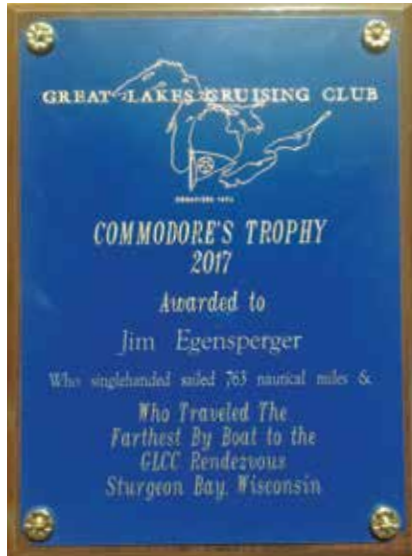
It was a simple run with pleasant conditions from Bailey's to the Sturgeon Bay Canal to our reserved dock at Quarterdeck Marina.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis. (M-72.5), July 8, 2017

At 1100 hours, we had arrived. We met Janice Ehrman. OMG, what a sweetheart. After she learned that I had traveled from Ohio, she told me to apply for the Commodore's Trophy. Imagine my surprise when

we won. The plaque noting 763 miles traveled is proudly displayed on the bulkhead in *Touch of Grey*.

The five-day Rendezvous was an incredible experience for these two first-timers. There was socializing, Bilge Auction, setting-off flares, putting-out fires, safety and navigating seminars, breakfasts and potlucks, Maritime Museum



Commodore's Trophy

and local attractions, culminating with the Commodore's Dinner Gala.

We especially enjoyed spending time with our new friends Venetia and Ted Moorhouse and have since cruised together and visited them in Ottawa.

We came to realize this group of boaters known as the Great Lakes Cruising Club, with its long history of friendship, knowledge, comradery and interest in safe, fun cruising was the right club for us.



Safety Workshop: hands-on with fire extinguishers!



GLCC Rendezvous: Heidi w/ friends Ted and Venetia Moorhouse and Joanne Mead

Since our first Rendezvous in 2017, we have enjoyed participating in many GLCC events: rallies, Rendezvouses, Wildernesses, picnics, dinners, boat shows, webinars, with more to come.

Homeward Bound, July 17, 2017

We spent the next three days visiting the wonderful ports of Fish Creek (M-75) and Sister Bay (M-80) in Door County, Wis. while cruising back to Escanaba (M-101). Heidi got in her car to head home and I began my down-bound cruise back to northeast Ohio. My first stop was the familiar waters of St. James Harbor (M-2). I stretched my stay on Beaver Island to a full week to include taking in the entire weekend at the upcoming



Touch of Grey. Catalina 30, #5388 did very well!

music festival. It was hugely fun.

Homeward, I spent two days in Mackinaw City (one day due to bad weather), a slight jog north through the Les Cheneaux Islands (H-81), Friday, July 28 on the excellent state docks at Detour Village (H-83) and a 50-mile side trip up the St. Marys River (NC-0.1-0.9) to Sault St. Marie, Mich. (S-230). Learning the Canadian lock allowed passage of single-handers, I took a day to go up to Whitefish Bay and spent a night anchored in Waiska Bay (S-221). With that, I could now officially claim that *Touch of Grey* had been in four of the Great Lakes on my 2017 cruise. Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1, I headed south in earnest and now any available current would be in my favor.

Stops at Drummond Island (NC-1), Scammon Cove (H-49), Presque Isle (H-70), Harrisville (H-64.5), Port Sanilac (H-55), Metropolitan Beach (D-44), Middle Bass Island (E-18.5) and finishing back at Chagrin River (E-9) at 1815 hrs. on Friday, Aug. 11. Total summer cruise: 2 months + 2

days, 29 ports and anchorages, about 1600 nautical miles, 237 engine hours, 2 oil changes, 1 GLCC Commodore's Trophy and a wide range of fantastic memories made easier to recall through the pages of my logbook. 🚩

This is the last of two installments. Be sure to read the previous issue of *Lifeline* to follow Jim and Heidi'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.glclub.com/founders-award> to learn more.



2023 Rendezvous continued...

piña coladas, and Jell-O shots during cocktail hour. Many people then broke into small groups for dinner in town or on their boats.

The final morning, the Oasis Marina crew provided made-to-order breakfast sandwiches and pastries before members cast off. These treats were a surprise to attending members, including Rendezvous Chairs Dave and Bobbe Miller. Alex, Michael, and the entire North Coast Harbor-Oasis Marina crew deserve a thank-you for their hospitality and service.

The space housing the Ship Store and the registration desk, staffed by Susan Atkinson, was a busy place. Each attendee received a GLCC nylon shopping bag with a GLCC Rendezvous mug and burgee. Erin, from Destination Cleveland, was also available Sunday and Monday with plenty of brochures, guide

books, and recommendations.

Monday's continental breakfast delivered by Stacy of Simply Elegant Catering had so many doughnuts, pastries and more that a large tray of selections was sent over to Nuevo's restaurant where the Board of Directors was meeting. That afternoon, the Port Captains also met there. Nuevo's provided its second floor to GLCC free for meetings and the Bilge Auction.

The weather continued to be in the low 80s and partly cloudy. The possibility of rain brought the Commodore's Reception on Monday evening inside the Great Lakes Science Center. Two first-time Rendezvous registrants were unable to attend, but the remaining nine first-time couples posed with GLCC officers underneath a dinosaur skeleton. Walleye sliders, Reuben sliders, and pierogi appetizers were served as folks

socialized for more than two hours.

Tuesday morning, members continued to browse the Ship Store. Several members volunteered to haul donated Bilge Auction items to Nuevo's. Thanks go to the Guertals, Mullallys, Arnolds, and Matthewses.

Auctioneers Bobbe Miller and Past Commodore Niels Jensen "strongly encouraged" bidding. Director Mark Lifter donated vintage baking soda with ads for Blockbuster on the box. Rumor has it that Commodore Doug Jackson made the winning bid of \$5 for a mop head that Bobbe Miller was "modeling" as long as she promised to keep it.

The nicest gesture was Rear Commodore Bill Bailey's persistence to ensure he had the winning bid of \$105 for a Sally Huss Sunny Thoughts bag with lighthouse design which he promptly gave the GLCC's hard-working Office Manager, Yvonne Murray. Her reaction was priceless.

Thanks go to all who donated items, and those who bid on them. The auction generated more than \$1,000 for the GLCC Foundation.

The last full day of the Rendezvous was warm and sunny with clear skies. GLCC again had a continental breakfast spread. Members spent the next few hours squeezing in time to visit local attractions. During the Fleet Review, officers in their crisp, snazzy whites walked the docks, conversing with members. Some ships were fully dressed while others were brazenly “undressed”. No matter – it was all about camaraderie.

At 1830, participants boarded the *Goodtime III* for the Commodore’s Dinner. GLCC members had the 1,000-passenger vessel to themselves. Its owner and operator, Capt. Rick Fryan, was a wonderful host to GLCC and was present the entire evening. The dinner included carved beef, chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, pasta, salad, dinner rolls and dessert.

After dinner, Commodore Doug Jackson thanked all for coming and awarded the Commodore’s Trophy to first-timers Larry and Elizabeth Hunter-Blank aboard *QE II* for being the boat that traveled the farthest to attend the event. They live in Kansas City and traveled more than 800 miles by boat from Chicago to Cleveland. Doug also announced that Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman and his wife, Janice, received their 25-year burgee. Doug couldn’t present it, however, as they were already flying it on the bow.

Capt. Rick took everyone on a 3-hour cruise down the Cuyahoga River, then out the main channel onto Lake Erie, re-entering Cleveland harbor via the East 55th St. breakwall. The weather cooperated with a beautiful sunset over the lake. Still cruising during twilight, GLCC members climbed onto the upper deck to snap pictures as the light reflected off the downtown skyscraper windows. The cruise was a fitting end to a great Cruising Club Rendezvous. 🚩

The story behind the Rendezvous continued...

to self: NEVER ask that question.)

A short time later, a call came that Dave had fallen in front of the hotel and EMS had been called. Dave went to Metro Health Medical Center and did not return to the Rendezvous which he had spent countless days and months planning. Thankfully, Dave is recuperating nicely.

Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave and Bobbe Miller were the Rendezvous chairs. After Dave’s fall, so many attendees jumped in to help in various ways that everyone can’t be named. However, special mention should be made of Dave and Lori Guertal, the Ship’s Store crew, Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman who soldiered on to run the schedule of events, and Susan Atkinson. Without Susan to keep things on track, the event likely would have gone off the rails.

Everyone who attended helped in some concrete or intangible manner and provided emotional support. Thanks go to all for making the 2023 Rendezvous a rousing success. 🚩



SAVE THE DATE for the GLCC Holiday Gala!

The 2023 Great Lakes Cruising Club Holiday Gala, with the December Board of Directors meetings, will be held Dec. 1–3, 2023 at Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts in Huron, Ohio. Watch the events page for more information and the registration form. 🚩



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. 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.

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



Antique Boat Museum



Boldt Castle



Kingston

THOUSAND ISLAND REGION, ONT. (SLR-00.1)

The 1000 Islands truly is an international treasure

By Port Captains Cynthia and Eric Sunstrum (SLR 11-50)

The 1000 Islands has been described as a boater's paradise. Located along 50 miles of the St. Lawrence River between Kingston, Ont. (O-13) and Cape Vincent, N.Y. (O-1) in the west and Brockville, Ont. (SLR-49) and Morristown, N.Y. in the east.

It is not the easiest destination to get to from most of the Great Lakes but is well worth the effort.

Where do I dock?

Transient dockage is available at marinas on the Canadian side in Kingston, Gananoque (SLR-16), and Brockville, and on the US side in Cape Vincent, Clayton (SLR-51), and Alexandria Bay (SLR-52). These stops are the best places to get provisions as well. Dockage and mooring buoys are also available in the Thousand Islands National Park. Numerous safe anchorages can be found throughout the islands.

A quiet getaway:

The islands can be busy mid-summer but places like Brakey Bay on the northeast end of Wolfe Island (SLR-11) offer plenty of room and enough privacy.

A bit of history:

The area was of significant importance to the British and American sides during the War of 1812 and in the early 1900s it became a popular summer playground for the wealthy and famous.

Historic sight-seeing:

Top sites include 1000 Islands History Museum (Gananoque), Antique Boat Museum (Clayton), Fort Henry (Kingston), Boldt Castle (Alexandria Bay), and Singer Castle (Chippewa Bay). These sites can be visited by private boat, but touring cruises are available from Gananoque, Rockport or Alexandria Bay.

Grabbing a bite to eat:

Many great pubs and eateries are available in the marina locations mentioned previously. Gananoque favorites a short walk from the municipal marina are Muskie Jake's at the Gananoque Inn, and Riva, a nice Italian restaurant. A little more out of the way but great places to eat include: The Cove Restaurant at Treasure Island Marina (Bateau Channel, SLR-14) and Cornwall's Pub (Rockport, SLR-30). The Ivy Restaurant

at Ivy Lea Club (SLR-22) in Lansdowne offers more upscale dining with free dockage while you eat.

An evening out:

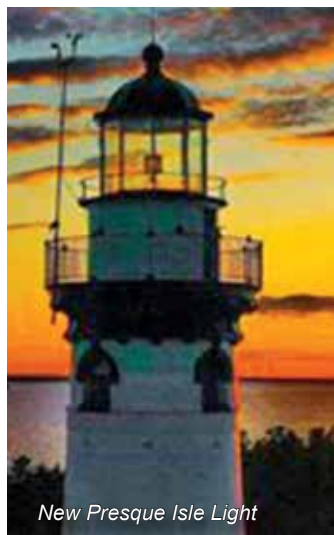
The 1000 Islands Playhouse in Gananoque offers excellent and varied programming throughout the year.

Connecting with nature:

Nature abounds in the 1000 Islands. There are hiking trails on some of the Park Islands and on the mainland. Paddling through the Islands in a kayak or canoe is a great way to pass the time. Diving into the cool, clear water of the St. Lawrence River is a welcome option on those hot summer days. 🚩



Mooring Bay, Endymion Island



New Presque Isle Light

Wilderness Rally offered Lake Erie fun, relaxation

By Chair James Dylewski

For the second-ever time in club history, a Wilderness Rally was held on Lake Erie. There were 15 members/guests in attendance for the event July 11–13 at Presque Isle State Park on Marina Lake.

Participants had a marvelous time exploring the beaches and lagoons (no motors), and such events as a dinghy poker run and cornhole. They were also able to relax in the serenity and beauty of the park.

Boats arrived Tuesday to a potluck dinner and BYO beverages. Wednesday offered the dinghy poker run, BYOB happy hour social time, and barbeque dinner. Thursday featured a lucky day breakfast, BYOB happy hour, and appetizers. 🚩



GLCC Website Challenge

Find the annual meeting

This issue's challenge question has its answer in this issue:

The In-person meetings are going full steam ahead... Where & on what date will the 2023 Great Lakes Cruising Club ALL Members Meeting be held this year?

Send your emailed answer to Yvonne at glcclub@att.net.

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

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



Port Captain's Logbook



Port Captains Dave & Cindy Obergefell

DeTour Village, Mich.
(H-83)

Dave and Cindy Obergefell, former Port Captains at Port Clinton, Ohio (E-20), have moved from Lake Erie to Lake Huron to become the Port Captains of DeTour Village, Michigan (H-83). The driving distance is about 425 miles between the two. Port Clinton is just east of Sandusky, Ohio, while DeTour Village is south of Sault Ste. Marie in the eastern part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. 🚩



WELCOME ABOARD!



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

Lee & Bake Baker

La Pointe &
Madeline Island, Minn.
SURPRISE

Mike & Lynn Bauman

Milwaukee, Wis.
LAKEFRONT PROPERTY IV

John & Wendi Beck

West Harbor, Ohio
SAIL ON

Bradford W. & Irene Betz

Northport, Mich.
HULLABALOO

Ian & Allison Burns

Monroe Harbor - Chicago, Ill.

Timothy & Mary Corkell

Sheboygan, Wis.
BANSHEE

Jeff & Kathy DeBest

Northport, Mich.
SIMPLY DEBEST

Denise Duffy &

David Kriska
Cleveland, Ohio

Bob Elkins & Roberta Kaye

Sodus Bay, N.Y.
DESPERADO

Bob & Michelle Giammanco

New Buffalo, Mich.
WIPE OUT

Michael & Gina Gribble

Looper
THIS IS WHAT

Mark & Erika Hepler

Traverse City, Mich.
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Erie, P.A.
BE KNOT AFRAYED

Joe & Deb Left

Charlevoix, Mich.
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Kris Smith &

Stephanie Leith
Penatanguishene, Ont.
BIG DIPPER

Thomas & Jody Masterson

Florida
ELIXER

Lisa & Marco Molinari

Bay Harbor, Mich.
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Brad Montagne &

Lynn Gras
Manistee, Mich.
JUST FOR STARTERS

Doug & Marian Murphy

Erie, Penn.
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Sharon Pazzaglia-Pintwala
Parry Sound, Ont.
GLORIA JEAN

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Jennifer Sharp-Warthan &

Danny Warthan
Florida
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Vera VanRheenen
Sandusky, Ohio

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IPHIGEIA



Photos L to R: Bake & Lee Baker, SURPRISE; David & Ann Bannister, UNSALTED;

Lynn & Mike Bauman, LAKEFRONT PROPERTY IV; John & Wendy Beck, SAIL ON;

Hailey MacArthur, Dan Bain & Tallulah, VALAUDREY; Mickey & Barbara Sheppard, LAST DANCE; Bill Winner, IPHIGENIA



GLCCSchool returns in November with slate of webinars

By Port Captain Mark Gagyi

The *GLCCSchool* will return this November for its 14th season. The volunteer members of the *GLCCSchool* team are lining up webinars for the upcoming season. It promises another year of outstanding webinars for all Great Lakes cruisers. Club members can expect to see many new webinars, as well as some past ones returning for an encore.

Remember: All *GLCCSchool* webinars are now offered free to GLCC members. Your GLCC membership now entitles you to as many webinars as you wish to watch at no cost. This is a great bargain, given that the webinars otherwise would be \$20 each.

It's easy to enroll in the *GLCCSchool*. There are no strings attached. Go to the *GLCCSchool* website and click on the "Enroll for Free" box. Once there, look for the highlighted words, "Begin the enrollment process here" and click again.

Once you select a username and password, your enrollment is complete. It's that simple.

If you have a GLCC internet account and are wonder-

ing why you have to set up another, here's the answer: To protect your security and the security of our club and school, we need to keep the operations of the club and school separate and independent.

Now that you are enrolled what can you expect? Well, the real action begins in November when our live webinar presentations start. To make sure you don't miss out on upcoming webinars, enrolled members will receive a weekly email highlighting the next week's webinars.

While many of us are still looking forward to a few weeks of Great Lakes cruising, the inevitable change of seasons will put our boats up on the hard and send our minds remembering those special cruising moments from the summer just past. When that bittersweet time arrives, it may be time to start thinking of the GLCC's *GLCCSchool* and how it can help you prepare for the 2024 cruising season.

If you have any questions, please contact me at gagy620@gmail.com. 🚩

2024 Boat Show Schedule

Progressive Chicago Boat Show

Jan. 10-14

McCormick Place - South Chicago, Ill.

<http://www.chicagoboatshow.com>

Progressive Cleveland Boat Show & Fishing Expo

Jan. 18-21

I-X Center

<http://clevelandboatshow.com>

Toronto International Boat Show

Jan. 19-28

Enercare Centre

<http://www.torontoboatshow.com>

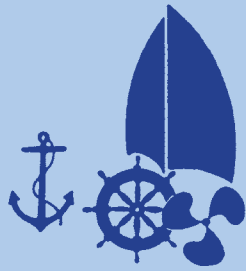
Be a Volunteer at Boat Shows

The Great Lakes Cruising Club is an active participant in regional boat shows during the non-boating months. Please consider helping out at the GLCC booth during these shows. (Details about upcoming shows are listed here.)

Volunteers qualify for free, or significantly reduced admission. Tasks mostly involve donating a few hours of your time talking to prospective new members and other fellow Great Lakes boaters.

To volunteer and get more information, contact the chairperson for the show you are interested in, or call the GLCC office at 810-984-4500.

After all, if you are planning on attending, why not also have some fun volunteering to crew the GLCC booth? 🚩



Member to Member Ads

Member-to-Member classified advertisements are available free to GLCC members on the GLCC website (<https://www.glclub.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 glclub.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
Velissa. <https://www.boats.com/sailing-boats/1980-mariner-pilot-house-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



Catalina 34 MK2 For Sale
Fresh water boat for entire life. Extremely well maintained and upgraded. \$115,000 CAD. For more information, please contact Joe Blair at jjablair@hotmail.com



Great Lakes Cruising Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

September 16

Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting
Cleveland Yachting Club (CYC), Ohio (E-10)
Port Captain Ed Mahoney
216-401-6587 / eemahoney@outlook.com
Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman
330-697-8878 / jjmsmarine@neo.rr.com

October 28

Board of Directors Meeting
Annual General Membership Meeting

October 27-29

Annual General Membership Meeting
St. Clair, Mich. (D-8)
Rear Commodore Rob Hillman
248-224-8495 / robhillman@email.com

December 1-3

Board of Directors Meeting
Commodore Doug Jackson
614-519-6996 / doug@dougandpam.com

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Port captains needed to share knowledge for benefit of all

We need port captains. Here's why: One of the great things about the Great Lakes Cruising Club is the knowledge of our members. The club was founded by people who were willing to share that knowledge and help fellow cruisers enjoy their time on the Great Lakes.

That tradition continues today in both formal and informal ways. One of the best ways you can continue this legacy is by acting as a port captain.

Port captains help fellow GLCC members by sharing their local knowledge. Port captains answer questions on the best harbor facilities, hidden anchorages, services and even restaurants in their areas.

Currently, the GLCC is looking to replace a long-standing GLCC member who is retiring as Port Captain in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. The club also is adding a port captain in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more, please contact Rear Commodore Thom Serafine at thom.serafine@gmail.com or 773-420-8918.

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