



Great Lakes Cruising Club's St. Helena Meetup and Flotilla Wednesday, July 10, 2024 • St. Helena Island, Mich. (M-71)

If you're coming from the east and heading to Escanaba for the annual Rendezvous, please plan to join us for a great little meetup at St. Helena Island, Mich. (M-71), where we'll meet and greet as boats arrive. On July 11th, we've arranged for a tour of the lighthouse, which is staffed by a fantastic Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, whose president is our new *GLCCSchool* instructor Ric Mixer. Like most of Michigan's islands, St. Helena has a fascinating history which you can read all about in the harbor report.

St. Helena island is a small island about 6nm west of the Mackinac bridge in Lake Michigan. It is well maintained by scouting clubs and the Keepers Association. There's a nice harbor along the northeastern side of the island. If you're looking at your chart, the harbor is bigger than it appears. The Keepers Association also sets out a couple of moorings in the harbor, but their strength is unknown. Check out the cool time lapse video on the annual opening of the Lighthouse and facilities (<https://www.gllka.org/st-helena-island-light-station>). They recently installed a 138-foot dock near the lighthouse with 6ft of draft at the end. Here is an aerial photo of the island this past September, showing the new dock and its harbor.

Not attending the Rendezvous? No problem, join us at St. Helena or High Island for a couple of days at anchor.
Itinerary:

- July 10th: Sail into St. Helena (M-71)
- July 11th: Tour lighthouse and group gathering
- July 12th, 40nm: Sail to High Island (M-3)
- July 13th, 50nm: Sail to a Green Bay port or anchorage. Summer Island (M-89) or St. Martin (M-88.7)
- July 14th, 25nm: Arrive Escanaba (M-101)

Please be sure to fill out the event form and let us know that you're planning to attend. There is no fee for this event, although an \$8 USD/pp donation to the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association is expected. (<https://www.gllka.org/st-helena-island-light-station>)



2024 GLCC St. Helena Meetup



Name: _____ Spouse/Partner Name: _____

GLCC Title: _____ Spouse/Partner GLCC Title: _____

Email: _____ Spouse/Partner Email: _____

Cell/Phone: _____ Spouse/Partner Cell/Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Guest Name/s: _____

Boat Name: _____

Register to attend.....(# attending): _____ x \$0.00 = \$ __0__ USD

Register to attend Lighthouse Tour (\$8 USD/pp donation payable at venue).....(# attending): _____ x \$0.00 = \$ __0__ USD

Please register by 7/9/24. Online registration is preferred. Mail registration form to:
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