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GREAT LAKES
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Lifeline
A member newsletter

Sodus Bay goes deep in many ways



On the southeast edge of Lake Ontario, Sodus Bay has sights to see, places to eat, and scenery to enjoy. Use any of the many local marinas, and you'll find good reason to take a stroll, have a swim, grab a meal – and yes, there's ice cream, too

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Jensens view their boat as a 'magic carpet'

GLCC, Harbor Reports have helped give these boaters the confidence necessary to check out the many adventures that await on the Great Lakes

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WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GLCC



Club honors members
of 25 and 50 years



New Port Captain
Erie, PA. ([E-4](#))

The Great Lakes Cruising Club celebrates its 60th annual Rendezvous this summer. We honor our members who have been here with us for much of that time

Aaron Puntriano looks to the GLCC for tips on sailing, finding safe harbors – and learning how to cook better, more seaworthy dishes

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Let the GLCC help you plan a great summer

No matter which of the Great Lakes you cruise on, GLCC has an event near you. Come join fellow GLCC members. We look forward to seeing you and your GLCC burgee out on the water and at one of these great events

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The rolling hitch is a good knot to know

As this article from *Ocean Navigator*



Meet the club's latest group of new members

Please welcome our latest club members

magazine points out, the rolling hitch is a knot worth knowing when out on the water and at the dock

into the GLCC community. If you don't know them, you soon will

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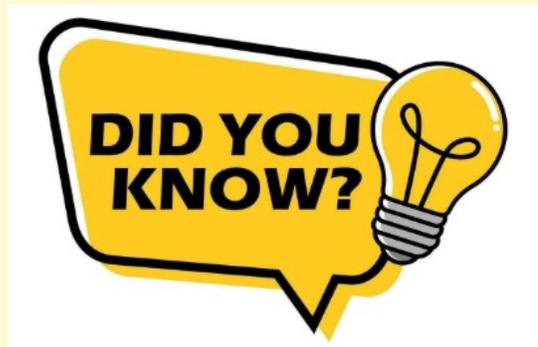
Prepare your boat now for summer 2025

It's time for pre-launch boat prep, which includes maintenance checks. Spending time inspecting your boat now will pay off. Everything working? All connections secure? Electronics functioning properly? Check the PDFs, fire extinguishers, flares, EPIRB and PLBs. If you sail, check the rigging. Our constantly updated and expanded checklist includes items that may not be top-of-mind (i.e., ECOS, Service Advisories, USCG recalls, CO alarms, MMSI registrations, etc.) to help keep you safe and worry-free.

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[If you miss the Rendezvous, you miss a lot of the GLCC experience](#)



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Little Current, Ont., is the "hub" of the North Channel. This upcoming Rendezvous will be GLCC's 60th annual summer centerpiece event. It's a special event any cruiser will remember for a lifetime

Enabling your DSC "big red button," Visual Lock openings, and what to do with excess energy? Our GLCCSchool hosts share some of the insights presented during just a few of this season's 41 webinars

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Join the ranks of celebrated Great Lakes cruisers

The time is right to start preparing your application for the Great Lakes Cruising Club's highest cruising recognition: the Admiral Bayfield Award

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Launch Lake Superior with spring brunch

A brunch with fellow Lake Superior members on May 17 is a great way to start the boating season

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Let's go wild at rally in Harbor Island

This is wilderness -- where Canada meets



A dead body in Lake Erie? Why, that's just eerie!

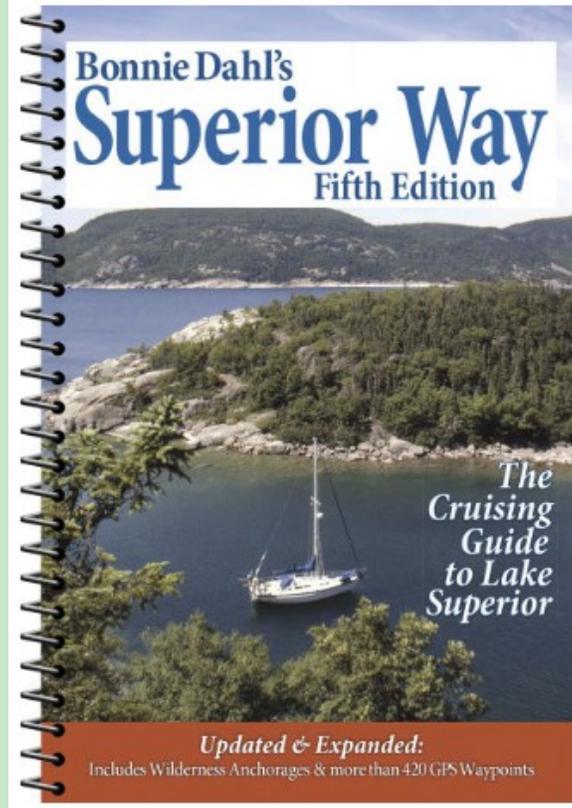
The Lake Erie Rally June 13-15 is depending on you to help solve a

the U.S. The June 30-July 2 Wilderness Rally offers clean water, virgin woodlands and scenery worth a fine-art painting

despicable murder in the shallowest, but among the most interesting, of our Great Lakes

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'Superior Way' 5th edition to be published soon

The much-anticipated book, 'Superior Way,' by Bonnie Dahl, is the bible for cruising on Lake Superior. The 5th edition is about to be published, and you won't want to miss it

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

A GREAT SEASON IS AHEAD: April is a busy month for us who boat the Great Lakes. The days are getting longer, and we have again suffered through the

spring-forward time change, which added another hour of daylight in the evening, allowing us to keep at those spring boat projects later in the day. We tend to launch our sailboat in mid- to late April, but with all our travel, we are just a bit behind in our spring launch tasks, and our boat sits up in Cheboygan, Mich., still in her winter cover. Things at the GLCC continue to move forward with many of our spring and summer events in their final stages of the planning process. More to follow on our upcoming events. Let me update you on a few things ...



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