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GREAT LAKES  
CRUISING CLUB

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A member newsletter

## Register now for 2025 Rendezvous



Chase the winter blues away! Historic Little Current, Ont. Is once again the setting for GLCC's annual Rendezvous. The 2025 event is July 13-17, and offers both pre- and post-Rendezvous opportunities to more fully enjoy the North Channel and this incredible part of our Great Lakes

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## Baie Fine worth a visit after the Rendezvous

Baie Fine is French for 'narrow bay,' which allows cruisers a close view of some of the amazing scenery throughout Ontario's North Channel

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## Michigan's Saginaw Bay is a Great Lakes jewel

The outline of Michigan's lower peninsula is roughly the shape of a mitten. Saginaw Bay is a large expanse of Lake Huron between the "Thumb" peninsula and the rest of the state. Its unique configuration, relatively shallow waters and friendly ports make it a favorite of sailors, fishermen, and cruisers of all types

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## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GLCC



### Have a killer of a time at Lake Erie Rally

Lake Erie Rally June 13-15 will turn Middle Bass Island into the scene of a crime. And only rally attendees have a chance to decipher the clues

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PACKAGE  
Great Lakes Marine Weather  
Essentials Four-Part Webinar  
Series



CRUISING GUIDE  
Cruising the Triangle Loop

### Check out GLCCSchool's updated class offerings

Remember, all GLCCSchool classes are free to club members. Look for these upcoming GLCCSchool webinars, including presentations on:

Radar  
A 4-part series on Weather  
Cruising the Triangle Loop, Down East Circle Loop and North Channel Ports  
Overnight Passagemaking  
Successful Anchoring  
A 4-part Diesel Maintenance course  
Marine Communications - including 'How to Talk on the Radio'  
Outfitting your Boat

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### Calling all cruisers: Founders Award deadline is March 15

Have you had a fun / exceptional / learning cruising experience on the Great Lakes that you would like to share with other GLCC members? The Founders Award is a great way to take other cruisers along with you during that memorable time on the water

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### Mark your calendar for April Launch in Alpena

Alpena is steeped in history about maritime lore and trade. Join other Club members here April 25-27 for the GLCC's annual April Launch event and start the season right

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**OCEAN  
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THE VOYAGER'S RESOURCE

### Running Rigging: What could go wrong?

This month's article from *Ocean Navigator*



magazine should be of particular interest to GLCC members. Author Bill Morris (a circumnavigator, marine book author and contributing editor at *Ocean Navigator*) points out, “running rigging, both rope and wire, is critical to keeping our vessels under sail and on target for the next anchorage” or port of call. Spring is an excellent time to do the inspections and tips recommended in this article before setting forth on your 2025 voyages (hopefully including our anniversary Rendezvous in Little Current). Here’s to trouble-free sailing this year. – *Mark Lifter*

## Prof. Martini: Boater and mixologist extraordinaire

Port Captain Steve Reinecke combines his love of cruising, quiet anchorages and creating unique martinis. It’s the perfect combination for enjoying Georgian Bay.

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## Toronto is epicenter of the boating world

GLCC’s 20-year history with the Toronto International Boat Show reaps rewards. Members share their expertise, promote the club – and have a blast while doing it

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# FROM THE BRIDGE

## Commodore Joe McKeown

**THINKING THOUGHTS OF SUMMER:** Happy February (it's still too cold!) I hope everyone is taking advantage of the cold winter months to do a little planning for their summer cruising. I'm doing exactly that, which is why this February my thoughts keep turning to July – specifically July 13-17 and the GLCC's 60th anniversary Rendezvous. It's at Little Current, Ont., which I'm sure you'll find to be a beautiful cruising destination. Let me share some other items, too ...



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