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A member newsletter

The joy of boating: Why life is better on the water



Love manifests itself in many ways. Often it seems inexplicable. Why do cruisers love boating? There are multiple reasons, but each of those reasons plays a role in pulling us land-dwellers out into the winds and on the waves. See which reasons apply best to you.

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Tall Ships add to the mystique of south Lake Erie

The south shore of Lake Erie offers plenty to see and do across three states. A summer highlight in 2025 is the Tall Ships Festival in Erie, Pa., that comes along only every three years. It's something you won't want to miss.

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Meet Milt and Beth Fuehrer: If 1 boat is good, why not 5?

The GLCC's newest Rear Commodore got his love of sailing – and the name of his boat – from his parents, who themselves were long-time GLCC members.

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Meet our newest GLCC members

Please welcome our latest club members into the GLCC community. If you don't know them, you soon will

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Did someone say V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N?

Rendezvous photo updates

Check out some pictures of the action happening at the Rendezvous. Full coverage coming in September Lifeline issue.

Your monthly *Lifeline* won't be published in August to allow its many Club contributors to fully enjoy cruising the Great Lakes. Look for *Lifeline* to return in September, with highlights from the Club's many summer events.

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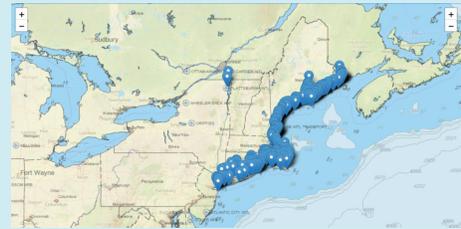


Motor City revs up for GLCC annual meeting

This year's General Membership Meeting is in Detroit Oct. 10-12. Rear Commodore Rob Hillman and Director/Rear Commodore (retired) Mark Lifter have planned a great event in a great city. Among what you can see and do:

- The Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle Park.
- The Detroit Institute of Art, a world-class institution with the stunning Diego Rivera murals.
- The Detroit RiverWalk (maybe rent a scooter).
- Architectural marvels that include the Fisher and Guardian buildings, and the recently restored Michigan Central train station building.

Take advantage of the meeting to immerse yourself in all this city has to offer.

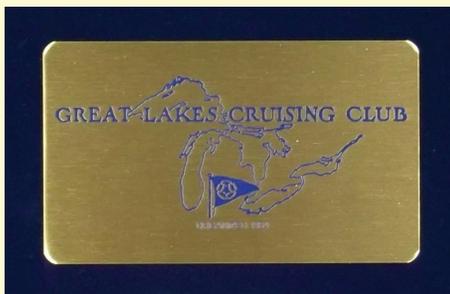


Boaters raise concerns about possible loss of navigation aids

The proposed removal of navigation aids along the New England shoreline poses potential issues for cruisers planning to accomplish the Great Loop or Down East Loop and raises concerns regarding how this might be rolled out and impact the Great Lakes.

Here's the latest information on what's being considered as of July 2025.

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Admiral Bayfield Award honors our top cruisers

The Great Lakes Cruising Club has many fine boaters who have done some amazing things. However, only a select few have what it takes to earn the prestigious Admiral Bayfield Award. See if you could be in the running. Check out the application requirements here:

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How safety gear saved a life after sudden dinghy dump

Accidents would be called something else if you see them coming. But that's the problem with accidents: They happen without warning. And when you're in open water, your safety gear can be a literal lifesaver.

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

FAVORABLE SKIES AND GOOD TIMES

AHEAD: Happy July, everyone. I hope you had a chance to celebrate Canada Day and the Fourth of July holidays doing something you enjoy. As this edition of *Lifeline* is published, our historic 60th Rendezvous is under way in Little Current, Ont. More to follow in our September *Lifeline* edition, check out a few pictures of the group, over 125 strong, in Little Current. Now, here's a bit more about the Rendezvous, and a few other matters ...



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