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GREAT LAKES  
CRUISING CLUB

*Lifeline*  
A member newsletter

# Charlevoix abounds with amenities



Charlevoix, on the shores of northern Lake Michigan in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, is a special place among many on the Great Lakes. (Hint for non-Francophones: It's "SHAR-leh-voy").

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## Larry Carpenter serenades GLCCSchool and across the Lakes

You've "met" Larry in the lobby of every GLCCSchool webinar. How does a guy go from working in the Peace Corps to singing songs around Lake Superior? Well, 'Shipwreck Larry' has the formula. The key is having passion, and a guitar

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## Holy Cow! Where did this weather come from?

GLCCSchool has dozens of free recording webinars to help you get safely to that Great Lakes port of your dreams. Find the answer to such questions as:

- How do I get away from a thunderstorm in the middle of the lake?
- My diesel engine stopped. Crap. Now what?
- Hello? Hello? Can anyone hear me? Over. Hello?
- Where the heck are the Thousand Islands, and why should I go there?
- How can I avoid a (U.S. or Canadian) Coast Guard safety citation?

Your GLCCSchool has the answers to these questions and many, many more. As with our Harbor Reports, GLCCSchool recording webinars are free to members

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## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GLCC



Meet our newest GLCC members



Boating safety starts with a required checklist  
Get started on a safe boating season

Please welcome our latest club members as of April into the GLCC community. You may know some of them — or soon will

before you get on the water. Checking key equipment beforehand is the smart thing to do

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### Port Captain Steve Murdock rates Great Lakes No. 1

30-year U.S. Navy veteran has traveled the world, but of all the ports he's visited, those on the Great Lakes have a special place in his heart.

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### New members can get a referral discount

The GLCC offers member referral discounts to new members. As you are out and about and chatting with fellow boaters, know that there is a \$25 discount off the initiation fee for someone YOU refer.

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## Leamington, Ont., Marina is a Lake Erie jewel

Good service, many amenities and a welcoming atmosphere make Leamington a place for any boater's Lake Erie bucket list.

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### You're Agatha Christie, and there's a murder to solve

Lake Erie Rally June 13-15 offers food, camaraderie and perfect weather (it's on order). And did we mention we need you to help find a nefarious killer? [Click here](#) to see the suspects, and find the registration form

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### 2025 Rendezvous is proving to be a must-attend event

There is still room at the Rendezvous. Anchoring in "Roy's Cove" or rafting up with friends may be a good choice. Or come by land. Either way, join in on the fun and fellowship in celebrating the GLCC's 60th annual summertime centerpiece event, July 13-17 in Little Current, Ont.

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**Summer in the city - Tie up in Toronto for the Lake Ontario Rally**  
Join us at the National Yacht Club in Toronto for the 2025 Lake Ontario Rally

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**Join Wilderness Rally Jr for what you won't get**  
Pure wilderness is what's in store at Harbor Island. No phones, no Internet. But plenty of scenery, wildlife and fellowship

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

**SPRING INTO A GREAT SEASON:** There is a saying about May flowers, but May means boat launch time for us. I'm happy to say we launched *Azure Mer* the first week of May, and we are afloat in our slip in Duncan Bay as I write this. It is a glorious stretch of spring weather "Up North" with sunny days and cool nights. I can almost see the North Channel from here. We have a busy summer planned. Here are some of my thoughts

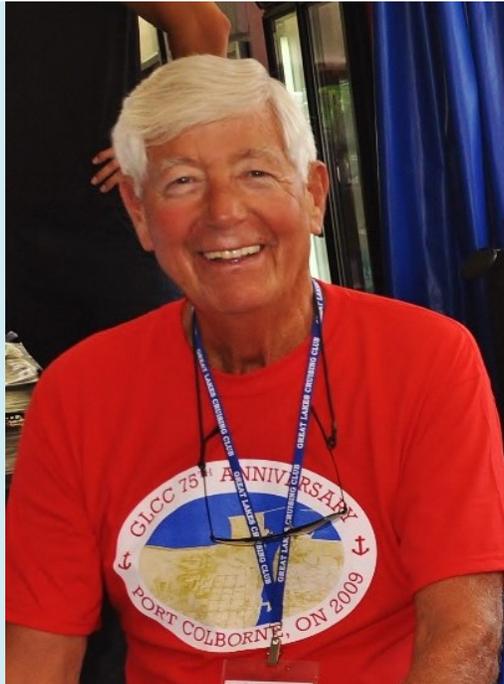


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# EIGHT BELLS



## EIGHT BELLS: Roger Hankle

Roger, long-time and active GLCC member, passed away April 21, 2025. He joined the Great Lakes Cruising Club in 1994. He was the Port Captain of Pelee Island, Ont., (E-33) in Region 53 from 1998, retiring from that position in 2023. He served as a Great Lakes Cruising Club Director from 2004 to 2015. Roger stepped up to become the Rear Commodore for Region 53 from 2016-2018.

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