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Lifeline
A member newsletter

Hundreds of GLCC cruisers celebrate the summer of '25



More than 430 GLCC members attended one or more of the eight Cruising Club events this summer (not to mention several winter get-togethers). The number of Club events rose in 2025, including new “pop-up” events. These provided additional opportunities for GLCC members around the Great Lakes to meet up in a variety of settings. At each event, members met friends old and new, and shared boating knowledge, tips and a tremendous amount of laughter.

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY: As we welcome the crisp autumn air and the changing colors along our beautiful waterfront, I am reminded of what makes our club so special: our community. October brings a shift in our activities, but not in our spirit. Whether you are participating in fall sailing, attending social events, or visiting the website, members are encouraged to remain engaged and connected with our community. One important way you can be directly involved in the future of the Club is by attending our 2025 annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich. Let me tell you about that, and a few other Club activities...



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Meet Port Captain Jim Egensperger

The Apostle Islands and surrounding areas are easy to fall in love with. That was the case with this Port Captain, who has cruised everywhere from Newfoundland to the Caribbean to Puget Sound. And yet, Lake Superior is home.

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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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Toronto in January? We have a great idea

Are you planning to attend the 2026 Toronto International Boat Show? Join fellow GLCC members for dinner at the National Yacht Club. The meet-up is Friday, Jan. 23 from 6-9 p.m. with guaranteed good food and welcoming GLCC fellowship. Look to the *Lifeline* and the GLCC website for registration and meal selection options as January nears. See you there!

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Balloons over Bay Harbor event floats over Lake Michigan

Spectacular weather, sunsets and hot air balloons! What wasn't to like about the Balloons over Bay Harbor event? GLCC members got up-close and personal views of these sailing ships of the air.

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'25 Lake Superior rally pops up successfully

The rain stayed away, the food was plentiful and the entertainment was right out of the GLCC Songbook at this year's Lake Superior Pop-Up Rally.

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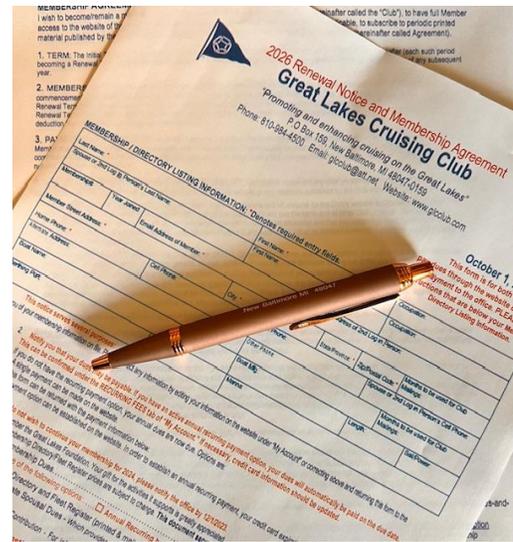


Lake Erie dinner meeting draws a nice crowd

Lake Erie Region GLCC members met Sept. 7 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Members talked about the highlights of the 2025 season, and their plans for 2026.

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November promises new GLCCSchool must-see videos

Your dedicated GLCCSchool team (Chair Mark Gagyi, along with Jim Austin, Rob and Kelly Hillman, Jim Lee, Dee McClure, Dave Spencer, Steve Wyckoff and Bill Rohde, Founder Emeritus) is planning another stellar lineup of webinars including topics on electrical and mechanical maintenance, weather, radar, and navigation. All webinars are available live and are recorded for later viewing. Webinars are free to GLCC members. Look for the new lineup in next month's *Lifeline*.

Check your mailbox for info to renew GLCC membership

Hard copies of renewal notice and membership agreement have been sent. The form tells how to renew in the way that works best for you.

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Start planning now for the Rendezvous of a lifetime

Rendezvous '26 will take you to the furthest corner of Lake Superior. Organizers promise it will be worth every second of your time there. More importantly, the trip there and back for most GLCC members offers endless opportunities for impromptu dockages, hidden wonders, and scenery the likes of which you'll find nowhere else in the world. Start planning now for the July 10-13, 2026 Rendezvous at the twin ports of Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis.

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