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A member newsletter

2025 Rendezvous feels like a homecoming



CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER: The annual Rendezvous is a highlight of the summer for many GLCC members. This year, it was in Little Current, Ont., celebrating the 60th anniversary of the first GLCC Rendezvous in 1965, also in Little Current. Check out some of the events enjoyed.

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GLCC Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids promises to be 'grand' in so many ways

Grand Rapids is Michigan's second-largest city. It's a vibrant, exciting city near the Lake Michigan shore. Explore all it has to offer Oct. 17-19 at the GLCC Annual General Membership Meeting.

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When stranded on the Lakes, A GLCC friend is always nearby

There's nothing like a calamity on the water to bring home the value of the Great Lakes Cruising Club community. Here's the Hillmans' heartwarming story:

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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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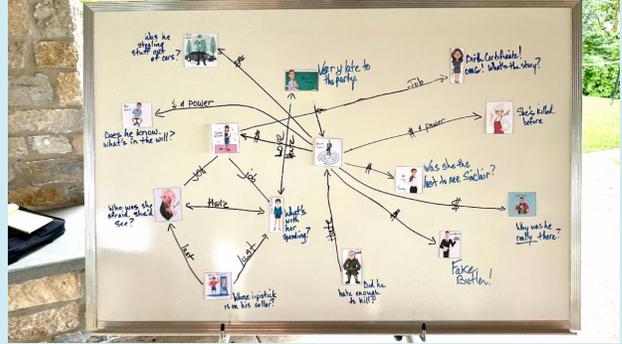
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Rally makes memories on Toronto waterfront

The Lake Ontario Rally offered those attending a first-hand look at how the Club's Great Lakes Foundation is helping people with disabilities experience the thrill of sailing.

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What? TWO murders? It must be Lake 'Eerie'

Murder Mystery weekend at the Lake Erie Rally doubled down on fun, food and fellowship. Too bad about those two dead folks, though. What happened to them? You had to be there.

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New Port Captains will add more focus on Sandusky

New Port Captains Adam and Amanda Csongedi will expand the Club's personal coverage of Sandusky (E-16), one of the largest harbors on the Great Lakes.

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Wilderness Rally creates a collection of coincidences

New friends, passing friends, and members from Texas? Who would have guessed that this year's Wilderness Rally at the remote Harbor Island (NC-2) would be such a hit with attendees?

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GLCC friends forever: a personal story

This July offered a special moment for long-time GLCC members Jim Wooll, of Texas, and Bill Rohde, of Minnesota. Jim chartered a sailboat out of Lake Superior's Pikes Bay Marina to cruise the Apostle Islands. He and Bill Rohde got together at Stockton Island in the Apostles.

These two are noteworthy boaters: Jim and Bill are GLCC Admiral Bayfield Award recipients, recognized for their cruising exploits across all five Great Lakes. The picture shows Jim holding Bill's Admiral Bayfield burgee while anchored off Stockton. It was a special reunion among long-time cruising friends.

Their message: Cruising is so much more than boating and passage-making. It's about lifetime friendships with others who enjoy the cruising life. If you're not a GLCC member yet, do come aboard the GLCC. We'd love to have you as CFFs (Cruising Friends Forever).

[Click here to learn how you could earn the Admiral Bayfield Award](#)

FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

HAPPY SEPTEMBER, EVERYONE: As the weather turns to fall, I hope you had an enjoyable summer and Labor Day

weekend, and that you are looking forward to autumn adventures on the Lakes. As I type this, my daughter, Meredith, and son, James, have joined us on the boat for some late-season cruising. It's not often we get both children together on the boat (Meredith lives in Annapolis, Md., and James in Fort Collins, Colo.). It's been a delightful time here in the Les Cheneaux islands and off to Mackinac Island with them. Now, a few club updates:



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