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GREAT LAKES
CRUISING CLUB

Lifeline
A member newsletter

Save the date: July 13-17, 2025 GLCC Rendezvous



The Great Lakes Cruising Club's 60th annual Rendezvous will make Ontario's North Channel the place to be this July. The home port of Little Current is no stranger to the Club's summer centerpiece event. It has hosted the GLCC a number of times, including the first Rendezvous in 1965 (pictured above). Attendees can look forward to scenic surroundings in and around Manitoulin Island and the North Channel. Also planned are First Nation presentations, as well as competitions involving pickleball, cornhole and yes, boating. Oh, did we mention heaping helpings of food, fun and fellowship?

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WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GLCC



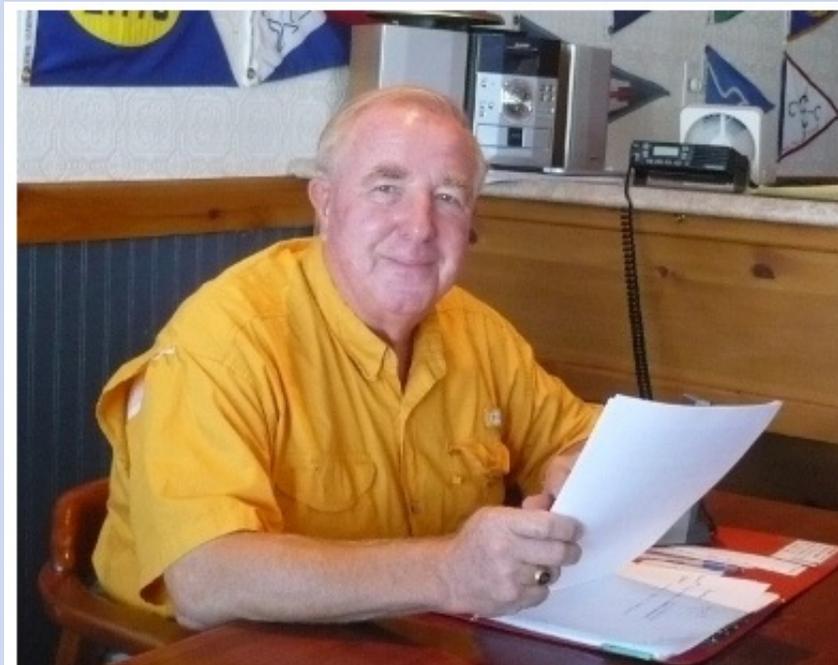
GLCC office is moving into the future

The GLCC office is moving. Office staff members are packing up the office and transitioning from the physical office space to a more technologically updated and remote approach to provide greater connectivity and sharing among staff and our executive team.

During this transition, the office may be delayed in responding to inquiries. Please be patient while Yvonne and Lynn work through all the details (and there are A LOT of them!) involved in making this a smooth transition to a remote office setup.

Making the transition at this time of year will be the least disruptive to our members. Upon completion of the transition in February, the GLCC will be able to operate more efficiently with many technological updates. The Club can't wait to showcase these to you.

Thank you in advance for your patience.



Roy Eaton: the Ultimate Human Connector

Roy Eaton's second career with Cruiser's Net has turned the North Channel into an area where boaters can stay informed, seek or offer help, and find new friends. And it's all due to Roy's 20-year commitment to boating broadcasting - with the help and support of boaters and the owners of the Manitoulin Island's Anchor Inn. And, yes, he'll be happy to welcome all who are attending

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GL Foundation loves Wisconsin lighthouses

A Great Lakes Foundation grant to PBS Wisconsin helps TV station produce a delightful documentary on Wisconsin's iconic lighthouses

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Bill and Sandi Matley love Club's benefits

The Matleys have experienced the benefits of the GLCC through the decades. The technology has changed, but the camaraderie and resources remain a touchstone

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Don't miss GLCCSchool's new offerings for 2025

GLCCSchool's February webinars -- all free to members -- include presentations on Lithium Technology, Marine Weather and Geology

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Can you 'Rally' to solve a murder on Lake Erie?

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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You had a great season on the lakes. Why not share it?

The GLCC Founder's Award is a wonderful way to share with other members your favorite, most exceptional or best learning experience while cruising the lakes

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore Joe McKeown

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COLD:
Happy 2025! Karen and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. As the cold weather keeps us off the Great Lakes, it's

a great time to plan (and perhaps long for) the warm weather we know is coming. There are some great things at the GLCC to look forward to this month and beyond. January is a great month to start thinking about summer cruising plans. One of the first items for us during this "armchair" sailing season is putting together our family's summer sailing plans. Let me share some thoughts...

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