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LifeLine
A member newsletter

Sault Ste. Marie: The spot where history meets the ultimate cruising destination



Sault Ste. Marie (aka "The Soo") as a home for Europeans dates to the 1600s. The site is highly significant to indigenous peoples. The St. Marys River and the Soo Locks connect the Upper Midwest to the world. All in all, the Soo is remarkable in many ways. Join your fellow Club members there this summer.

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GLCC 2026 events

Start making your summer cruising plans! GLCC has these scheduled events across the Great Lakes, with more to come. Each offers special places, special times and meeting lifelong friends. Check out the events below.

2026 Calendar of Summer Events	Dates	Location
Lake Erie Rally	June 12-14	Middle Bass Island, OH (E-18.5)
GLCC Summer Hop On/Hop Off Flotilla	June 13 – July 9	Various
Mackinac Island Rally	June 22-25	Mackinac Island, MI (H-77)
Rally at the Soo	June 26-29	Sault St. Marie, MI (S-230)
2026 Rendezvous – Duluth/Superior	July 10-14	Superior, WI (S-188)
Post-Rendezvous Flotilla to Thunder Bay and/or Isle Royale	July 14 - ??	Departs from Superior, WI (S-188)
Lake Ontario Rally	August 14-16	Trent Port Marina (O-34)
Balloons Over Bay Harbor	Sept 11-13	Bay Harbor, MI (M-5.5)
Events in the works:		
Wilderness Rally – North Channel/Georgian Bay	July	
Mackinac Bridge Walk Meet Up	Sept 7	Mackinaw City (H-76.5)

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Summer cruising adventures await GLCC members

No matter which of the Great Lakes you cruise, GLCC has an event near you or join the Hop On / Hop Off Flotilla, explore new ports and meet fellow GLCC members as your schedule allows.

We look forward to seeing your GLCC burgee on the water and at one of these events! Check out all the events below.

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FROM THE BRIDGE Commodore Joe McKeown

JOIN US FOR A GREAT SUMMER: It's always exciting to think about getting back on the water after an always too long winter. Your Club has plans for a memorable summer, including cruiser-friendly flotilla cruises to our Rendezvous in Lake Superior. Additional events are scheduled in each of the Great Lakes this summer. Click [here](#) ...

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Lake Erie Rally promises good time, boat or no boat

No boat? Not ready to launch? No problem. We'd love to see you at the Lake Erie Rally. Boat or no boat, it's all about showing up and joining the fun. There are great lodging options on Middle Bass, so you can still be part of the action. It's not too early to register; this year's pirate theme promises a swashbuckling good time filled with costumes, camaraderie, games and adventure.

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Club honors members
of 25 and 50 years



Join us in welcoming
newest GLCC members

The Great Lakes Cruising Club celebrates our 25- and 50-year members for their love of cruising the Great Lakes and steadfast commitment to the Club.

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

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Call for Lifeline contributors and volunteers

Why not utilize your creativity or background and help with the Lifeline newsletter? Volunteers are needed in various functions. Time commitment can be whatever works into your schedule. And oh, we always like to hear of topics of interest or other information to share that impacts boaters or the Great Lakes.

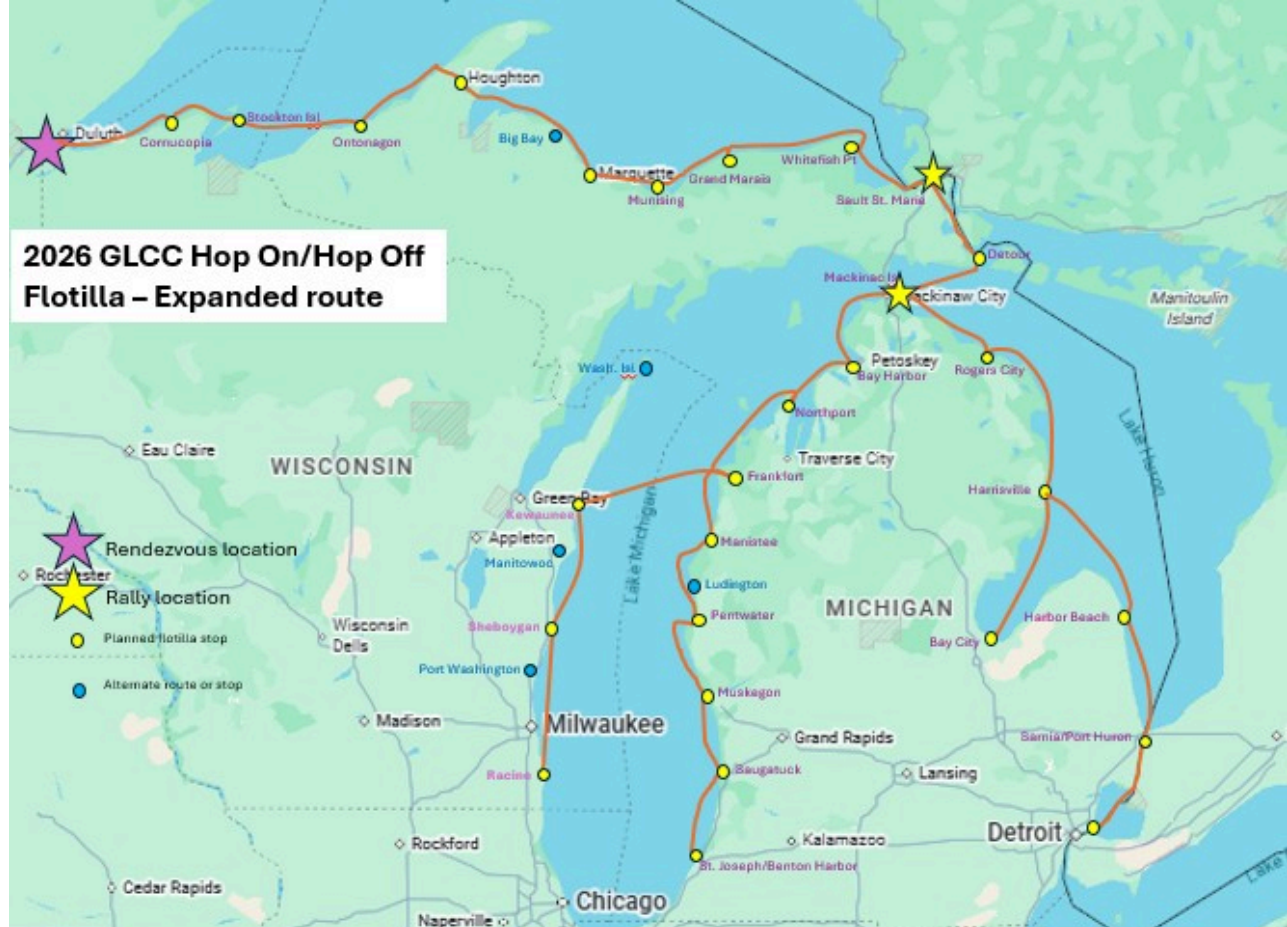
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GLCCSchool live webinars wind up successful season

The GLCCSchool has wrapped up its live webinars. 1,600 attendees enjoyed 44 webinars ranging from presentations on cruising destinations on all 5 Great Lakes, to skills such as radar, weather and diesel mechanics and more. View the recordings until August at your convenience. As always, GLCCSchool recordings are free to members.

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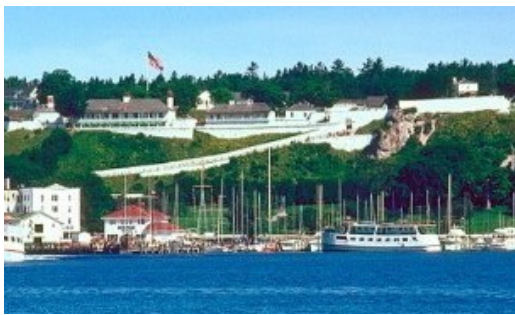
GLCC 2026 SUMMER FLOTILLA

Segment added for SE Lake Michigan hop on / hop off as you choose

A GLCC Flotilla is welcoming members to the Mackinac Island Rally, the Rally at the Soo and the 2026 Rendezvous in Superior – and ports in between. It is being organized from lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. **An additional flotilla segment has just been added for Southeast Lake Michigan:** The Flotilla offers a unique opportunity to cruise for a few days, or make a long excursion easier and more fun with the majority of the planning completed for you.

As part of a Flotilla, members can “Hop On and Hop Off” anywhere that suits their schedules, while being able to meet up with fellow GLCC members along the way. The overwhelming interest in the Flotilla reflects a pent-up demand for expanding member’s cruising areas. Hop on with us this summer!

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Mackinac Island Rally registration now open

Join us June 22-25 for the Mackinac Island Rally. The island is steeped in history and, if you've never visited, you are in for a treat as it is literally a step back in time in which horse-drawn carriages and bicycles are the only modes of transportation. The Rally's schedule offers exploration, camaraderie and time-honored traditions - such as the dinner at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. We look forward to seeing you on the Island!

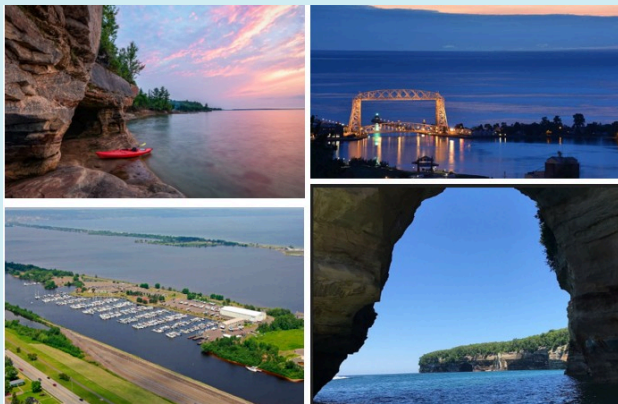
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Rally at the Soo has a 'lock' on a great time

The Rally at the Soo, which runs from June 26-28, is now open for registration. Sault Ste. Marie is home to the legendary Soo Locks. The Rally is timed to coordinate with the once-a-year Soo Locks Engineers Day and the International Bridge Walk. See you at the Soo!

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Rendezvous '26: Lake Superior as you've never imagined it

This year's Rendezvous promises to be an exceptional event. The GLCC website has all the details about what's being planned, as well as links to register. Also check out the Flotilla formed for cruising up to the



Visit the future of aviation while in Duluth

A leader in the private aviation industry is located in Duluth, MN. Your Club has made arrangements for GLCC members to take a private tour of the Cirrus Aircraft factory and learn about their planes.

Rendezvous from lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior.

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Save the date: Lake Ontario Rally planned for Aug. 14-16

Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum is pleased to announce the return to the Trent Port Marina for this year's Lake Ontario Rally. Look for complete list of activities in the next few months.

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From the Chaplain: The time is finally here

"May this season bring not only safe cruising and enjoyable days on the water, but also renewed purpose, gratitude, and peace."

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