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GREAT LAKES
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Lifeline
A member newsletter

Don't overlook Menominee Marina when cruising near Door County



Among the lesser-known jewels of the Great Lakes is Menominee, MI. This small but welcoming community is on the west edge of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and, perhaps surprisingly, also west of Wisconsin's Door County. Menominee Marina is within easy reach of delightful dining spots, parks and historic sites. It also offers first-class docking and facilities, and, of course, beautiful vistas of the always scenic Green Bay.

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GLCC 2026 events

Make 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
Belmont Harbor GLCC Social	June 20	Belmont Harbor-Chicago (M-39)
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 Meet Up - West Shore of Lake Superior	July 14-TBD	Departs from Superior, WI (S-188)
North Channel Wilderness Meet Up	July 15-16	Eagle Island (NC-25)
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:		
Mackinac Bridge Walk Meet Up (Tentative)	Sept 7	Mackinaw City (H-76.5)

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FROM THE BRIDGE
Commodore Joe McKeown

THE SEASON IS NOW: June brings us to the heart of the Great Lakes boating season, when long-awaited cruise plans are finally under way and our harbors, docks, and anchorages come alive with GLCC events. It is a special time for all of us who treasure life on the Great Lakes. This is the season that reminds us why the Great Lakes continue to hold such a special place in our hearts, whether your summer plans include



Sheboygan's Port Captain
has half-century of experience

Cruising for fun isn't Tim Corkell's only reason to be on the water. He has participated in multiple dozens of ocean and lakes races, including the annual Chicago and Port Huron sailboat races to Mackinac Island.

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joining a GLCC rally, attending the Rendezvous, participating in a flotilla meet-up or just taking an extended passage. Let me share some other observations ...

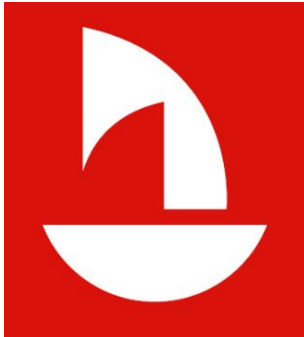
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A safe boating season starts with equipment check

When was the last time you made sure your inflatable life jackets still can hold air? And sure, the radio worked fine last season, but that doesn't mean it does when you need it this year. Here's a friendly checklist as you prepare to launch into 2026.

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Free app NoForeignLand connects GLCC members

NoForeignLand, a free boating app, is a unique, effective way for GLCC cruisers to stay in touch across the miles. It lets friends, old and new, contact each other through their smartphone or laptop.

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North Channel Wilderness Meet-Up set for July 15-16

Enjoy the rustic scenery of the North Channel's Eagle Island at this



Celebrate summer at the GLCC Lake Ontario Rally

The Trent Port Marina, Trenton (Quinte West) ON (O-34) again will be the site of the annual Lake

Wilderness Meet-Up on July 15-16. Share in potluck dining, unique vistas, and lots of good camaraderie. No reservations necessary.

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Ontario Rally. This year's event is Aug. 14-16, and promises lots of food, entertainment and camaraderie.

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Join us in welcoming newest GLCC members

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

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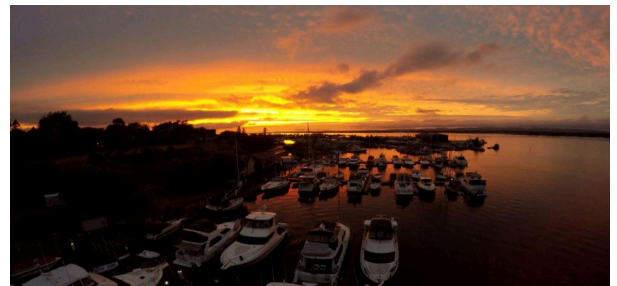
Did someone say V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N?

Your monthly *Lifeline* won't be published in July to allow its many Club contributors to fully enjoy cruising the Great Lakes. Look for *Lifeline* to return in August with highlights from the Club's many summer events.



The Inter-Lake Yachting Association invites GLCC cruisers to Lake Erie

The members of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association invite members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club to the I-LYA's first-ever Sailing Fleet Rendezvous. This event is July 31 to Aug. 1 at Put-In-Bay Harbor ([E-18](#))



From the Chaplain The season is under way

"To every GLCC boater heading out this June: Cruise wisely, laugh often, check your lines, watch the weather, help your neighbor, and enjoy the gift of another season on these magnificent Great Lakes."

on South Bass Island in western Lake Erie.

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The Sailing Fleet Rendezvous is being held in conjunction with I-LYA's annual sailing regatta whose history dates to the late 1890s. Registration for the Rendezvous includes dockage and access for two to all events. The cost varies by boat length, \$300 to \$460. Register by July 7.

For more information about activities planned for the sailors in the cruising fleet and to sign up, go to I-LYA Sail Regatta Rendezvous (<https://i-lya.org/>).

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Known as Brewerton Island, the price is \$1,350,000.00 Canadian

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