

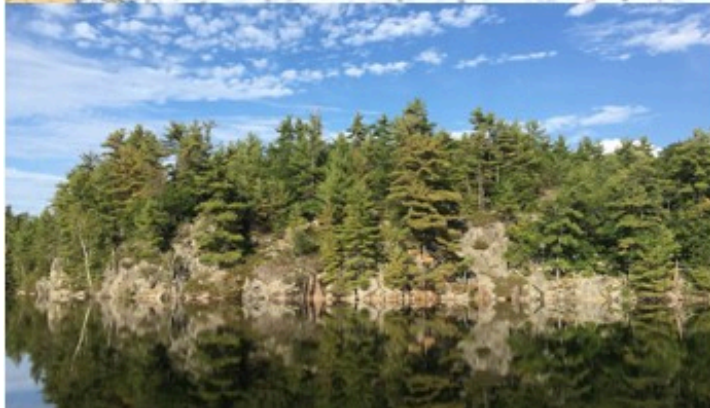
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GREAT LAKES
CRUISING CLUB

Lifeline
A member newsletter

Get lost in The Massasauga, a jewel on Georgian Bay



The Massasauga is a gem nestled along the eastern shoreline of Georgian Bay. Plan your cruise carefully in this area. Fortunately, the GLCC Harbor Reports are packed with information that you won't find anywhere else. The Massasauga is rich with spectacular anchorages, and it's just waiting for you to explore.

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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 |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sturgeon Bay Meet & Greet | May 23 | Sturgeon Bay (M-72.5) |
| Lake Superior Launch Breakfast | May 30 | Port Superior (S-192.5) |
| Lake Erie Rally | June 12-14 | Middle Bass Island, OH (E-18.5) |
| Hop On/Hop Off Meet Ups | 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 Meet Up - West Shore of Lake Superior | 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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FROM THE BRIDGE
Commodore Joe McKeown

I'M READY TO START CRUISING:
The long-awaited start of our cruising season across the Great Lakes is here. Harbors are filling, lines are being cast off, and once again our community is returning to the water we all cherish. There is something special about these early summer weeks — long daylight hours, fresh



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GLCCSchool has dozens of free recording webinars to help you get safely to that Great Lakes port of your dreams. Find the answer to such questions as:

- How do I get away from a thunderstorm in the middle of the lake?
- My diesel engine stopped. Crap. Now what?

breezes, and the renewed sense of adventure that comes with each departure. Whether you are planning an extended cruise, weekend harbor hops, or simply enjoying a sunset cruise close to home, I hope this season brings you both relaxation and discovery. Now let me share some other thoughts ...

· Hello? Hello? Can anyone hear me? Over. Hello?

· Where the heck are the Thousand Islands and why should I go there?

· How can I avoid a (U.S. or Canadian) Coast Guard safety citation? Your GLCCSchool has the answers to these questions and many, many more. As with our Harbor Reports, GLCCSchool recording webinars are free to members ([click here for discount code](#)).

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Volatility of Fuel Prices

Fuel prices may be volatile for at least the beginning of the boating season due to fluctuations in the petroleum markets and an unplanned refinery outage in Northern Indiana that feeds the Great Lakes region. To assist other GLCC members, kindly provide updates as you fill your tanks. This information will be helpful in strategically planning where to fill - especially so for power boaters!

[Fuel prices are found in the Discussion forum here](#)



Sturgeon Bay Meet & Greet - May 23

Join Port Captain Walt Grabowski and Kristin Gross for a kick off the 2026 season with fellow GLCC members at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club (M-72.5). The Meet & Greet will be followed by the annual SBYC Burning of the Socks celebration! Check out all the information below

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Lake Superior Launch Brunch - May 30

Get the 2025 Lake Superior cruising season off to a rousing start with great food, good fellowship and a healthy dose of Wisconsin hospitality. The GLCC Lake Superior Launch Brunch will be May 30 at the Clubhouse of Port Superior, Bayfield, WI

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Club members have a grand time in Grand Bend

The annual April Launch in Grand Bend, ON, offered details on Club plans for this summer, provided insights into Ontario's maritime history, and set the stage for what promises to be a great 2026 cruising season.

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Time is running out to register for the June 12-14 Lake Erie Rally!

The deadline to register for the Lake Erie Rally at Middle Bass Island (E-18.5) is **Friday, May 29th**. Don't miss your chance to join the pirate-themed fun. Earn your Pirate Certificate, take on plundering challenges and enjoy great food and camaraderie with fellow Lake Erie boaters. Be prepared for an unforgettable weekend!

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Rendezvous 2026 promises a (lake) superior good time

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 Hop On/Hop Off Meet Ups formed for cruising up to the Rendezvous from lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior.

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

Ahoy GLCC Region 35 members! Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum is pleased to announce the return to the Trent Port Marina (O-34) again this year for the Lake Ontario Rally. This event provides Lake Ontario members another option for getting together. Information on the event and details on booking slips at the marina will be sent out.

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Soo Rally attendees to get up-close look at the Locks

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!



Share the fun of the Club and offer a discount, too

Fact: Nearly half of all new Great Lakes Cruising Club members are referred to the Club by current members. Why? Members want their friends to enjoy the camaraderie, the boating resources, and the fun offered by the Club. Members can offer prospective members a \$25 referral discount. So keep spreading the news. That's how we grow.

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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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Waukegan, IL (M-43) gets new Port Captains

2026 Founders Award recipients Ed and Elisabeth Malthouse are ready to share their love of Lake Michigan with fellow cruisers visiting Waukegan, IL.

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Vote for Best Cruising Photo from the Summer of '25

Our members have sent in a number of great pictures from their 2025 cruising adventures. Check them out and place your vote below. Voting ends May 25. Only one vote per member



From the Chaplain: What the sunrise tells us

“In our daily lives, we may not always feel ready to begin again. We carry concerns, responsibilities, and uncertainties that can weigh heavily. But like the sunrise, renewal does not demand perfection. It simply arrives. It invites us to notice, to pause, and to receive.”

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