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GREAT LAKES
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Lifeline
A member newsletter

Upcoming GLCC Events

	Dates	Location
Annual General Membership & Board of Directors Meeting	October 23-25	Toledo, OH (E-21)
GLCC School – classes begin!	November 24	www.glccschool.com
Holiday Gala (Kensington Hotel)	December 4-6	Ann Arbor, MI
2027 Annual Rendezvous	July 18-22	Rogers City, MI (H-73)

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FROM THE BRIDGE Commodore Joe McKeown

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR: When I took this helm two years ago, I set out to serve this Club and its members with the same care and commitment you bring to the water every season, and to faithfully follow in the footsteps of our previous



GLCCSchool: Save you, your boat, perhaps even your relationship!

Starting Nov. 24th the GLCCSchool team (pictured) will offer a new slate of its popular webinars, all designed to make life on the water better in every way for you and your significant other. Last year, the

Commodores. As the 2026 season winds down, I find myself reflecting on being your Commodore: It has been one of the greatest honors of my boating life, a privilege beyond measure. Please join me as I look back and look forward ...

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GLCCSchool's 44 webinars had more than 1,950 participants in the webinar or watching the recordings. GLCCSchool webinars are free to Club members with many non-members paying to take advantage of this high-quality programming. Webinars are being added weekly. Check out this year's current exciting lineup.

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New Port Captains: Tom and Loretta Monks

This retired couple got most of their boating experience in the Lake St. Clair area. They now spend much of their summers at Cheboygan's Duncan Bay.

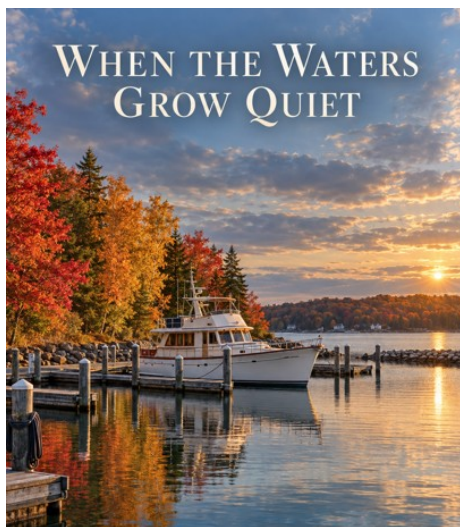
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Join us in welcoming newest GLCC members

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

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**From the Chaplain:
Quieting waters of October
remind us of our connections**

As the waters grow quiet, may we also take time to quiet our hearts. Let us be thankful for every safe passage, every helping hand, and every friendship formed across the Great Lakes.

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**Mark your calendar now
for Dec. 4-6 Holiday Gala**

Save the dates Dec. 4-6 for the 2026 GLCC Holiday Gala at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI. The weekend will include a Board of Directors meeting, delicious holiday dinner and entertainment provided by Elvis Impersonator Gregory B. Additional festivities also are planned to help Club members celebrate 2026 and welcome in 2027.

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**From Sail to Power:
A GLCC member's journey**

A long-time sailor finds the switch to a powerboat has many advantages and more than a few challenges. In this first of several articles, Amy Babinchak fondly remembers her sailing days, and new adventures powering across the Lakes.



**There is no sunscreen
for fiberglass blisters**

Fiberglass hulls often blister. Specifically, it's called osmotic blistering. Fall haul-out is the perfect time to check for these blisters because it gives boaters time to address them before next spring's boating season. Don't panic if you see blisters, get a jump on addressing them below.

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