

GLCC Member Survey

<i>answered question</i>	180
<i>skipped question</i>	208

- 1 Thanx, have a Great Lakes
- 2 Even though I like my Harbor Reports and Lifeline, etc. printed, I don't mind the extra fees to cover the printing costs.
- 3 The WEB site is not the easiest to navigate. It is heading in the right direction though. Maybe it needs a "dummy test" where 2 or more people who are unfamiliar with it tries to pay dues, view the Lifeline, get harbor reports, etc, with the WEB designer watching (no coaching from the designer though) and see where people stumble.
- 4 I would like to be able to access any harbor report info at any time on my computer, but the download procedure is very tenuous, and downloads are not as interactive as when online.
- 5 Would like to see a membership list published in downloadable PDF format as last year. Ditto for harbour reports. It is too time consuming and difficult to get more than one at a time currently.
- 6 Youse guys do good.
- 7 Thanks for asking
- 8 We have not attended any of the activities due to our being so new.
- 9 Would have attended the Sarnia Meeting but with the date change this year it fell on our launch day & as a club we have only one launch
- 10 Often question the value received, but am finding the new website intersting and useful.
- 11 We're brand new to the club - see y'all in Leamington.
- 12 the most common complaint i hear about glcc membership is the cost.
- 13 new to the website so survey is flimsy
- 14 We stopped attending the rendevouse because of the good old boy network and the politics. We attempted to volunteer but were not accepted by the good old boys. In fact, we didn'r even get a thank you.
- 15 The club is in transition and so are its members. We are in our late 60's and pretty computer literate, but we still like printed material. WiFi still isn't ubiquitous. We believe that the club is heading in the right direction with more and more online content.
- 16 With fuel costs restricting the distance most members can travel to rallies, etc. you should make an effort to have more local and regional rallies. Why not have port captains organize local trips and get together? The days of 300 mi. trips to rallies are over!!!
- 17 I spend a great deal of time traveling on business and, at this point, don't have time that I want to spend cruising through my emial personal email so I don't use the web sight very often nor do I look through much of the stuff on it. For me, paper harbor report updates and Lifelines were much more handy. At some point that will certainly change but, for now, moving way from the publications has deactivated my interest in the GLCC materials.

- 18** I like the hard copy directory as a quick, always-available resource on board while cruising for checking boat names that may be flying the GLCC burgee. I could live with only an electronic Lifeline, but have all the Lifelines since the early 80's and like having that complete hard copy reference together and available for my access (I do reference back reports on rallies, etc., from time to time when I'm involved in planning or helping coordinate current club events).

That said, perhaps the Lifeline could go to a much more cost effective hard copy printing model, similar to the Seven Seas Cruising Association's monthly bulletins which are black and white in a 5 1/2" X 8 1/2" format with a blue and white cover.

fyi - we're currently cruising outside the Great Lakes area (i.e. we just got back from the Bahamas), and while underway 9 of the past 12 months I used only the internet for reading both the GLCC Lifeline and the SSCA bulletins, but I do feel that for most cases a snail mail sent to someone's home address is the most effective way of keeping the club's activities in front of the membership's eyes.)

- 19** Still waiting for a PDF copy of the 2009 Directory to be added to the website.
- 20** Web site is great. However, while cruising I seldom have access except in few ports. with WIFI. If I print out all the possible ports Iight visit on any trip I am wasting refils & paper and time.. I really want to have access to the Directory at all times.
- 21** The improved GLCC website has been very helpful.
- 22** Like the new membership cards. Will use the website more often now.
- 23** This survey does not take in account that some of us are snowbirds and are not here for some of the off season events.
- 24** I think the idea of online harbor reports is great. The reason that I prefer to have the environmentally non-friendly paper charts for Lake Superior is we are wilderness cruisers and very often (even with cell data connection, 3 watt booster and external antennae) don't have an internet connection to pull down a specific report. We also keep a very flexible cruising itinerary so it's hard to know exactly the reports we would need. I think the way you're doing it is great because the option is still there to get the paper reports if needed but the waste for those that can function with the electronic reports is eliminated.

Mike

- 25** have only been able to attend the Little Current rally, and really enjoyed it, due to the location and facilities.
- 26** My consider printing more harbor reports from website if and when I obtain a printer with water resistant ink. I didn't realize this was coming, else I would have purchased a laser printer last time I bought a printer. Also, like all maps for area I'm sailing in onboard. Probably would not print all because I use them infrequently. But..when the need arises, it's great to have the chart onboard. I cannot thank other members enough for their effort to provide us with current GLCC chart information.
- 27** I have not adjusted to the new format yet. I assume that the move and the new format was done for financial reasons and that is just fine. But because I do mostly day sailing, I really don't have a need for the charts at this time.
- 28** I am turned off by the officier's uniforms, pomp, etc. I wonder how much the support of the officiers and their expenses costs the club.
- 29** The new color harbor reports are very nice, but they take up more room in my binders. If they continue to do so, I will need more binders.
- 30** Website great improvement

- 31** I enjoy GLCC and programs. Unfortunately job and personal commitments limit my involvement and cruising time in formal meetings.
- 32** We prefer the northern events.
- 33** Great web site. The future.
- 34** keep up the good work
- 35** I like the website and the way the harbor reports are being handled now. It provides up-to-date and easy-to-access information. I wish members used the website more. I have posted and had no responses, so have not been visiting the website as often as I once did.
- 36** I also cruise Huron & Michigan. Was the fleet register mailed this year?
- 37** enjoy meeting members during our cruising days while at anchor or in ports, find them very friendly and sociable.
- 38** having the harbor reports "online was a great move". Nice job !
- 39** digital format is user friendly and welcome change. Have not made comfortable adjustment from paper
- 40** Question 7 about anchoring doesn't convey my choice: "Anchor where it is desirable or necessary and visit a port that is attractive for its own charm. Anchoring vs slipping is should be a choice should be a choice convenience and desire at the moment" Some questions were poorly phrased or lead to misleading responses questions: Question 2 harbor reports I prefer all three, Rallies, etc. would love to attend a Lake Michigan event if possible, it seems there is not much interest in Lake Michigan any longer. Some attention should be paid to cruisers with limited time or distance constraints.
- 41** As of this date, still prefer the DVD copy as opposed to the internet
- 42** I just joined the GLCC this year and I intend to be active in the club.
- 43** I think the club is going in the right direction with the new website and method of handling Harbor Reports; good job. I like attending the Wilderness Rendezvous when scheduling permits. I think the Harbor Reports and camaraderie when randomly meeting other members while cruising (North Channel) are the best features of the Club. We are not excited about the Annual Rendezvous but have never attended one. I'd be glad to volunteer time to improve or help out the club. Perhaps you should ask for volunteers where needed.
- 44** I am president of the SS Milwaukee Clipper Preservation, Inc. As such, I do spend a considerable amount of time on the internet. I really do not want to sit before the computer to read newsletters, updates, harbor reports and then print it all out. I belong to several other organizations that also are doing the same, such as the Power Squadron. I have lost touch with some groups because I simply do not want to spend any more time on the computer. I love to sit with my big old fat books whether ashore during the winter making up dream cruises, or onboard following that cruise. I am not interested in spending any more of my time than necessary on the laptop when I am on vacation. The Milwaukee Clipper depends totally on unpaid volunteers and donations for the ongoing restoration of this 361 ft. National Historic Landmark and Great Lakes Icon. We have a great website at www.milwaukeeclipper.com where one may take a narrated virtual tour of this ship, but we get lots of inquiries but very few donations from the website. Our funding comes primarily from our quarterly newsletter we put out by mail. Shifting the printing costs from you to me helps the club financially in one way but decreases the enjoyment of the club the way this member enjoys it. I know this is not the answer you would like to get especially from a port captain, but the more
- 45** Having the harbor reports on a CD would be most helpful--often while cruising we have no internet access, and thus no access to harbor reports! This is a BIG problem! Bring back the CDs!!!

- 46** Would love to see Harbor Reports on DVD again!
- 47** Being brand new - some of my answers don't have much to go on
- 48** I am president of the SS Milwaukee Clipper preservation, Inc. group. I spend so much time on the internet involving the Clipper, I am not very interested in sitting longer at the computer reading other things, no matter how interested I am in them. I have been a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club since 1972, and have used the harbor reports extensively. I love my big old fat books I haul onboard my trawler I have owned for 37 years. By necessity I must bring my lap top onboard, but my vacation time is precious and I do not intend to spend much time on it. I also work full time yet and have online work there also. One of the joys of belonging to a club like ours is to have someone else do some of the work for me. I really like to be able to sit down on a cold winter night with those same big old fat books and plan cruises I may never be able to take, or read about places I may not even wish to visit. I miss this with the online stuff. I enjoy reading sitting in a comfortable chair, and not in front of a computer. I realize what a problem it is for the club costwise to satisfy wishes for people like me, but you asked and I am telling you what I prefer. The Milwaukee Clipper organization depends at this time totally on volunteers and volunteer donations to fund our restoration of this Great Lakes treasure, a National Historic Landmark, but our support does not come primarily from online, but from our quarterly newsletter we put out and mail, even though our website has some very interesting reading as well as a narrated virtual tour of this 361 ft. ship. Check it out for yourself at www.milwaukeeclipper.com.
- 49** I've been out-of-touch this past year and so my remarks should be discounted. I LIKE it very much that you now have a decent Web presence.
- 50** The survey is a great idea.
- 51** The process of transferring harbor reports from my ethernet link to my onboard laptop is not convenient. While I support the idea of distributing the harbor reports via the web, I do't plan my cruises in detail in advance of departure. Therefore it is hard to decide which Harbor reports to download. Taking everything on an area is difficult and having a pile of pdf's on my hard drive without organization is not a good solution.

The DVD security mechanism was very poorly implemented but the DVD is, I believe, the best media for distribution. I would be happy to lead or participate on a committee to look for the best method of electronic distribution and believe that this is the Club's high priority problem.

- 52** I am excited about the progressive attitude now showing in the Board
- 53** We love wilderness rallies.
- 54** new member this winter
- 55** Online harbor reports are great. Easy for members to update reports. Members have option of printing or ordering printed copies if they want. Seems like the best of all worlds. More environmentally friendly..only print what you need! I think the format for downloading to our laptops for onboard use still needs refining.
- 56** Lifeline should be paper hard copy

- 57** I do miss the old days of paper updates. I find that the new updates in paper form are overly expensive and that the addition of color throughout is not justified. Having ordered paper to keep my books current, I note that there are many blank pages and many full page photos that are just filler. I would go back to black and white and copies for everyone who opt to keep current books. I do not cruise with a computer that has Internet access and do not carry a printer on my boat. I find the change to be user-unfriendly and I believe that it has pushed a cost to the membership that ought to be included in the dues...as it had been.
- 58** You sent our 2009 membership cards out un-laminated.
This was a huge mistake.
Moving out of Chicago, another HUGE mistake.
Where are Mary and Tony?
I feel so disconnected, why should I renew in 2010?
Captain, James Clausen
- 59** I have not attended a rendezvous because I joined last year and have a racing commitment this year. Chimo;Mark Gutteridge
- 60** Plan 2-4 events in Lake Erie; one for the Western, Central, and Eastern regions. USA has better marinas, better sight-seeing, etc. than Canada. Try not to have more than 1 event on the Canada side of Lake Erie per year.
- 61** Basically, time constraints, health, and market conditions dictate my activities.
Thanks
- 62** A few years ago, many of my answers would have been different. However, our cruising days are over and we're now boatless, but I still maintain my GLCC membership and take part in some of the local Port Huron area activities.
- 63** We attended the Leamington rally about 5 years ago and enjoyed the people and events. Since then we have had commitments preventing us from attending most rallies. We would attend the Grosse Pointe meetings, but they are somewhat expensive.
- 64** I think that Ron Dwelle and his crew are doing an outstanding job with the web site. He is to be commended.
- 65** With regard to the "how you cruise question". We anchor out about 25-30% of the time.
- 66** I am not a computer user so this format does not help me. Brian Holmes
- 67** Just don't have the time to spend looking around to get familiar with the web site. Perhaps I will in the future but so far,keeping it simple is preferred. which means having the Harbor up dates arrive by mail provided a continuous up date to our log books. As it is ...there is no consistency short of the energy I have to engage to stay current. Its a time thing. The old system was more user friendly than I realized.
- 68** Printing harbor reports from the web takes a lot of paper mainly due to the very large pictures, can they be smaller? Also, when searching harbor reports on a "section" of an area, I get a google map with lots of anchor symbols and a list of harbor reports for that area, but no way of linking the two on the map without running my mouse over each symbol. That forces me to have a chart of the area open at the same time. A little cumbersome.
- 69** I would like to see the Harbor reports easier to print. It seems I have trouble with that.
- 70** Some questions are difficult to answer since we are retired from long distance cruising and now are limited to an outboard for fishing and picnics.
- 71** There seems too much emphasis on the past commodores,photo's,table settings,etc, at gatherings. The club does not need cliques.

72 While I like the Harbor Reports on-line, I still miss the DVD features, including search and the ability to connect without having an internet connection. To this point, I have opted to carry the paper reports with me and I have not downloaded the entire Harbor Report section to my computer.

Thanks for all of the great work and development!

73 Harbor Report online has been wonderful!

74 Although I do not do rallies, I would enjoy once a year dinner.

As for "methods of delivery" of harbor reports, Lifeline, etc., for me it is a little early to say what my preferences are going to be. While a bit skeptical at first, I like the website; but I have not figured out yet how to handle the harbor reports which are the main focus of my interest.

75 Thank you for all you do ! Chances Are

76 Attending Rally's and dinners, etc is typically just a matter of timing and other commitments

77 While computers have become an integral part of the North American life, I have enough of them (and e-mails too) at work and so really don't want to be a part of The GLCC if it is moving towards being a totally web based organization. I use the example of missing a get together on a boat on the same dock only a few slips away because I didn't see the e-mail from that morning about the party! I do not take a computer with me when I cruise, so paper reports for me are essential. If I find that our plans change due to weather or maintenance then then I can't access web based charts to print new ones. I keep the full book of printed reports with me to avoid such an inconvenience. The Lifeline gets circulated around and is of interest to many non members we meet or know. If it is just on the website then that is where it will simply stay. While I appreciate all the time and effort (which I am well aware has been considerable) that has been spent on the web site, I prefer being a part of a club where members talk more about boating than their new found computer skills.

78 Some questions are not good. You lump the lifeline and directory together. I use the directory but not the Lifeline. I would pay for the directory but not the lifeline but your questions don't let me say that.

79 Although I have not used the web-site much, I expect to do so more in the future as I get used to using it. Please do not take my past lack of use to mean lack of interest or lack of intent for the future.

Keep up the great work. It is much appreciated.

80 Haven't been a member long enough to develop any ideas or comments - give us a while.

81 Would probably attend more, however, we are now residents of FL, where my wife resides and I travel back and forth.

82 Our pet concern has been some of the Officers spend too much time on their boats without visiting new and old members at their boats. The officers need to get more friendly and include the members in setting up the activities for the events. Too much "same ole stuff."

83 We are new members so our experience is limited, but so far think the club is doing a great job--thank you!

84 The Lifeline and Directory should stay in printed format and be included in annual dues.

85 Thanks for you continued hard work.

Vic

- 86** I like to receive the Lifeline in the mail. I think that it is necessary for ongoing communication of events and activities for the members. A printed directory and Lifeline should be part of the GLCC membership package.
- 87** Increasing age and decreasing agility have resulted in the recent sale of my sailboat and I probably won't cruise much, if any, in the future. I have found GLCC to be a great group and applaud the move to Port Huron. A comment that may or may not be true but you hear as a reason for not joining and/or not attending events is "too much partying by an old group of friends who aren't very friendly to newcomers. I don't have any good idea on how to disprove this image except to practice what you want to accomplish in order to attract members. Harbor reports on line are wonderful, especially the ability to read recent comments and know that the report is current -not several years old
- 88** I miss the printed versions of the harbor reports, I miss the Lifeline, I struggle with the new website format, and am beginning to question whether being a member is worth the dues.
- 89** Internet is the way to go. Love the new printed harbor reports. Detail and descriptions fantastic!
- 90** love the new computer format ty totte dds 1970
- 91** lake where i cruise-i chose huron but it's multiple lakes not one
- 92** Five Great Lakes, but what happened to Georgian Bay? The best wilderness sailing is missing and only half the North Channel is considered part of Lake
- 93** Really like the web site. Harbor reports now too complex for easy access-still struggling. Realize it's an improvement tho. Appreciate the help I've gotten!
- 94** With our change from sail to power we'll probably start attending some of the events.
- 95** This is our first year as members, and we will attend our first rally. Looking forward to it!
- 96** I need to get registured so I can use the site.
- 97** I like the GLCC I'm trying the new print it yourself format and it seems OK. A download as needed format will not work in the North Channel or G-Bay
- 98** I have sold my boat and am limited in attending club due to health locomotive problems.Looking for successor no luck so far
- 99** no questions covered the benefit versus cost of member services
- 100** You all do a great job. Keep up the good work.
- 101** Keep up the good work.
- 102** The harbor reports are very valuable to me. I would love to attend a wilderness rendezvous but have thus far not been able to get away at the right time. There is no way that I would spend 3 or 4 days of my limited boating time at a dock.
- 103** I think the changes are important for the GLCC and support them completely.
- 104** Excellent way to communicate and use the resources of GLCC. Good work!
- 105** Would prefer Lifeline and Member List mailed. Harbor Reports are OK online but would only be used on an extended cruise or in ports with wireless connections when we remember to take the laptop along. The paper reports are much better when forwarded by the Club as we tend to keep the appropriate volumes on the boat.
- 106** I am not sure how to get to the web site.
- 107** New member this year and have not yet had the opportunities to make connections among members or take full advantage of the organization.

- 108** I prefer paper Lifeline issues, Fleet register, and either paper Harbor updates or a DVD. I don't understand the new web site, and don't see where I can get the new updates. Sadly, after more than 25 years, I'm asking myself why I should continue membership. Going totally with the web site, I feel, was a bad idea. Those of us with low internet speeds, and poor access are hurt.
- 109** I was surprised and amazed that the lifelines publication was mailed with a cardboard stiffener. Mailperson brought it to my door. I thought it was overkill. Most magazines get folded in my mailbox. How much did the mail packaging cost? No big picture suitable to be framed photo or certificate enclosed.
- 110** I'll email separately. I entered lengthy comments here and got dropped a couple times.
- 111** Questions have not been well chosen
- 112** Great Job! But, I cruise alone or with a couple of other boats who are not members. Your information and Harbour reports keep me interested.
- 113** old fashioned like paper that I can take from place to place and read when I want not in conjunction with the other 33 e-mails I got that day
- 114** Harbour Reports are excellent and are the primary reason we joined GLCC. Downloading them to print is a chore. They require some formating before they can be printed efficiently. Perhaps and abbreviated version well laid out for 8 1/2 x 11 printing with the text, critical charts and approach photos could be an option. The local "scenic" pics are good on the website but they just take up space in the binder on the boat and lots(!) of printer ink.

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- 115** looking forward to accessing the harbor rpts. The upgraded web site is great, thanks for all the hard work and moving this club forward.
- 116** The new web page is outstanding. It warrants my highest praise. Keep it up.
- Peter Theis
- 117** As new members, we haven't "usually" done anything w/GLCC! Let alone Rally's or dinners. :-)
We plan to attend our first Rally at Leamington in a couple weeks. Hopefully we'll do more as we have time available (we're not retired, yet).
- 118** Fleet register in particular should be available in its entirety rather than just members in alphabetical order. Go back to publishing it once a year or make it a fully downloadable document.
- 119** This survey is very biased and leads the responder to answer in favor of the changes that have been made in the way the club communicates with its members. I will have little faith in the results.
- 120** I complete this questionnaire as a 'test' to see what the members would see.
- 121** A wonderful organization. Keep up the good work
- 122** Thanks for asking my opinions on Club activities and programs
- 123** Website looks great. It should be easy to access this year with a laptop and cellular card!!
- 124** some questions are impossible to answer. I cruise from Lake Mich to NChannel, so How do I pick which lake I use.
- 125** fewer photos (or optional photos) in harbour reports would permit shorter and cheaper printing of reports for cruising.

- 126** I miss having the printed member list on my boat. My highlight in the summer is meeting other members.
- 127** We live in Cincinnati and my retirement plans changed when my company made me an offer I couldn't refuse. Our plans to cruise the Great Lakes are, therefore, on hold making me, I suspect, a very atypical member. Once we hit the lakes, I would love to participate in some of the social events. Meanwhile, I want to support the organization, but I also greatly enjoy examining the harbor charts, especially those of more remote areas. Hence my interest in the printed versions.
- 128** Keep up the GREAT work.
- 129** Depending where we travel determines if we anchor out or spend time at a marina....NorthChannel we prefer to hang on the hook.

Have just begun looking at the web site & harbor reports...will probably download them to a disc & then paper as needed

- 132** Unfortunately, due to economics and time available, we have been very limited for cruising time. We spend most of our time on Grand Traverse Bay. I hope to change that if I can retire in the next couple of years. Thanks, Fred
- 133** As our children leave home, we are more interested in rallies. But still difficult for me to get large blocks of time away for recreational travel.
- 134** print versions are better suited to my needs than electronic
- 135** The scheduling of this year's events is too close together. Bad idea
- 136** Excellent questionnaire. I hope it provides the answers we need, without identifying too many more problems.
- 137** While accustomed to "paper reports" I have found the new "on Line" system to be easy and pleasurable, not to mention, economical.
- 138** Don't forget those of us with smaller boats, who don't carry computers, printers, satellite phones, etc., on board !
- 139** This is long over due!!!
- 140** I would like to see more support for the cross border boating. Regulation and restrictions keep free boating.
- 141** I haven't had time to spend much time on the GLCC website. I may love it once I download my harbor reports, etc. I have more money than time so may want to get the printed versions.
- 142** Section 1, Question 7 - My true answer was not one of the choices. I prefer a combination of docking and anchoring out. Docking most of the time. Docking 60-70% of the time and anchoring out no more than 30-40% of the time. (Not "ports as necessary.")

Would like to do a wilderness rally sometime, but the dates are never published far enough in advance. We typically plan our main cruising event (to usually take place in July) sometime in January or February so we can get reservations at marinas that are sometimes difficult to find availability. (Such as Mackinac Island.) If you would publish the date and location of the wilderness rally by January 1 we would love to be able to incorporate it, if possible. Last year we tried to plan to incorporate it. You moved the location, and I believe changed the date. If you had announced the final location earlier we would have been able to include it in our trip to the Bustard Islands - But our vacation dates and reservations had already been committed when you changed the location. MAKE PLANS FOR RALLIES FARTHER IN ADVANCE.

- 143** I plan on accessing online info more (but haven't had the time).

144 The reduced cost of membership had allowed us to continue with the GLCC. It was a very good idea to be able to be selective about the harbor/anchorage reports.

145 I must confess that we never think to go to the web to read the Lifelines. We really miss the printed copy and the harbor reports. It is not that convenient to have the reports on the web if you are somewhere without a printer or web access. We know that the printing is very expensive.

The new website is great. Hopefully, we will think of it more often. It is just really tedious to have to go there to get the information that is in the Lifeline.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Nancy and Doug Schrank

146 It's great to be a member

147 I SPEND MOST OF MY CRUISING WERE THE INTERNET DOES NOT WORK AND PREFER NOT TO TAKE MY LAP TOP WITH ME WHILE BOATING, HOWEVER I MAY CONSIDER IT IN THE FUTURE IF I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO DOWN LOAD THE HARBOR REPORTS TO MY HARD DRIVE AND THEY DO NOT TAKE UP TOO MUCH ROOM. I CAN SEE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE WEB SITE VERUS PRINTING THE REPORTS ANNUALLY.

148 We are new to GLCC this year and plan to participate in many of the upcoming events.

149 we enjoy ports and at anchor

150 I would like to attend more rally's but I always seem to have personal or club cruises scheduled when they occur.

I thought about printning the Harbor Reports. Is there a way to know which ones are updated? It might cost more to print them at home than to buy them from you as I did this year.

In Lake Erie anchorages are few. So we most often cruise point to point, but not by choice.

Good survey. Please publish the results.

151 I am disappointed that the club has not responded to my urging more initiative on environmental issues.

152 We have not cruised in the GLCC area for the last years so have not needed to access.info.

153 At my home in Meldrum bay, only very slow , dial-up internet is available. I cannot download things, because the computer times out before much has come through.

154 haven't had time to do much with on line info. Had some trouble getting on, but now I'm ok.

155 Georgian bay should be included in survey along with Great Lakes We do the majority of our cruising in G Bay and North Channel

156 on a sailboat it is very difficult to use computer charts and it is impossible to print harbor reports. I only us prepinted harbor reports. If these are discontinued or become too expensive, I do not see the need for membership.

157 HARBOR REPORTS ARE WONDERFUL BUT LEAVE SOME PLACES FOR US TO EXPLORE OURSELVES.

- 158** The value of the club to me lies in the harbor reports. Unfortunately, because we can no longer include Canadian charts (and government charts have improved) the value of the harbor reports is not as great as before. Also, I do not see as much info on water depths in reports -- they have become more "social." I would like to know observed depths with dates; otherwise I may as well just use the government charts. This seems to be particularly true for harbors on west side of Lk Huron where I plan to travel this fall. We plan to measure depths while near Parry Sound next month and will send them in before next year as we do not find depths in many existing reports.
- 159** I believe that printed versions of Lifeline and Membership Directory should be included in a person's annual dues.
- 160** thank you for the opportunity. we received 1 membership card for philip kee and lynne kee. i would have expected 1 card for each member. not a place to save money. philip kee
- 161** Maybe it's because I'm somewhat computer illiterate, but when I print out a harbor report on my computer the small font size makes it difficult to read, especially captions under pictures.
- 162** There needs to be a membership category for those who currently are not cruising/owning appropriate boats...there use to be such a category. It generates money and ideas from older members.
- 163** We live in MD so any cruising we do in the Great Lakes region is confined to several weeks a year at most.
- 164** I realize that going to a paperless "on-line" system for the Lifeline and the Harbor Reports is the wave of the future, is better for the environment, etc. but it is a big change from my current system of blue books. It is kind of like having paper charts. They always work and I'm reluctant to have a system that is totally electronics based and not knowing where I might end up requires me to print them all anyway.
- 165** I have had some trouble finding the new harbor reports. I want to download them, but can't get to them. Sob, sob. Happy Sailing. Hope to see you in the Channel this summer.
- 166** I feel very strongly that the log book should be available in printed form. I would not like to see it become available only by download.
- 167** The website could be considered as very useful, but I still prefer getting away (from work, the computer and any organized activities) when I get out on the water. Still much prefer a good book (including a complete GLCC guide to any electronic devices). Any time on the water is Great, but those spots in the North Channel and Georgian Bay that have no Cell towers are the best of all!!
- 168** I think that a great source of income for the Club would be a one-time access for great loopers to our harbor reports.
- 169** Website and digital harbor reports are great. Great job !!
- 170** Harbor reports on line is good for current backup, but hardcopy is always a good reference
- 171** 2009 printed GLCC Harbour Reports should have the report number printed on every page and the pages should be numbered, as in the past.
- 172** I do not like the new on line format at all. I would like more choice in what I receive by e-mail. To many people post dribble on line. harbour reports that have updates should just print update on a new report each time. etc. etc. etc.
- 173** Would like the DVD available again..
- 174** Conversion to electronic has been fantastic.
Keep up the good work.

- 175** Make the download of the harbor reports useful. All the reports appear to be in a single folder. Should be trivial to enable relative hyperlinks when "printing" as a PDF file so you can move from one part PDF to the next just as if you were online. Instead, we are forced to print a huge PDF and use the search function to move from one part to the next. As far as concerns about valuable club property being distributed to non GLCC members, (i.e. the reason for going thru the Lock Lizard thing on the DVD) if you controlled the creation of on the fly PDFs downloadable, I'll bet you could insert a footer on each page, something like "Copyrighted material - Downloaded 6/11/09 for personal use of GLCC member Thomas L. Falck only". The insertion of the member's name on the document would certainly discourage unauthorized distribution.
- 176** My lack of activity is some what forced by the amount of work required for my boat; a 1968 WOOD model Matthews. Still not in the water as of this date.
- 177** new web page is great!
- 178** I have found the switch to the on line harbour reports rather confusing. I likely haven't studied it closely enough but I don't know how to insure I am current. When my updates were sent to me I knew I had current information. You requested that both myself and my wife sign onto the web page as members. That was about as confusing as it gets. Somehow I got registered and when requested to register my wife she tried I tried twice and we gave up.
- 179** We plan on joining more of the club events starting next year. This year we have planned an extensive cruise on the TRent -Severn and Rideau waterways and will be away for 6 weeks.
- 180** I do not like "dress up affairs". I like the visceral pleasure and "read" convenience of holding printed material in my hands. I do not like the inconvenience of logging on to a computer.