

Friday June 26, 2026

Arrive George Kemp Marina the evening of Thursday June 25, 2026 or sometime on Friday. Make Slip Reservations for the marina here:

<https://midnrreservations.com/>



Soo Locks Engineers Day

West Portage Avenue closed to traffic for pedestrians, vendors, and displays.

9:00 AM United States Coast Guard Open House — Walk 200 ft from the marina to see displays and talk with CG personnel

11:00 AM Visit Soo Locks Park, Observation Deck and Visitor Center for viewing freighters and learning about how the locks work.

It's a short walk down Water St. to the park where we can visit exhibits and displays from the Corps and partner organizations explaining lock operations, history and engineering

GLCC Soo Rally 2026

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
June 26-29, 2026

Make your cruising plans now!



Friday June 26 (Continued)

1:00PM – 3:00PM
Lake Superior State University Center for Freshwater Research & Education Open House

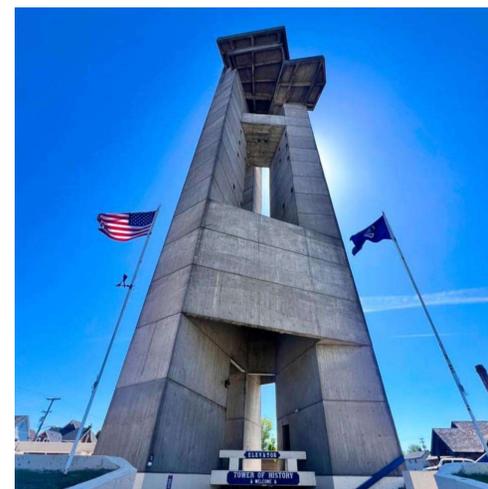
Food Trucks, Arts, Crafts & Family Fun Fair — City Hall lawn a short walk from the marina

Friday June 26 (Continued)

Until 6:00 PM
Soo Locks Visitor Center — exhibits, history, and observation areas.

Soo Locks Canal Park & Observation Deck freighter watching and general visits.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GLCC Reception and Welcome
Join your fellow GLCC Cruisers at the top of the 210 ft Tower of History observation lounge for beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.



Your welcome reception includes spectacular views and photo opportunities of the WORLD'S BUSIEST inland shipping channel, plus learn about the early Missionaries, local and Native American history.

Saturday June 27

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7:00AM – 10:00AM

Breakfast at Penny's Kitchen.
(pay your own tab)



It's a 10 minute morning walk from the marina.

9:30 AM

International Bridge Walk (free)



Lace up your sneakers and get ready to walk a Michigan and Ontario landmark. The annual International Bridge Walk takes an easy pace and provides spectacular views of the twin Saults, the St. Mary's River rapids, and the Soo Locks. Physically fit and fitness challenged, all enjoy the fantastic views and the resulting pictures that will last a lifetime. (Each boater may have a shuttle bus fee to get over to the bridge)

3:00 PM

Tour Museum Ship Valley Camp
(\$17 ea. pay at the door)



GLCC boaters will gather on this retired Lake Freighter, located right next to the marina, for a guided tour of a time capsule of history.

In its working days, the Valley Camp logged over 3 million miles during its 49 years of service. The 20,000 square foot cargo holds that once held freight are now filled with hundreds of artifacts, paintings, shipwreck items, and exhibits related to maritime history.

Here we will see the Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial and experience an hour-long presentation about the events of 50 years ago which caused the tragic loss of one of the Great Lakes' largest freighters. The Museum Ship Valley Camp holds two of the actual lifeboats from the SS Edmund Fitzgerald. In fact, those are two of the very few major artifacts recovered after its tragic sinking.

Saturday June 27

6:30 PM – 10:00 Dinner

Dinner at Black Rock Bar & Grill
(Each boater pays their own tab)

We will meet in the marina parking lot and travel by shuttle bus to the Black Rock Bar & Grill. This is an award-winning steakhouse specializing in steaks served and then cooked to perfection by you on a 755° volcanic sizzling rock.

This method of **HOT ROCK COOKING™** is the newest phenomenon in the culinary world. It creates a memorable dining experience.

After dinner, you can return to your boat, head out to one of the local pubs or stick around for some exciting Vegas action with an authentic regional flair.

