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**Wilderness Rally Returns to Harbor Island**

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From  
the Bridge



The days are getting longer, the skies a little clearer and even the temperatures are saying farewell to another winter. Could this finally be March? All this leads to be "time to plan and get ready" for another cruising season with the members of your Great Lakes Cruising Club.

Speaking of your club, I am pleased to confirm again our strength both financially and in membership head count. The winter boat shows continue to bring in many new members again this year. Thanks to the organizers and volunteers at the Chicago, Cleveland and Toronto shows in January for contributing their time, talent, and enthusiasm for the club when meeting and greeting prospective new members.

Farther west, the 31st Annual Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner held in the Minnesota Twin Cities and hosted by Niels and Vicki Jensen, Bill and Judy Rohde, Jim and Angèle Passe and Greg and Connie Korstad kicked off with great turnout to again enjoy fine dining and entertainment. The guest speakers were Al and Sally Pribyl narrating their journey titled, *Port Superior to Paris: the Grand Voyage of Artemis*, on a 43-foot Mason Ketch. The next social gathering attracting snowbirds and regional locals moved south, returning to the lovely Punta Gorda, Florida area and hosted by Port Captains John and Penny Holmes. You should know that John and Penny were the first household couple to be recognized as dual Port Captains for their inseparable level of contribution to the club.

Looking ahead, please dust off your calendars to note upcoming events to consider. The Spring Awakening Joint Regional Meeting moves to Windsor, Ont. (D-58) hosted by Rear Commodores Steve Reinecke and Mark Lifter. April GLCC & GLF Board of Directors meetings are to be held April 29, 2017. Check the events calendar on the home page for the latest full social options. Next up is the Western Lake Erie Picnic on June 3. Port Captains Denny and Sharon Dutcher again host this growing event. This event started as a hot dog roast inviting all the boaters at a small local marina by the then Port Captain Wayne Walters, and has grown in size and popularity each year. Two weeks later is the 25th Annual Lake Erie Rally, hosted by Director Doug Jackson and Port Captain Pam Carr-Jackson at the Leamington, Ont. (E-34) Marina the weekend of June 16-18, 2017. On the very same weekend but on Lake Huron, Port Captain Craig Murchison at Port Austin, Mich. (H-58), plans a first-time event. The 2017 Wilderness Rally will be held at Harbor Island, Mich. (NC-2) from June 28 to July 1, with a departure day of July 2. More information will be posted as it becomes available for those joining a flotilla heading to the Rendezvous!

Modern Rendezvous were recorded starting in 1965, making this year's the 53rd! Each year brings a fresh program, and this year looks to be exceptional. The locale, Sturgeon Bay (M-72.5), is steeped in Great Lakes yachting and maritime history. It is the gateway to fabled upper Door County, and nestled between Lake Michigan and the protected waters of Green Bay. Schedules and registration information are here in the current *Lifeline* magazine and online at our website — look under the Events

*On the Cover*

*The sailing vessel Denis Sullivan out of Milwaukee moored in Sturgeon Bay, with the Maple-Oregon Bridge in the background.*

*Photo by Richard Adolph Miller*

Calendar tab if already online, or paste <http://www.glclub.com/events-list> in your browser. I truly hope to see many of you attend and celebrate what is shaping up to a most memorable event.

Far away, but close to our most eastern members, will be the 2017 Lake Ontario Rally at the Trenton Port Marina (O-34) the weekend of July 14–16, 2017. This is a relatively new program venue and I look forward to its continued growth and success for our members in that locale.

Another new event, again hosted by Port Captain Christine Moore-Skrocki, will be the 2nd Annual Trailer Boaters' Rally in White Lake/Whitehall, Mich. (M-21) Friday, August 11–13, 2017. The 2017 Georgian Bay Rally, August 18–20, is returning to Beausoleil Island (GB-25.2) and again hosted by Rear Commodore David Brace. This will be another great opportunity for members, visitors and guests in southern Georgian Bay to renew friendships and meet new boaters later in the cruising season at a great location.

Rounding out the summer, Region 53 plans to celebrate their 46th Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting at the Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River, Ohio, on Saturday, September 16, 2017. More details to come from Rear Commodore Roger Hankle.

Looking back at the breadth and uniqueness of our several social events, I believe it speaks to one of the many strengths of our club. I have heard it said, and I believe it, that many boaters and boating enthusiasts join GLCC for the Harbor Reports and retain their memberships on the strength of the social interactions with other members sharing a similar passion for cruising.

Last fall, at the Annual General Membership meeting, I had a delightful dialog with a member I had not previously met. She graciously congratulated me on completing my first full year as Commodore and then asked a terrific question: How was I doing meeting my

goals as the Commodore? Such a simple question, and yet a complex answer. My primary goal was to focus on our members, both acquiring new members and families and also ensuring we maintained sufficient mem-



Sunset silhouettes the "Steel" Bridge in Sturgeon Bay. Photo by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

bership benefits to retain those thinking of dropping their membership. Tapping into the creative energy of our Admissions and Membership Committee, chaired by Rear Commodore Steve Reinecke, we have expanded our incentives to join with a focused drive in January and February as a designated "Membership Drive Period." Other

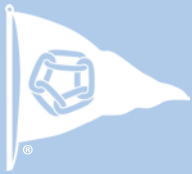
incentives have been adopted to encourage guests at our social events and participants of our webinar programs receiving a \$25 USD discount on the initiation fee. On the retention side, I reflected back on my business experience with a major consumer products company for 34 years. Understanding the wants and needs of our customers helped define the products we produced. Reapplying that perspective and principle, I asked the planning committee to work with me on a comprehensive "Membership Satisfaction Survey" for all members that was kicked off in late January. I look forward to reporting the results, conclusions, and suggestions at the spring Board meetings and in *Lifeline*. Please check the "reminder" in this issue if you have not yet participated in the survey.

Hopefully this column finds you as anxious as Joann and I are looking forward to another pleasurable cruising season, dominated by good weather, great water levels, and best of all — the opportunity to spend time with many of you, fellow members and guests!

Chuck Mead, Commodore

## MEMBER SURVEY

If you have not already taken the 2017 Member Survey, please take a few minutes to do so now. Thanks to all of you who have already responded to our invitation to participate in the 2017 Member Survey. The survey is still open and welcomes input from all members in each household. It covers a broad spectrum of GLCC plans and programs, and your thoughts and opinions of what you envision as desirable in the future. Names are neither collected nor necessary. Please invest about 15 to 20 minutes to respond to our questions, and also share suggestions on areas for improvement. You can reach the survey by copying the link into your Internet browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WM3QZVP>



## From the Editor



information about you and the boat remains constant. All that is required is information on your crew, your destination, and your ETA. There is absolutely no reason not to use it. It will make all parties concerned feel more confident that, should something go wrong, help can locate you and your crew.

Spring is here; at least that is what it says on the cover of this issue of *Lifeline*. But as boaters we know its spring because the covers are coming off our boats, and the annual rites of spring begin. We all have our own way of going about it, and perform the needed task with enjoyment and anticipation of the boating season to come. In process of prepping our boats, we usually need to order the material and often a new replacement piece of gear. To that end, I strongly encourage you to procure your fitting-out supplies and equipment from *Lifeline* advertisers. The support of these companies helps defray much of the cost of producing the magazine. Support them.

This issue of *Lifeline* contains important information on the digital "Float Plan," and how to use it. Using the online version of the Float Plan could not make filing a float plan any easier. All the basic

As you look through the magazine, you will see that events have been planned for all parts of the Great Lakes. And of course the 2017 Rendezvous planned for July 9th to July 13th in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Co-Chairs Joan and Richard Miller have put together an event that may go down in history as the best Rendezvous ever. I encourage everyone to attend. The event is organized so that no matter what mode of transportation you choose, you are guaranteed not to be disappointed.

And lastly, I wish everyone fair winds and following seas.

**Philip R. May**, *Lifeline* Editor



## Attention All GLCC Members!

We are in the final stages of editing and preparing the data for the 2017 Membership cards and the 2017 Membership Directory and Fleet Register. The Directory information is taken directly from your account information on the website. So now is an excellent time to take a quick look and confirm that your information is as up to date as possible. Those members that do not have a recurring dues subscription and have not yet paid the 2017 dues need to contact the office to make arrangement to pay the 2017 Member Dues.

Today would also be a good time to look at the Home page, be sure to look at the Events Calendar in the Member Links section for the current line-up of social activities across the lakes.

Days are getting longer, time to get our boats ready is getting closer! I am anxious to have another spectacular cruising summer and hope to see many of you I can on the water, at the Rendezvous and on the water.

May you continue to be rewarded with fair winds and clear water.

**Chuck Mead**, Commodore





Photos Down & R: Windsor aerial; Windsor Yacht Club; St. Clair Centre and Hotel; Best Western Plus Windsor. Plenty to see and do in Windsor, Ontario.

# Ready for a GLCC Rite of Spring?

by Rear Commodores Mark Lifter and Steve Reinecke


A rite of spring can mean many things. It can be a religious practice, a 1980s rock band, a famous ballet, or a traditional custom associated with the warming of the fields for agriculture. GLCC has its very own rite of spring: Spring Awakening, the annual joint meeting of the Southwestern Ontario and Detroit-Saginaw Bay Regions to which all GLCC members are invited. Here, we conduct some club business and planning, renew friendships and make new ones, and preview upcoming GLCC events. This year's gathering moves to Windsor, Ont., April 28–29, 2017, at the beautifully renovated Best Western Plus riverfront hotel. This hotel offers a breakfast buffet each morning and WiFi at no extra charge.

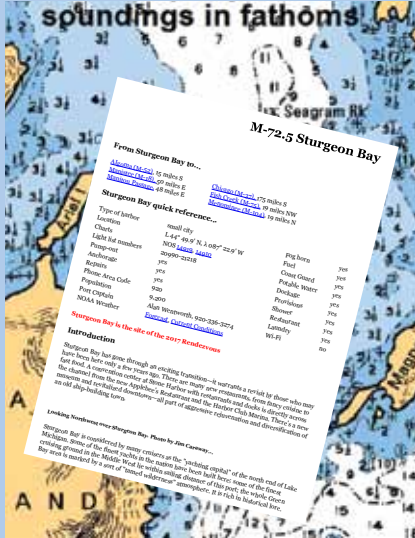
Join us for Friday night's reception and dinner at the lovely Windsor Yacht Club. Planning Committee members will convene earlier, at 1500 Friday. Saturday begins with Board meetings followed by an early afternoon brief Port Captain meeting. While these business activities proceed, those not attending Board meetings can enjoy lunch at a downtown Windsor restaurant.

Free time on Saturday offers several opportunities

for all attendees: visits to nearby Art Gallery of Windsor or the Chimczuk Museum and its historic Maison François Baby House (dating back to War of 1812); a trip to the Hiram Walker Visitor Center for some local history and fine whiskey tasting; shopping downtown or via a short ride to Devonshire Mall or the Windsor Crossing Outlet Mall. And if you're feeling lucky, it's only a few blocks to the Caesars Windsor Casino. After a full day of work and fun, you'll be happy to conclude Spring Awakening with an evening reception, fine dinner and speaker at the hotel's Great Lakes Ballroom.

You can count on having an enjoyable weekend in Windsor, the City of Roses, at Spring Awakening. Check the registration information in this issue to sign up soon for the weekend's events or for the Saturday evening dinner only. Don't forget to make a timely call (by Friday, March 31) to the hotel to secure your room reservation under the GLCC rate.

Questions? Contact Rear Commodores Mark Lifter (248 514-4250/mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com) or Steve Reinecke (519 872-1490/steve@bam.on.ca) 



# 2017 Harbor Reports Spring Updates Now Available

by Log Book Editor Lou Bruska

The 2017 edition of the Harbor Reports Updates has been released and is available to be ordered. This year's packet is once again a glossy 4-color version of our online Harbor Reports. It contains 85 current reports, totaling 355 pages. The packet also includes an index of the contained reports. These reports have minor changes to the web-based reports as they are dated 2017, and contain new footers and headers better suited for the written report. As usual the ordering information and pricing is available online or by calling the office.



# Annual Financial Report of the Great Lakes Cruising Club

The Independent Auditors of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, Frohm, Kelley, Butler & Ryan, P.C., of Port Huron Mich., audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Club as of September 30, 2016 (and 2015), as well as the related statements of unrestricted revenue and expenses and changes in unrestricted net assets for the years then ended. In their opinion these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Great Lakes Cruising Club as of September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, and for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are published below.

## BALANCE SHEETS September 30, 2016 and 2015

	ASSETS	
	2016	2015
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 163,466	\$ 225,260
Prepaid expenses	7,528	6,801
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>170,994</u>	<u>232,061</u>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	4,679	4,679
Less allowance for depreciation	(4,679)	(4,679)
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Investments	397,456	276,699
Security deposits	1,263	550
	<u>398,719</u>	<u>277,249</u>
	<u>\$ 569,713</u>	<u>\$ 509,310</u>

### LIABILITIES AND UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 283	\$ 333
Accrued wages and payroll withholdings payable	3,208	3,299
Accrued payroll taxes	328	312
Deferred revenue - annual meeting	5,578	9,645
Deferred revenue - annual dues	120	1,030
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>14,619</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	560,196	494,691
	<u>\$ 569,713</u>	<u>\$ 509,310</u>

### STATEMENTS OF UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

<b>UNRESTRICTED REVENUE</b>		
Dues	\$ 151,615	\$ 149,075
Initiation fees and log books	14,340	12,870
Log book updates and shipping	3,526	5,885
Lifeline subscription fees	9,315	10,904
Lifeline advertising	7,063	—
Directory fees	5,820	6,060
Merchandise sales	3,541	4,045
Meeting, program and Rendezvous fees	87,475	92,524
Unrealized gain on investments	11,008	5,204
Investment income	9,856	3,543
Miscellaneous income	8,624	6,000
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE</b>	<u>312,183</u>	<u>296,110</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program services	208,644	214,242
Management and general	38,034	39,048
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>246,678</u>	<u>253,290</u>
<b>INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<u>65,505</u>	<u>42,820</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	494,691	451,871
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 560,196</u>	<u>\$ 494,691</u>

### STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	2016			2015
	Program Services	Management and General	Total	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 34,515	\$ 17,000	\$ 51,515	\$ 49,102
Payroll taxes	2,754	1,357	4,111	3,939
	<u>37,269</u>	<u>18,357</u>	<u>55,626</u>	<u>53,041</u>
Production and distribution of publications:				
Log book and updates	14,103	—	14,103	16,083
Lifeline	19,892	—	19,892	11,899
Membership directory	7,672	—	7,672	8,080
Meetings, programs and Rendezvous	75,017	—	75,017	80,142
Boat show	1,152	—	1,152	1,646
Membership maintenance	13,320	—	13,320	10,313
Port captain operations	639	—	639	1,299
Merchandise purchases	—	—	—	1,373
Publicity and public relations	1,383	—	1,383	1,819
Other operating expenses	38,197	19,677	57,874	67,595
	<u>\$ 208,644</u>	<u>\$ 38,034</u>	<u>\$ 246,678</u>	<u>\$ 253,290</u>

# You Surely Don't Want to Be Waxing the Boat on Saturday, June 3rd!

Because that's the day of the annual *Western Lake Erie Picnic*. As always the title designates the location, not who may attend. We are open to all...for great food and fellowship.

**WHERE:**

Herl's Harbor Marina Park (E-34) is our host. The address is 2263 N.E. Catawba Rd., Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. East of Port Clinton on Catawba Is., 2.6 miles north on SR 53 from the intersection of SRs 163 and 53.

**WHEN:**

June 3, 2017 — Gathering time is noon.

**COST:**

Be sure to register on the GLCC website @ \$10 USD per person or guest.

**EATS, DRINK & OTHER INFO:**

We are providing wings, hamburgers, hot dogs, all condiments, and soft drinks. Please bring a favorite dish to share, favorite drinks, and maybe a lawn chair. It's a fun event, telling tall boating tales, renewing friendships, and welcoming several new members in our area. If you can come earlier, there is a big nautical flea market in the park at 9 a.m. You can both sell and buy. Sharon and I hope you will be able to attend.

**CONTACT INFO:**

Please contact event chair Port Captain Denny Dutcher *S/V Turning Point* Port Captain, West Harbor, Catawba Island, Ohio, at 937-602-8391 or dutcher.ds@live.com

## Join the Fun at GLCC Lake Huron Rally on the "Tip of the Thumb"

at the New Port Austin Harbor (H-58) June 16-18, 2017

This is a great chance to give your boat an early season shakedown cruise, while meeting other GLCC members and exchanging Great Lakes cruising wisdom, plans and stories! In addition this can be your first stop on the way to the 2017 Harbor Island Wilderness Rally June 28 thru July 2, and the GLCC Annual Rendezvous July 9-13 in Sturgeon Bay (M-72), Wis.

Festivities start at 1730 Friday June 16, with a welcoming cocktail party in the Port Austin Welcome Center. It's BYOB, but bring an appetizer to pass. Dinner is your choice at one of the many Port Austin restaurants. We will be organizing reservations and transportation to the highly regarded Farm Restaurant a few miles outside of Port Austin.

Saturday begins with a group breakfast at the crack of 0800 at the Lake Street Emporium just up from the harbor, followed by the huge Port Austin Farmer's

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Above: Boats docked at New Port Austin Harbor.

Right: Folks won't want to miss the guided dinghy tour to Turnip Rock at the Lake Huron Rally





*Al and Sally Pribyl's fascinating presentation of their voyage, From Port Superior to Paris: the Grand Voyage of Artemis, captivated all those attending the Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner. Photos by Richard Miller - Upper-right: Members attending a meeting. Lower-right: Retiring Rear Commodore Duane and Mar Flynn were applauded and thanked for their years of service.*

# Lake Superior Mid-Winter Dinner

by Rear Commodore Jim and Port Captain Angèle Passe

Saturday dawned just plain cold, but soon we warmed up with lunch and good cheer with the GLCCers who had arrived early for the dinner. We enjoyed great food at Axel's in the Radisson Hotel where our annual meeting and dinner would be that evening.

**Port Captains' Meeting:** This was the first official meeting chaired by Lake Superior's new Rear Commodore Jim Passe. The agenda focused on the multiple roles of the port captain. The primary goal is membership retention and recruitment of new members who share GLCC values and commitment to boating. The challenge presented to the Region 10 Port Captains is to personally contact every GLCC member in their harbor by mid-summer. Jim encouraged Port Captains to hold ad hoc social gatherings on the dock, clubhouse or boats with GLCC members and other boaters at the harbor who might be interested in GLCC.

The second part of the challenge was to promote GLCC events in Region 10. We currently sponsor and organize two: the mid-winter dinner in January and the late summer rally in August. In 2017, the rally will be held in Silver Bay on August 18–20. We also need to promote the yearly GLCC Rendezvous, even when it is not in our region. Joan and Richard Miller, chairs of the 2017 rendezvous in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., attended our meeting and briefed us on the plans.

The third part of the challenge is our harbor reports: Region 10 has more than 230 harbor reports, and most are remote anchorages or harbors along the wild east, north, and northwest shores of Lake Superior. Only 14 of these harbors currently have Port Captains. We need to continue our discussions on ways to update the remaining 216 harbor reports.

Social hour was the time to meet our new GLCC members, Justin Kepper and Adelle Schmann, Bob and Gina Schafer, and guest speakers Al and Sally Pribyl. The Radisson Roseville had prepared an elegant dining room. When Bill Rohde, our MC, called us to table, we reluctantly came, as we were having such a good time talking of the past summer and winter plans, making new friends. But Bill's sense of humor and enthusiastic welcome won the audience over, and we soon settled for a fun-filled evening of awards, prizes, and the presentation by Al and Sally Pribyl, speakers for the event.

We were honored to have Vice Commodore Rich and Patti Barzyk join us. They gamely braved our infamous frigid temperatures and helped us celebrate the achievements of several of our members from Lake Superior. Retiring Rear Commodore Duane and Mar Flynn were thanked and applauded, then passed the baton to Jim and Angèle Passe, new Rear Commodore for Lake Superior. Judy Thorndycraft and Dan DeWeese received the 2016 Founder's Award. Carl and Joyce



Berdie received the Bayfield Award. And Larry Carpenter and Judy Taylor were the recipients of the unique Lake Superior Golden Wrench Award.

Vice Commodore Rich Barzyk gave a short report on the state of the GLCC. Our finances solid, memberships steady and a dedicated board of directors and officers, and GLCC office manager Yvonne Murray continues her hard work keeping track of harbor reports, *Lifeline* deadlines, membership renewals, website updates, and our ships store and more. Thank you.

Beside his MC skills, Bill Rohde is also the Chair of the *GLCC School*. Bill updated us on the new classes being offered and encouraged all of us to check out the GLCC school section of our website for coming classes.

After a delicious dinner and lively conversation, Angèle Passe introduced our speakers Al and Sally Pribyl and their presentation, *From Port Superior to Paris: the Grand Voyage of Artemis*. Al and Sally enchanted the audience with their tale of their 11-year cruising adventure on the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Baltic and

waters in between. In their easy, warm delivery they gave us an inside look at how they plan and manage their travels, and they showed beautiful pictures of the exotic spots they have visited. It was a special opportunity to hear how the dream of cruising has happened for them, and how all of us do it at our own pace.

Following the presentation we had our traditional door prize giveaway. Past Commodore Niels Jensen proceeded to give a door prize to every boat registered for the dinner. Thanks to some extra mugs and shirts from the 2016 Rendezvous, a gift certificate from the Radisson, and Stan Cory, Madeline Island Port Captain, for his generous contributions.

Bill closed our wonderful evening in his inimitable style and left us with this parting poem:

*"There are good ships, and there are wood ships,  
The ships that sail the sea,  
But the best ships are the friendships,  
And may they always be." 🚩*



## 26th Annual Lake Erie Rally — June 16–18 at Leamington, Ontario

Please join us for the 26th Annual GLCC Lake Erie Rally. This year's theme will be Comic Con. If you are not familiar with this term — it means dressing up as your favorite comic book character. It can be anything from Mickey Mouse to Superwoman (just about anything goes)!

The schedule for the 2017 event includes:

- Arrive Friday afternoon at the beautiful Leamington Municipal Marina.
- Friday night dinner catered by The Car Barn, with its wonderful perch and broasted chicken followed by an ice cream bar.
- Saturday morning pancake and sausage breakfast.
- Saturday afternoon will include a cruising planning discussion led by Pam Jackson (with a little help

from Doug). Please send recipes to us by June 1 and we'll compile them into a cookbook. Also bring your favorite cruising memories and questions about cruising to the discussion.

- Saturday evening themed dinner with attendees dressing up as their favorite comic book character. The paparazzi will be on hand to take your picture and printed copies will be provided that evening.
- Join your fellow Lake Erie boaters for a fun-filled weekend of great food, good times and socializing with your GLCC friends.

Please register online at the GLCC website. This event is chaired by Director Doug Jackson 614-519-6996/doug@dougandpam.com & Port Captain Pam Carr-Jackson 614-571-0513/pam@dougandpam.com.

# Chicago Boat Show; GLCC Success



by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

The 2017 Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show at McCormick Place resulted in eight new memberships and dear friend renewals. Rear Commodore Len and Jackie Nowak organized our presence at this recently combined boat show. Immediate Past Commodore Niels Jensen and Log Book Editor Lou Bruska each gave several informative and well-attended seminars. Among the GLCC members, who staffed the booth were Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm, Port Captain (Harbor Island) Sandi Matley, Port Captain (French River) Jim Wooll, Immediate Past Commodore Niels Jensen, Log Book Editor Lou Bruska and Director Bill Matley. 🚩



*Log Book Editor Lou Bruska greets potential new GLCC members at the 2017 Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show. Photos by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May*

# Cleveland Boat Show

by Port Captain Jim Ehrman



Volunteer Janice Ehrman talks with Cleveland Boat Show guests

The 2017 Cleveland Boat Show was again a well-attended, successful event for all. Our GLCC seminar *Cruising Lake Erie* had a great turnout, and people came directly from the seminar to the GLCC booth to learn more about the GLCC, and become new members. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who made this show a success. Scott Ross, Al Herstrum, Dave Zgrabik, Port Captains Walt Grabowski and Sharon Marshall, Albert Ingram, Bob and Sheila Allenick, Pete Ensinger, and Janice Ehrman. Thank you to Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave Miller for scheduling, to Port Captain Mark Gagy for revising the seminar, and thank you to our Vice Commodore Rich Barzyk for attending and helping out. It's our membership that makes this club great! We had several membership sign-ups at the show, and I anticipate more from our membership drive. Safe Seas to all. 🚩

# Toronto International Boat Show 2017

by Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce and Rear Commodore David Brace

The Toronto International Boat Show took place from January 20–29 this year and the Great Lakes Cruising Club was once again represented at for our seventeenth year in a row. We signed up five new members at the show and developed a contact list of many more prospective members with whom we will follow up. Unfortunately, the low rate of the Canadian Dollar against the US Dollar had a dampening effect on applications.

Once again, we had a great group of volunteers to help out at the booth, starting with new member (2016) Alex Letchford, who deserves special kudos for helping to set up the booth and take it down, as well as doing two other shifts during the week. Through the ten days of the Show, other volunteers included (in order of appearance): Scott and Nancy Dudgeon, Robert Wightman, Eric and Cynthia Sunstrum, Mary and Wes Micket, Paul Strub, Port Captain (Penetanguishene) Bruce & Anne Arthur, Port Captain (Thornbury) Alan Chesworth, Port Captain (Lion's Head) Dave and Kathy Spencer, Port Captain (Ret.) (Meaford) Ian Shaw, Bill Ayre, and Jim and Marissa Fleming.

Many of the volunteers came from a considerable distance to help out. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done and particular thanks to those who served more than one shift.



Eric and Cynthia Sunstrum manned the booth and are also organizing the Lake Ontario Rally this summer. Photo by Past Commodore J.E. Fordyce

We should all remember that signing up new members is only the beginning. We must ensure that their membership experience is rewarding and that they will stay for the long term. For that, all of us need to be mindful of new members and to welcome them, mentor them and, most important, include them in our fun.

Next year's Toronto Boat Show will be held in January 2018. Once again, we will be looking for help to staff the GLCC booth. In particular we are looking for one or more members, preferably living in the Toronto area, to take over leadership of the GLCC presence at this Show. Please contact J.E. Fordyce, David Brace or Yvonne Murray at the GLCC office if you would like to help out the Club in this important way. ▶

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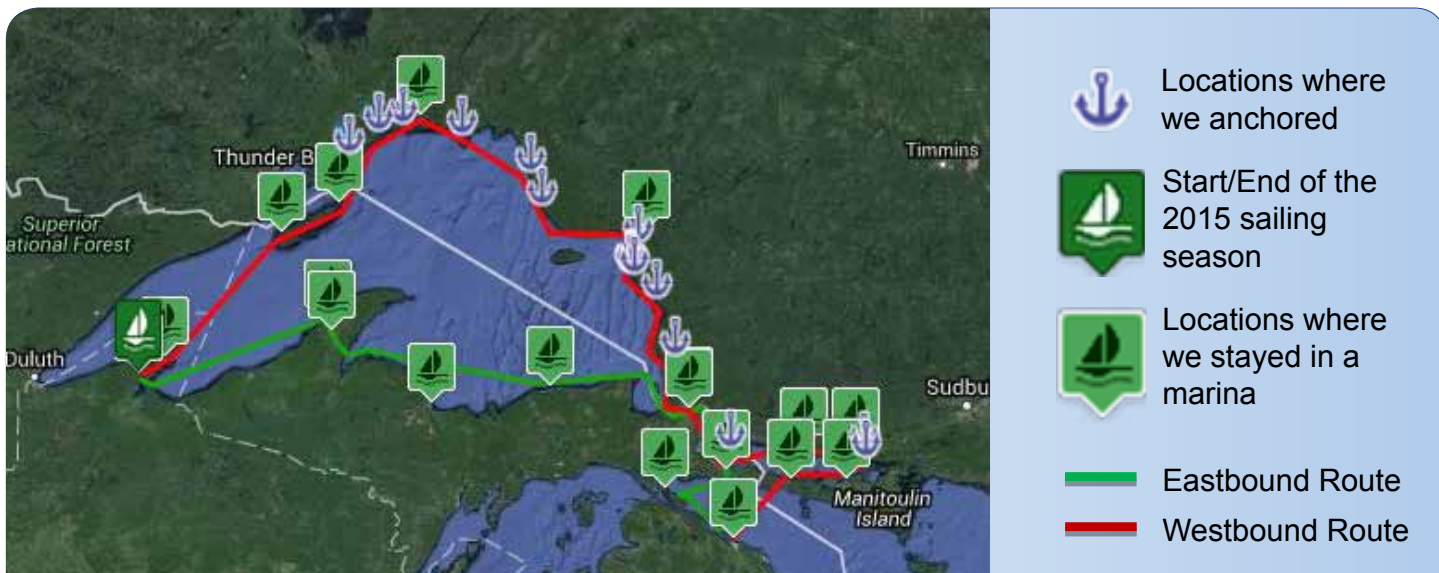
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# 2016 Founders Award Winner: Season of Sailing 2015

*Log of the SV Gaviidae, Julie Thorndyraft and Dan DeWeese (Installment II of IV)*

## Mackinac Island

**July 8, 2015 | 45° 50.975'N | 84° 36.949'W | 376.5 NM**

We left the Soo on July 7 and headed for De Tour Village at the end of the St. Mary's River. A very nice little marina for those needing a little unwind time. Getting a rather late start on July 8th, we headed for Mackinac Island, arriving mid-afternoon. Mackinac was the only marina that required advance reservations, and we planned for three nights to ensure we had plenty of time to explore.



*De Tour Reef Light*

Mackinac was an interesting experience — absolutely packed with tourists who were riding bikes at wild speeds, pedestrians walking wherever (with dogs), and just a few horses to add to the excitement. I would recommend increasing your life insurance prior to arrival.

No trip to Mackinac would be complete without a visit to the Grand Hotel for lunch. Niels and Vicki treated us for the event, which was exceptionally nice, considering that lunch at the Grand Hotel may require a second mortgage. I won't say more about it other than through pictures:



*Our ride to the Grand Hotel — perhaps not the most elegant view...*



*Dan and Julie on the porch of the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island*

## Minnesota Mafia Dinner

**July 14, 2015 | Rogers City, MI**

Despite uncertain weather and a mutiny attempt,

the Minnesota contingent of the Great Lakes Cruising Club 2015 Rendezvous in Rogers City, Mich., dined and partied on *Gaviidae* tonight. It was a fitting venue for the GLCC commodore's provisional flagship.

The event grew out of an invitation to Minnesota-based sailors to gather for dinner in the park near U.S. Judge Advocate Greg and Connie Korstad's (Plymouth, Minn.) land yacht, DV (Driving Vessel) *Gaviidae* (yes, they too have a sailboat of that august name). The invitation grew to include all 12 Minn. attendees—archly dubbed the Minnesota Mafia by sailors hailing from other, downstream Great Lakes ports. At the suggestion of former and current denizens of Rogers City, the Korstads and I checked out the offerings at Plath's Meats in Rogers City, and determined that we could put together an easy and tasty dinner for a dozen with Plath's thick slabs of smoked pork, homemade baked beans and in-house potato salad.



Attendees besides Julie and me, the Korstads and the Braces were Duane "Dewey" and Mar Flynn (Duluth), Commodore Niels and Vicki Jensen (Minneapolis), Jim and Angèle Passe (Minneapolis), Bill and Judy Rohde

Before dinner we all attended a special early showing of November Requiem, a locally produced Emmy Award-winning documentary about the sinking of the laker, *Carl D. Bradley* on November 18, 1958, when 35 seamen, including 23 Rogers City sailors, perished in the icy waters of Lake Michigan. It was a moving account of the impact the disaster had on the community.

After the movie, we all gathered in the cockpit of *Gaviidae*. Her stern was riding a little lower in the water, but the cockpit was large enough to accommodate the group for pre-dinner adult beverages and conversation. Greg set up his portable propane grill on a picnic table next to our dock and expertly seared the thick -cut chops, which were dusted with a little Penzey's Island Breeze seasoning to add some zest and color. Julie and I heated up the beans in our microwave and dished the potato salad into a serving bowl. The Braces showed up with a green salad and the stage was set for the evening repast and revelry. Half of our motley crew sat at the dining table set up in the forward salon; the other half dined in the cockpit on the flip-up table wings on either side of the cockpit console. The weather cooperated and the pork chops were superb, as were the sides.

## Great Lakes Cruising Club Rendezvous

July 15, 2015 | 45° 25.359'N | 83° 48.728'W | 421.6 NM

The entire reason that we modified our plans to sail Lake Superior this summer was to attend the GLCC Rendezvous in Rogers City, Mich. And we had not considered going until Niels Jensen suggested that buddy boating with him and Vicki would be a good experience. Being short on experience, we decided it would be a good way to get some serious miles under our keel and still have the support of some very experienced sailors.

We arrived on Saturday, July 11, a day ahead of the official start so that Niels could attend board meetings. Flying the GLCC commodore's burgee, *Gaviidae* garnered preferential dockage and was in the very first slip next to the walkway. Think of being inside a fishbowl.

Sunday was a busy day for us — we had to register and pick up our boat goodies (which included a really nice boat bag with *Gaviidae* embroidered on it) and buy the requisite GLCC T-shirt, etc. You can never have enough boat-themed white T-shirts! And it's not like I don't have enough clothes onboard, which also meant I just had to buy an eggplant windproof jacket from the Crowley's/GLCC ship store. Note to self: Leave the credit cards behind on next voyage.

And most important for our Sunday activities, we had to "dress" ship. Now last year when we went to the GLCC Rally in Superior, Wis., I had to ask what that meant. This year I was prepared. I spent three days sewing flags that spelled out "*GaviidaeSails*."

On Monday, we went to the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse for a tour. The beach below the lighthouse has the wreck of a shipping vessel mostly buried in the sandy beach. Some years it is very exposed and others the sand has covered most of it up. The adjacent picture shows our tour guide in period lighthouse keeper garb with GLCC members standing on the wreck.



*Gaviidae* with her new flats!



Wreck near the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse

Monday afternoon was Gadget Hour and everyone with any new tricks was instructed to bring them. We brought our shoe bag herb garden as we'd already had

numerous inquiries. Monday evening had a reception that started with the first-year attendees having a photo op with the flag officers. We “First Timers” all had “special” yellow ribbons on our badges to make sure everyone knew we were first-timers at a Rendezvous. Next time we will be seasoned veterans.

Tuesday was the big day for the “Ladie’s Tea and Fashion Show” – while tea and fashion shows are not quite up my alley these days, it was actually really fun. Richard’s (a local store) supplied the clothing with models from the GLCC. I can guarantee that there were more than a few women who found a number of items to buy afterwards. On that note, I have to say that Rogers City rolled the red carpet out for the GLCC — very impressive town.

I’m not going to mention Tuesday evening other than to say you should read Dan’s post on the Minnesota Mafia.

Wednesday was the traditional beach volleyball game between the Rag Haulers (Baggers in my world) vs. the Stink Potters which was staged in a nearby sand beach. Unfortunately, the Rag Baggers had it handed to them on a platter. I hope next year will have a better showing by those who fly laundry. There was also a Bocce Ball tournament in the afternoon that we missed. The day ended with the Commodore’s Dinner and a great band — and yes, sailors can dance!

Thursday was the final day and had the “official” Boat Review, which involved all of the GLCC board members and officers going around the boats via dinghy to see whether they were “presentable.” It involved much pomp and circumstance, punctuated with foghorns and bells.



The Official Boat Review

Another custom we learned was as each boat was departing there was a horn salute to/from the boats. A very suitable send-off and ending to a great week meeting new people with a shared love of boats and the Great Lakes.

### O Canada!

**July 16, 2015 | 45° 55.180’N | 83° 07.309’W | 470.9 NM**

Just when we were beginning to think that we were really a powerboat with laundry, the wind kicked in for our crossing of Lake Huron from Rogers City, Mich. to Meldrum Bay, Ont. Shortly after clearing the harbor, we raised all three sails; set Ted, our autopilot, to work keeping us on course; and proceeded to enjoy the breeze. The winds were about 15 knots on our beam, increasing to 20 knots. The waves were 3-4 feet — absolutely perfect day for *Gaviidae*.

The winds continued to increase, as did the waves, with Dan setting a new *Gaviidae* record of 8.4 knots — what a gas! We finally got to see what our baby was designed to do, and she handled it like slicing through butter.



A very happy sailor!

When the winds were steady at 25

and gusting close to 30, we decided it might be prudent to put away the genoa. We continued with the full main and staysail never dropping below 7 knots right through the Mississauga Straights, until we had to turn into Meldrum Bay. At that point the winds were on our nose and kicking up well past 30 knots, and the sails were dropped.

### Meldrum Bay to Gore Bay — Harbour Hopping

**July 18, 2015 | 45° 55.219’N | 82° 27.687’W | 502.9 NM**

We ended up staying at Meldrum for two nights due to weather — nonstop rain, cold, etc. When you have the option to stay put, there’s no point in heading out just to be miserable.

The second night at Meldrum involved an impromptu happy hour in the boater’s lounge. There were many GLCC members who were heading to the Wilderness Rally in the North Channel — we called it the Meldrum Bay Mini-rally.

When we departed Meldrum on July 18, there were still remnants of the bad weather and we started out with a single reef and the staysail. This didn’t last long, and we ended up with all sails up until the wind died. Dan got in lots of practice hauling laundry and tweaking the sails.

We arrived in Gore Bay and met a charming couple (Diane and Ron) in the boat next (*Dos Capitaines*, a 42-foot Bavaria). They also have a boat in the Mediterranean, so there were many stories shared over cocktails of their travel adventures. Perhaps we might take *Gaviidae* across the pond.

The next day, as we contemplated options, a familiar face came down the dock — fellow Gozzard owner Frances Lee and Jim Monson had just arrived in their



Frances and Jim on Minnehaha (Gozzard G44)

gorgeous G44 *Minnehaha*. Drinks and dinner followed at a local beer shack along with friends they knew from Manitowoc, Wis. Frances made a fabulous blueberry crumble from berries she had picked on Eagle Island — yum!

### Gore Bay to Croker Island

**July 21, 2015 | 46° 54.546’N | 82° 12.941’W | 519.5 NM**

In 2005 when we sailed the North Channel on the *Blue Loon* we met a couple (Jerry and Clare) at Spider

Bay Marina in Little Current, Ont. A few cocktails were consumed and a friendship established. Jerry and Clare were more than happy to invite us to their home when we travelled to Goderich this past April, and we promised that if we went into the North Channel we would connect. Our target meeting date was July 21 at Croker Island. Now this is not a place that has phones or Internet, but it does have blueberries. By using our DeLorme Explorer I was able to get a message to Clare that we were heading to Croker.

Before we departed, we reviewed the weather and consulted with our neighboring dock mates, who reported that the wave heights at the North Channel Buoy were only 1-2 feet. This was considerably calmer than the day before, and we headed out with a route planned for a diagonal run across the North Channel.

Immediate lesson learned — the North Channel Buoy reports wave heights in meters, not feet! The video clip below does not give full justice to the waves we were seeing, but they were definitely in the 4-6 foot range! Whoo hoo!

Depending upon the anchorage, it is quite common in the North Channel to drop an anchor off the bow and tie your stern to a tree or rock. Once comfortably



The view of Gaviidae as we picked blueberries on the top of Croker Island

secured we decided to take a hike up the hill above. We found wild blueberries all over, and while most were small, there were more than a few superior caches with larger berries. Even Dan picked, and he hates picking berries! The pancakes the next morning were extra special!

## The Benjamins

July 24, 2015 | The Benjamins

*Magic Carpet* with Jerry and Clare aboard arrived at Croker Island on July 22 after a pretty rough trek from Little Current. The waves that were following us had been hitting them on the nose. Giving them time to recover, the rest of the day was a lazy day, with the most strenuous brain activity being the discussion regarding dinner plans and who wanted what type of cocktail.



Magic Carpet at Croker Island

Jerry and Clare have been cruising North Channel for 27+ years and have accumulated a huge list of favorite places and hidey-holes. Leaving our boats at Croker the next morning, we headed across the bay in our dinghies for a hike and picnic at the Benjamins — a favorite spot by a few too many people. The hike was great, with more blueberries found and consumed.

Besides hiking Jerry and Clare showed us some other lesser-known anchorages at the Benjamins, including one that fits, at most, two boats down a narrow ravine. We also got a close look at the very narrow channel that goes between North and South Benjamin. We attempted to navigate this channel with the *Blue Loon* in 2005, but it was far too rough to see the rocks.

The next morning (7/24) when we left Croker, we followed *Magic Carpet* through. Seems crazy that we wouldn't go through on a 22-foot sailboat with a 20-inch draft but we'd opt to go through with a 37-foot boat with a 5-foot keel. Go figure. 🚩

This is the second of four installments. Be sure to read the next two issues of *Lifeline* to follow Julie & Dan's story.

*About the Founders Award: It is an annual GLCC member award for the best cruising log of a cruise on the Great Lakes. The award honors the founding members of the GLCC. The purposes of the award are to honor members for exemplary skill and artistry in recording their cruises on the Great Lakes; to foster increased participation and involvement by members in Club activities; and to provide a mechanism for soliciting material which can be used in Lifeline, in the Port Pilot & Log Book, and in other GLCC publications. You may visit <http://www.glccclub.com/founders-award> to learn more.*



## Eight Bells

### Mary Lou Heninger

Mary Lou Heninger, long time GLCC member (1965-2016) passed away on December 24, 2016 at the age of 86. Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Port Captain and Past Commodore Ralph Heninger (2004-2005). Mary Lou and Ralph were familiar faces at GLCC for many events, often with their 42-foot Formula boat *Skip 2 M'Lou IV*. Mary Lou will be missed by all who knew her. 🚩



Photo by Susan McClellen



THE GREAT LAKES CRUISING CLUB  
**2017 Summer  
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 July 9–13, 2017  
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## News & Views

# Researchers Find Tsunamis on the Great Lakes

by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

The Great Lakes have their own miniature version of tsunamis — more than 100 times per year. That's according to new research led by the University of Wisconsin Madison. The name of these waves — and the danger that comes with them — is relatively unknown to those in the region.

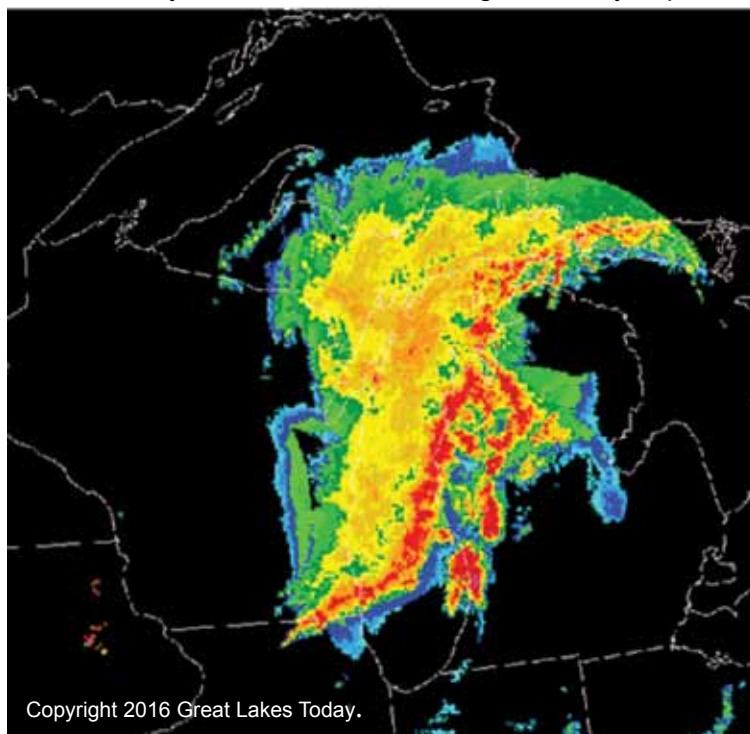
Their name, meteotsunami, is a contraction. Broken down, it means meteorological tsunami. They are about a foot high and they are not caused by earthquakes like actual tsunamis, says Wisconsin Sea Grant Fellow Adam Bechle. "This specific type of wave is caused by thunderstorms, and changes water levels very rapidly," says Bechle.

Bechle and his team looked at 20 years of data charting water levels in the Great Lakes. They found that meteotsunamis last from five minutes to an hour. That's different from traditional waves in the Great Lakes, which only last for about 10 seconds — or seiches, which can last for several hours.

That did not stop the historic misreporting of mini-tsunamis. "We looked in the historical news reports and they were called everything from seiche, to tidal wave, 'big wave here,'" explains Bechle.

And they can be dangerous. In 2012, three swimmers were swept into Lake Erie near Cleveland. And in 1998 and 2014, meteotsunamis interrupted shipping operations. They're also most likely to occur in late spring and early summer — the start of beach season.

Bechle says his team is now looking into a way to predict when these mini-tsunamis might occur, in order to warn beachgoers. According to the study, Lake Michigan is most prone to these mini-tsunamis, followed by Lake Erie and Lake Huron. ▶



Radar on May 31, 1998. This line of storm generated a meteotsunami at White Lake Harbor, south of Ludington, Mich. ▶

## State Harbors Offer Slip-Specific Reservations as Part of Pilot for 2017

A new pilot program from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources now allows boaters to make slip-specific reservations in select Michigan state harbors during the 2017 season.

The five facilities participating in the pilot project are:

- William G. Milliken State Harbor (Wayne County)
- Straits State Harbor (Cheboygan County)
- Grand Haven Marina (Ottawa County)
- Lake St. Clair Marina (Macomb County)
- Saint Clair Boat Harbor (St. Clair County)

Currently, when a reservation is made through the state's reservation system, the customer is guaranteed a slip at the facility. Upon arrival, the boater is assigned a specific slip by harbor staff.

Under the pilot program, boaters have the opportunity to reserve their favorite slips, reserve slips next to another boat if they want to dock together, or choose which side they want to tie up. They'll know exactly what they are getting before arriving at the harbor. "This process will mirror reservations in our state park facilities," said Linnae Dawson, DNR recreational harbor coordinator. "Customers can make reservation decisions based on the length, width and draft of their vessels. We believe this will provide better customer service and save harbor staff time in making slip assignments."

Based on the success of this pilot project, the DNR will determine if transitioning all facilities to a slip-specific reservation system is viable and advantageous to customers.

Harbor reservations can be made up to six months in advance by visiting [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com) or calling 800-44-PARKS. This means the six-month window for May has arrived. ▶

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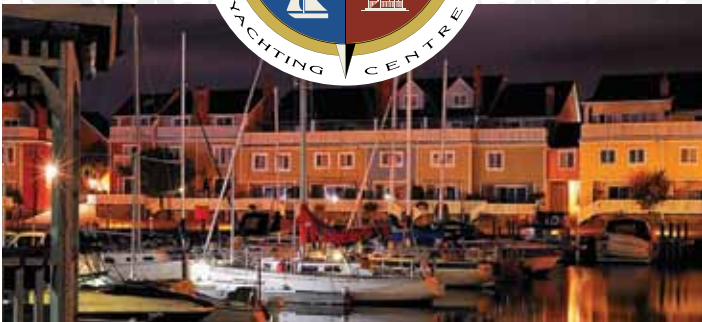
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## Port Captain's Log Book

### Jim Austin — Director 10/1/2016

We'd like to take this opportunity to send a hearty congratulations to newly appointed Director James (Jim) R. Austin. He berths his boat, *Baby Grand*, a 32-foot Grand Banks, in Bayfield, Wis. (S-192). We look forward to utilizing Jim's direction in helping GLCC attain future goals. 🚩



### Port Captains Dave & Kathy Spencer

Lion's Head, Ont. (GB-7)

London is a landlocked city in southwestern Ontario that Dave and Kathy Spencer have called home for most of their lives. Despite the absence of navigable water in London, Dave has spent most of his life sailing dinghies and runabouts, thanks to a family cottage on the Trent Severn Waterway. Dave and Kathy didn't get into the joys of cruising until 2005, when they bought a good old CS27. They got hooked while cruising from Bayfield, Ont. up to Georgian Bay's North

Channel and back several times. Since then, they have graduated to their beloved Catalina 34, *Good Idea*, and have moved their home port to Lion's Head to enjoy its proximity to the North Channel and the wonderful anchorages on Georgian Bay within a couple of hours sail of Lion's Head — perfect for a weekend getaway.

Dave and Kathy make a point of sailing to the beautiful waters of the North Channel for at least a few weeks every year. They enjoy flying the GLCC burgee from *Good Idea's* starboard spreader as a calling card to meet new acquaintances in anchorages they visit. Kathy and Dave are members of the Canadian Power and Sail London Squadron. They have taken a couple of winter charters on sailboats in the British Virgin Islands and hope to sail more in the Bahamas and Caribbean in the future.

Today we introduce Dave and Kathy Spencer as newly appointed Port Captains for Lion's Head, Ont. (GB-7). They love showing visitors all the beautiful cliffs, anchorages and hiking trails around Lion's Head. So be sure to give them a shout, should you visit the area! 🚩



### Port Captains Dan & Linda Cline

Frankfurt, Mich. (M-16)

Dan and Linda Cline have enjoyed cruising Lake Michigan on their *Island Packet 320* sailboat since 2004. Originally berthed in Holland, Michigan, they recently moved to Traverse City, Michigan this year and are moving their boat *Wildwood* to Betsie Bay Marina in Frankfort (M-16) to be closer to their new home. Both are expecting to devote more time to exploring northern Lake Michigan, Green Bay, and the Great Lakes.

Dan serves as an Assistant Administrator of the GLCC School, and has served on the Club's Website Committee. Linda began sailing Lake Michigan as a child, and introduced Dan to the sport shortly after their marriage in 1981. After racing Lightnings for several years, and spending many hours at canoeing and kayaking, in 2004 they graduated to large-boat sailing and discovered the simultaneous joys of cruising and keeping their hors d'oeuvres dry. Both Dan and Linda have completed numerous courses on sailing, navigation, weather, and diesel engine maintenance offered through the ASA, Starpath School of Navigation, Delta College Sailing School, and the USPS.

Dan and Linda are looking forward to greeting you when you stop at Frankfurt. It is a beautiful harbor with excellent marinas, many great restaurants and a microbrewery for you to enjoy. 🚩



### Port Captain from Deputy Michael Brookins

Kelley's Island, Ohio (E-17)

Let's congratulate Port Captain Michael Brookins for his new appointment from Deputy Port Captain. His boat, *Brook, Line and Sinker*, a 37-foot Sea Ray docks in Kelleys Island, Ohio (E-17) / Palm City, Fla. If you happen to visit Kelley's Island, give him a holler! 🚩

### Port Captains Ed Mahoney & Brad Somers

Cleveland, Ohio (E-10) and Boblo Island, Ont. (D-86)

Please join us as we thank and congratulate Port Captain's Brad Somers and Ed Mahoney on being appointed another port of watch! They volunteered and were assigned the additional responsibility on October 22, 2016; Brad for Bob Lo Island, Ont. (D-86) and Ed for Cleveland, Ohio (E-10). Please give them a call or stop by and say "hello" next time you are "cruising" through one of the ports — by land or by sea! 🚩



# Beach Party!

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## Lake Ontario Rally

### July 14-16, 2017


Trent Port Marina, Ont. (O-34)

Flip-flops and beach hats will be the fashion at this year's Lake Ontario Rally at the amazing Trent Port Marina in Trenton, Ontario (O-34), from July 14-16. The Trent Port Marina is a premium-class marina with

access to the Trent-Severn Waterway, the Murray Canal and the Bay of Quinte, making it an ideal gathering spot for GLCC members from Lake Ontario and connecting waterways. This year the Rally will coincide with the 'Downtown Trenton Festival on the Bay' offering lots of additional activities and entertainment for everyone.

Friday evening begins with appetizers at the welcoming reception, along with free *Music in the Park*. Saturday morning you can explore on your own. Some of your options are the Bay Pancake Breakfast, the Trenton Farmers Market, or a tour of the National Air Force Museum. Saturday afternoon includes a dinghy flotilla up the Trent River to Lock 1 of the historic Trent-Severn Waterway (weather permitting) and a presentation from Parks Canada. Pack a picnic lunch for the trip!

Make sure you wear your best beachwear outfits for the Saturday night "Beach Party Barbeque" of burgers and dessert supplied by the GLCC (please bring a salad or side). Sunday sends you off with a continental breakfast or you can stay another day and attend the Prince Edward County Wine Tour, which is optional.

If you are looking for food, music, exploration and friendship, the Lake Ontario Rally has something for you. Check out our program and register on the GLCC website, or use the form in this issue of *Lifeline*. Your hosts Eric and Cynthia Sunstrum and Rear Commodore David Brace are looking forward to taking your lines in Trenton on Friday, July 14. 

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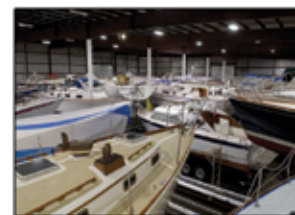
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# Announcing the 2017 GLCC Wilderness Rally

by Director Bill Matley



Tranquil Harbor Island Anchorage

The 2017 Wilderness Rally will be held at Harbor Island (NC-2), the same location as the 2016 Wilderness Rally. The rally will begin June 28 and end on July 1, 2017, with departure day scheduled for July 2, 2017.

The decision to again hold the rally at Harbor Island is intended to support those boaters who plan to travel to the Western side of Lake Michigan to attend the 2017 GLCC Rendezvous, being held at Sturgeon Bay (M-72.5) July 9–13, 2017.

All boats planning to attend the Sturgeon Bay Rendezvous, traveling from Lake Erie and waters further east — Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, North Channel and Lake Superior — will have to travel in close proximity to Harbor Island. The early dates of June 28 through July 1, 2017 make the 2017 Wilderness Rally the perfect stopover event on your westbound passage. And for GLCC members who don't plan to go to the Rendezvous, the early dates make the Wilderness Rally the perfect season kickoff event. Our theme for this year's rally is "Lets Go Cruising," and activities are planned to help each attendee sharpen their cruising skills.

Rear Commodore Roger Hankle (*Summer Wind*) will discuss a free "open source" navigation program called "Open CPN." Open CPN uses the free downloadable charts from NOAA, and other charts from around the world. Your paid registration will include the Open CPN program and all the charts you need to install Open CPN on your tablet or computer, Windows, Mac, or Linux. You can get a head start on Roger's

presentation by going to [opencpn.org](http://opencpn.org) to install it on your computer or tablet now.

GLCC Member and longtime cruiser Tom Trimmer, (*Mistress*) owner of Custom Marine Products ([www.custommarineproducts.com](http://www.custommarineproducts.com)) specializing in solar power generation equipment for the cruising boater, will be another of our instructors. Tom will have a presentation and an excellent discussion session for every solar power question you have. Tom will have handouts included on the flash drive provided for all registered attendees. Bring your notebooks for this one!

Longtime GLCC member and single-handed cruiser, Melissa Spillenkothen (*Sonador*) will share some of her famous "Healthy Salad" ideas. Food is an important part of our cruising life. This session will be full of cruising food discussion; bring your favorite meal plans to share.

Wilderness Committee Co-Chair, Bill Matley (*Spirit of Aloha*) will display and present his "ShoreStop-n-Go," a device he manufactures that allows cruisers to tie securely to shore. Ideal for crowded anchorages or that small gunk hole where a firm anchor and shore set is required. When it is time for departure, you release the ShoreStop-n-Go device and retrieve your shore lines, all from the safety of your vessel.

We are actively pursuing several additional sessions including an onshore-craft activity, paperback book exchange and book review, as well as Coast Guard Auxiliary boat safety checks. Wilderness traditions like the pancake breakfast and the on-shore dinner will be



Photos top: 2016 Wilderness Rally attendees; Bottom: Gourmet Galley Restaurant and the General store.

included in your paid registration. This year's onshore dinner will be "Walking Tacos." The onshore happy hours and the always delicious potluck dinner round out the food events. Dinghy travel / adventure is being planned but is weather-dependent. More information on that event will be shared at a later date.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL GLCC TRAILER BOAT MEMBERS**

Most of us, at one time or another in our boating experience, were owners of a trailerable boat. Often, GLCC events are in boating locations that are difficult for trailer boaters to attend. This summer's Wilderness Rally is "custom made" for trailer boaters.

The date of the Wilderness Rally would fit nicely for those members who use the Canada Day or Independence Day holidays to lengthen their vacation time. American Independence Day will feature a fireworks display, viewable from Yacht Haven, a short dinghy trip away.

Eight miles west of Harbor Island is the town of Detour, Michigan. The Detour State Marina has an excellent boat ramp with car and trailer parking. Fuel, water and pump-out are on-site, with the Sume's IGA Grocery just a block away.


Enhance your boating adventure by taking your boat across the Drummond Island Ferry and drive to Yacht Haven (NC-1). At Yacht Haven you can launch

and park at their boat ramp, and they have all the supplies and services you could ever need. Sume's IGA Grocery, also on Drummond Island, is just a few miles away and Drummond Island has one of the best deli sandwich and craft beer grocery stores you can find anywhere — Gourmet Galley. Canadian trailer boaters can clear customs at Yacht Haven (no customs agents are at Detour).

Harbor Island, the site of the Wilderness Rally, is less than a mile and a half to the north of Yacht Haven. Harbor Island's inner harbor is 150 acres in size, over half of it ideal for lower-draft trailer boaters. The bottom has few if any rocks, and is mostly good holding mud. Trees are abundant right up to the water's edge — good for that stern tie to shore. The harbor provides excellent protection from most winds and waves. After the Wilderness Rally the west end of the North Channel is an ideal cruising ground, with many American as well as Canadian harbors and marinas to explore.

The cost to attend the 2017 Wilderness Rally is \$38 USD/boat. Registration will be taken on the GLCC website beginning in the spring. So make your plans now. Join us at Harbor Island June 28 – July 1, 2017, for the GLCC 2017 Wilderness Rally.

Have a question? Email Bill and Sandi Matley WM1252@comcast.net.

"Let's Go Cruising." 



# My Lighthouse

GLCC members often feel a special affinity for lighthouses — a beacon in the night, a special landfall, a spectacular piece of architecture that catches the breath and speeds up the heart.

Here we present a light that is special to one of our fellow members.



Photo by Mike Brisson

Do you recognize the lighthouse shown above? Can you locate it on the Lakes?

If so, send your best guesses to *Lifeline* Editor in the Port Huron office, [glclub@att.net](mailto:glclub@att.net). First responders with correct answers will be issued a pair of GLCC cold beverage cozies and recognized in the next issue of *Lifeline*.



Photo by Donna Fink

David O'Neill of Rocky River, Ohio (E-11) identified the Killarney East Lighthouse at Red Rock Point (GB-52), Georgian Bay. This is the second one to stand here. The original was built in 1866 in the same square style of the original Killarney West Lighthouse near the west end of Killarney Channel.



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Cory Mendenhall, U.S. Coast Guard District 11

by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

Power or Sail, Canadian or American, the new designed USCG Float Plan will work for you. You can set up the basic plan ahead of time on your computer or tablet, and update it when you decide where and when you're going.

The USCG Float Plan is a state-of-the-art lifesaving device that is used by search and rescue personnel to assist in reducing the search area in order to locate you in the shortest amount of time possible. It is also the first and only float plan that guides and directs the holder of your float plan on what to do via the exclusive *Boating Emergency Guide*.

Here is the way it works. The USCG Float Plan is divided into six (6) major sections, each of which performs a specific function. They are listed below in the order in which they appear on each page of the device:

**Vessel Section** - Should contain critical details about your boat, and need only be completed once, at the beginning of the season.

**Safety & Survival Section** - Helps rescue personnel further assess the degree of severity of the incident, based on:

- The likelihood of you being able to signal for help under the prevailing environmental conditions.
- Your ability to protect yourself and your crew from the environment.

**Persons Onboard Section** - Tells rescue personnel:

- How many people they need to look for.
- Basic identifying characteristics of each person, i.e. age and gender.
- Ability to swim, and any medical condition.

**Contacts Section** - Identifies three key contacts in the event you do not check in, or have not returned as planned.

**Itinerary Section** - Outlines your travel plans, whether in or out of the water, helping rescue personnel determine the most likely area to begin their search. ➡

A copy of the plan is attached. The actual plan can be downloaded at: [www.floatplancentral.org](http://www.floatplancentral.org) Source: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary





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# FLOAT PLAN

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**Do NOT file this plan with the Coast Guard**

## VESSEL

### IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Hailing Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Document / Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ HIN \_\_\_\_\_  
Year, Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Length \_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_ Hull Mat. \_\_\_\_\_  
Hull & Trim Colors \_\_\_\_\_  
Prominent Features \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUNICATION:

Radio Call Sign / Number \_\_\_\_\_  
DSC MMSI No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Radio-1: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Ch. / Freq. Monitored \_\_\_\_\_  
Radio-2: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Ch. / Freq. Monitored \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell / Satellite \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPULSION:

Primary-- Type \_\_\_\_\_ Eng. \_\_\_\_ Fuel Capacity \_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary--Type \_\_\_\_\_ Eng. \_\_\_\_ Fuel Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

### NAVIGATION: (Check all onboard)

Compass  Radar  GPS / DGPS  Depth Sounder  
 Charts  Maps  \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFETY & SURVIVAL

### VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Electric Distress Light (night only)  
 Flag (day only)  
 Flare, Aerial (day & night)  
 Flare, Handheld (day & night)  
 Signal Mirror (day only)  
 Smoke (day only)

### AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Bell  
 Horn  
 Whistle

### EPIRB:

UIN\* \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL GEAR:

Anchor - Line length \_\_\_\_\_  Food for \_\_\_\_ days / person  
 Dewatering device  Water for \_\_\_\_ days / person  
 Exposure suits  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fire Extinguisher  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flashlight / Searchlight  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raft / Dinghy  \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONS ONBOARD

### OPERATOR:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Has experience with:  this vessel;  the boating area(s).  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle (Year, Make & Model) \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_ PFD  PLB UIN\* \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer   
Note \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle parked at \_\_\_\_\_  
Float Plan Note \_\_\_\_\_

### PASSENGERS / CREW: (Identify all on board)

Name	Home Phone	Age	Gender	PFD	Note
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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11. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Passenger PLB UIN\*  
(Not listed in a specific order)

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If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of the persons onboard this vessel that have not returned or checked-in, in a reasonable amount of time, then follow the step-by-step instructions on the Boating Emergency Guide™ located on the last page of this Float Plan.

(\*) EPIRB and PLB registration required by Federal regulations. [www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov](http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov)



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# FLOAT PLAN continued

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## CONTACTS

Contact 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Rescue Authority \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## ITINERARY

		DATE	TIME	LOCATION / WAYPOINT	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
1	Depart						
2	Arrive						
	Depart						
3	Arrive						
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21	Arrive						

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# USCG Float Plan - BOATING EMERGENCY GUIDE™

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN** – This guide is designed to work either with or without a Float Plan. You will need the following items: 1) the Float Plan, if one was given to you; 2) a pen or pencil; 3) a clean sheet of paper or writing tablet; and 4) your local telephone directory.

**Step 1:** Do you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons who have not returned or checked-in, in a reasonable amount of time?

If yes, then continue with **Step 2**. Otherwise **STOP** – no further action is required at this time.

**Step 2:** Were you given a prepared Float Plan by anyone on board the vessel?

If yes, then continue with **Step 3**. Otherwise, go to **Step 5**.

**Step 3:** Locate the Contacts at the top of page 2 on the Float Plan. Call Contact number 1...

IF CONTACT #1	THEN						
Answers phone	<p>Take notes during your conversation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.</li> <li>Determine if the person you are talking to, or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.</li> <li>Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>IF</th> <th>THEN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>Continue with <b>Step 4</b>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td><b>STOP</b>. No further action is required.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	IF	THEN	Yes	Continue with <b>Step 4</b> .	No	<b>STOP</b> . No further action is required.
IF	THEN						
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No	<b>STOP</b> . No further action is required.						
Does not answer phone	Continue with <b>Step 4</b> .						

**Step 4:** Call Contact number 2...

IF CONTACT #2	THEN						
Answers phone	<p>Take notes during your conversation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.</li> <li>Determine if the person you are talking to, or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.</li> <li>Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>IF</th> <th>THEN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>Continue with <b>Step 6</b>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td><b>STOP</b>. No further action is required.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	IF	THEN	Yes	Continue with <b>Step 6</b> .	No	<b>STOP</b> . No further action is required.
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No	<b>STOP</b> . No further action is required.						
Does not answer phone	Continue with <b>Step 6</b> .						

**Step 5:** Using the checklist below, jot down only what you know about each item:

**DO NOT SPECULATE.** Incorrect information may mislead Search and Rescue personnel; add to the overall search and rescue time; and adversely affect the outcome.

- Period of time the vessel has been overdue.
- Purpose of the trip or voyage.
- Description of vessel. (Type, size, color, features, etc.)
- Vessel's departure point and destination.
- Places the vessel planned to stop during transit.
- Navigation equipment aboard. (Examples: GPS, radar, compass, sounder, etc.)
- Number of persons aboard. Relevant characteristics such as dependability, reliability, etc.
- Was the vessel initially docked or moored or did a vehicle tow it to a launch point?
- License plate number and description of the tow vehicle p and/or the passenger's transport vehicle.
- Communications equipment aboard, including type of radio and frequencies monitored, cellular or satellite telephone numbers of individuals, etc.
- Additional points of contact along the vessel's planned route.
- Operator and/or a passenger/crew member absolutely had to be back at the scheduled return time.
- Call your local Rescue Authority that responds to marine emergencies (Police, Sheriff, Constable, First responder, etc.).

Go to **Step 6–2**.

**Step 6:**

- Call the Rescue Authority contact at the top of page 2 on the Float Plan.
- Tell the dispatcher you are responding to a late return or check-in by the persons on board the vessel.
- The dispatcher will instruct you from there.

**Note:** The dispatcher will provide you with the necessary contact or agency connection to get a search and rescue mission started. This puts you in direct contact with the agency conducting the actual search and rescue, eliminating unnecessary middlemen.  
The dispatcher will tell you if he/she desires a follow-up call on the outcome of the rescue.

- Continue with **Step 7**.

**Step 7:** Be patient... you've done everything you can possibly do for now. It is important to keep the telephone available so emergency personnel can contact you with additional information and/or questions concerning the search and rescue effort.

**STOP -- End of Guide**

Provided as a courtesy by:



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[www.floatplancentral.org](http://www.floatplancentral.org)



History says Italian charcoal gatherers carried the pasta, cheese, and bacon in knapsacks and bought the eggs at a nearby farm. Take the time to prepare this on board. It's a treat to smell the bacon cooking. A container with a secure lid is the best way to capture bacon drippings before tossing or use for later. Bacon fully cooked and ready to serve as a substitute can be found at the grocery store. Feeling generous? Add more bacon and Parmesan cheese.



*Food Contributor Alice Smith, retired foods and nutrition teacher, demonstrated cooking techniques and advanced her students' skills by preparing mashed potatoes and serving them in ten different ways. She sails with husband Bob on Lucky Bird, a Moody 42 docked at Southport Marina, Kenosha, Wis. Send recipes to Alice at ahs339@yahoo.com or 630-666-8706.*

## What's Cooking?

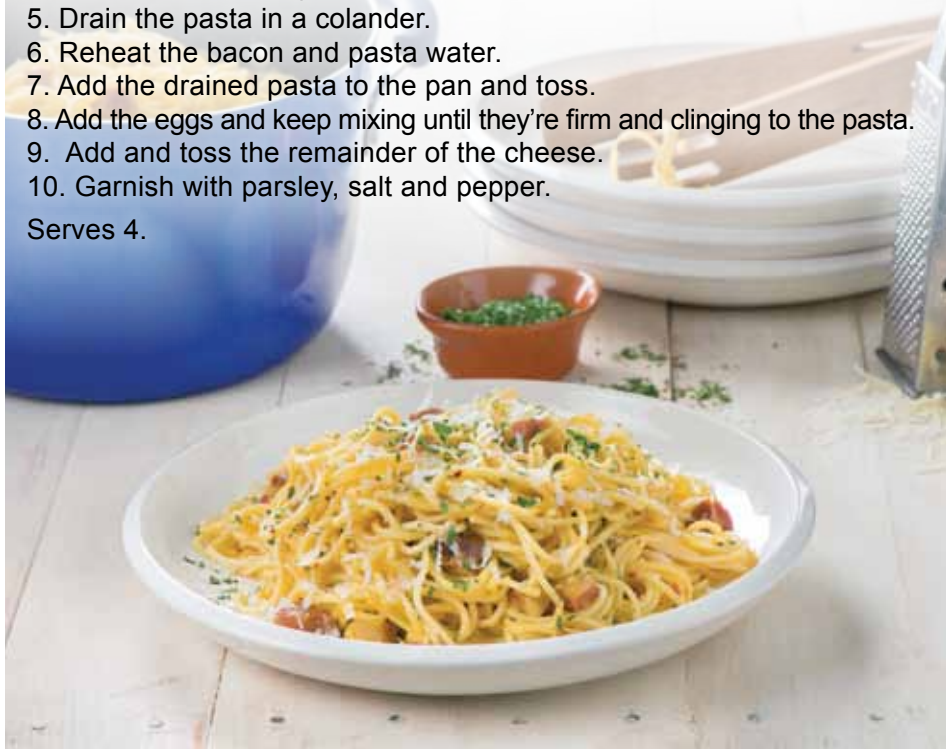
### Philip May's Pasta Alla Carbonara

Highly visible as *Lifeline* Editor and frequently seen behind the camera at GLCC events, Philip May captures fun, excitement and relaxation on *Zephyr*, a Tartan 37. With 50 years of experience sailing and racing everything from a Penguin Class dingy, Rhodes 19, Mirage 24, and a Tartan 30, he has shifted to cruising. "I do a great deal of single handed cruising, including a couple of solo circumnavigations of Lake Michigan." Ask Philip about how he ran aground in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Where ever he's been, Philip concludes that pasta with bacon wins the award for "my favorite food on board". The smell of bacon cooking, the sight of steam rising from the boiling water, hearing eggs crack open, and finally, tasting the mixture is nothing short of a miracle on the senses.

- 6 slices of bacon cut into ¼-inch pieces
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 medium eggs
- 1 pound of pasta (preferably spaghetti)
- ¼ cup of pasta water
- Parsley, salt and pepper

1. Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water.
2. Cook the bacon in a 12-inch skillet over low heat. Avoid burning. Once cooked, pour off the excess fat, return the bacon to the pan, cover and set aside.
3. In a bowl, beat the eggs, and half of the Parmesan cheese.
4. Just before draining add ¼-cup of pasta water to the bacon.
5. Drain the pasta in a colander.
6. Reheat the bacon and pasta water.
7. Add the drained pasta to the pan and toss.
8. Add the eggs and keep mixing until they're firm and clinging to the pasta.
9. Add and toss the remainder of the cheese.
10. Garnish with parsley, salt and pepper.

Serves 4.



To see many more great cruising recipes from our GLCC members visit the *GLCC Cookbook* at: <https://www.glccclub.com/cooking-and-cruising-cookbook>



Photos L: Vision arriving at Beausoleil Island Photo by Port Captain Kathryn Braun; The Billy Madalena at Beausoleil Island, Georgian Bay. Photo by Judge Advocate (Can) Stephen Selznick Photo R: Participants enjoy supper at the 2016 Rally. Photo by Deputy Port Captain Bill Stover

# The Sun Will Shine on Beausoleil Island for the 2017 Georgian Bay Rally

by Rear Commodore David Brace

The 2017 Georgian Bay Rally is returning to Beausoleil Island (GB-25.2) located in the Georgian Bay Islands National Park August 18–20. Our activities will be at the southeast corner of Beausoleil Island on the Cedar Spring campground, where you can anchor offshore, or tie up at the Tobey dock.

We plan to have a very casual social gathering onshore Friday evening, and various informal activities on Saturday. There is great hiking throughout the island on the well-maintained trails. The various bays and islands in the area lend themselves to exploration by dinghy and kayak. We will have another social gathering on Saturday evening, and we all head home on Sunday.

This will be a great opportunity for members in southern Georgian Bay to renew friendships and meet new boaters early in the cruising season at a great location.

We need additional volunteers to organize this event. If you wish to help or want more information, please contact Rear Commodore David Brace at [dbrace@rogers.com](mailto:dbrace@rogers.com), mobile 416-276-6169. ▶

## GLCC Lake Superior Rally 2017 — Save the Date

by Director Jim and Deputy Port Captain Angèle Passe

Location: Silver Bay, Minn. / GLCC Port Report: Silver Bay (S-183) / Date: August 18–20, 2017 / Agenda: Still in process / Cost: Estimated \$40 USD/boat, there may be one event that will require a cost per person which would be additional. / Committee: Nelson Stone – Chairman (605-464-0428) cell, [nstone812@gmail.com](mailto:nstone812@gmail.com); Renny Lovold (218-343-5512) cell, [rlovold@hotmail.com](mailto:rlovold@hotmail.com); Stan Cory (612-816-3887) cell, [scory684@aol.com](mailto:scory684@aol.com); Jim Passe (612 940-5369) cell, [jrpasse@earthlink.net](mailto:jrpasse@earthlink.net) ▶



Port Austin Lighthouse

## Lake Huron Rally

(Continued from page 7)

Market and Craft Show. In early afternoon (weather permitting) there will be a guided dinghy run to “Turnip Rock” which will also include getting up close and personal with the famous Port Austin Lighthouse. If you are up to the six-mile trip by kayak, they can be conveniently rented in town, as can paddle boards. Not interested in any more time on the water, no problem. Golf, tennis, hiking (Port Crescent State Park), horseback riding and of course, SHOPPING can be enjoyed. Convenient transportation is available.

At 1730 we again convene at the Welcome Center for cocktails, followed by a group dinner at “The Bank.” After dinner we will try to convince Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm to lead us in a short sing-along back at the harbor. Sunday morning coffee and rolls will be provided at the Welcome Center where we can say good-bye, and see you on the water.

Attendance is limited, so make reservations early with the GLCC office (slip reservations should be made through the Michigan DNR reservation system <https://www.midnrreservations.com>). The harbor off-season phone number is 989-738-8663, if you have difficulties with the computer system. ▶

Craig & Pam Murchison, [cbmurch2@gmail.com](mailto:cbmurch2@gmail.com), 989-295-0810, 989-631-5835



# WELCOME ABOARD!



We welcome these new members to the fellowship of the Great Lakes Cruising Club:

**Jay & Mary Ann Adrick**  
Madeira, Ohio

**Bart & Lorrie Bale**  
West Olive, Mich.  
*HEAT WAVE*

**Thomas & Miranda Barbier**  
Bay City, Mich.  
*MOXY*

**Greg & Jo Callaway**  
Ft. Myers, Fla.  
*ONE FINE TOLLY*

**Robert & Julie Currier**  
Grand Rapids, Mich.  
*STELLA BLUE*

**Kevin & Debbie Dent**  
Cadillac, Mich.  
*CHUMMER*

**Paul Ducham**  
LaGrange Park, Ill.  
*COURIER*

**Lynn & Dottie Dupuy**  
Aurora, Ohio  
*THE OFFICE III*

**Gary & Sharon Groves**  
Potomac Falls, Va.  
*VINGILOT II*

**John Haberli**  
Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

**Paul & Trish Keech**  
Southfield, Mich.  
*CATATONIC*

**Justin Keppers**  
Duluth, Minn.

**Barbara & Curtis Langford**  
Woodstock, Ont.  
*DAYDREAMER*

**William & Laura LaVanne**  
Lake Zurich, Ill.  
*PIED PIPER*

**Bruce & Sue Moorehouse**  
Rochester, Mich.  
*GRAND OLD GIRL*

**Raymond & Bonita O'Bryan**  
St. Louis Park, Minn.  
*STELLA MARIS*

**Joe & Mary Rousseau**  
Stateboro, Ga.  
*POWER OF TWO*

**Marty Richie & Tim Bricker**  
Bryan, Ohio  
*MOONSONG*

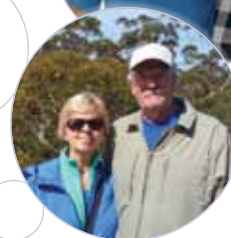
**Jim & Ann Ryan**  
Maple Grove, Minn.

**Robert & Gina Schafer**  
Staples, Minn.  
*GREAT ESCAPE*

**Timothy Straker & John Cannarsa**  
Saugatuck, Mich.  
*HOLIDAY*

**Jim & Jan Westwood**  
Waterford, Mich.  
*REEL EASY*

**Frank & Barbara Wiegand**  
Portsmouth, Va.  
*LAZY W*



Member photos top to bottom:  
Greg & Jo Callaway; ONE FINE  
TOLLY, Barbara & Frank Wiegand;  
LAZY W

## The GLCC Honors Our Supporting Members



"On behalf of the GLCC Bridge and Board, it is my pleasure to commend the following members for their longtime membership in the Club and their commitment to cruising the Great Lakes."

— Commodore Chuck Mead



### 2017 50th Anniversary Members (since 1968)

Past Commodore  
James C. &  
Suzanne J. Acheson  
Port Huron, Mich.

*LADY J*

Arthur N. &  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Tampa, Fla.

John M. Busch  
Avon Lake, Ohio  
*AMBUSH*

Daniel M. & Kay Boone  
Central Lake, Mich.  
*AMICUS III*

Bing & Mary Stroh  
Cheboygan, Mich.  
*STROHAUS*

Henry W. Williams Jr. &  
Barbara Dimmick  
Scottsville, N.Y.  
*WALTER MITTY*

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Lawrence &  
Lenore Ancypa  
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*LION*

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Port Captain  
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Sherrie Rifenberg  
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Port Captains  
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Jannet Smithrim  
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*SEAHORSE*

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Port Captain  
Sally Zahnow &  
Don Slachta  
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**1971 Tartan 34c** Many upgrades/ cruise ready. Classic Sparkman & Stevens design, fully equipped for cruising. Asking: \$17,500. Ken Miller [capnkenb@gmail.com](mailto:capnkenb@gmail.com) 906-440-4843

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**Gozzard 44 Lynn Marie** for sale. Located in Gozzard Factory, ON. See the ad in [Yachtworld.com](http://Yachtworld.com)

**Blue Sea Systems #4021 Battery Boxes (2)** / \$50 each plus shipping  
**Mastervolt Battery Mate 1602 IG** for two battery banks  
**Furuno DRS4D Radar (24" Digital Radome)** for NN3D or TZ, 4kW, 36 n.m.

Ron Matuska 309-264-3419

**2005 Catalina C-350, Hull #286** For Sale One owner, Freshwater Boat located at Eldean Shipyard. Available August 2016. For complete sale brochure contact Tom Peschio at [tpeschio@peschio.com](mailto:tpeschio@peschio.com) or 402-689-1736



**1979 Columbia 10.7** 35-foot Sloop *Dahlfin II* is for sale. The *Dahlfin II* is a one-owner Lake Superior boat in excellent condition. For a more detailed equipment listing contact Ron & Bonnie Dahl at [dahlfin2@gmail.com](mailto:dahlfin2@gmail.com).



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**2003 Pacific Trawler 40'** Midland, Ontario - \$220,000 USD. Contact Harry 519-725-2616 or email [mikan@kw.igs.net](mailto:mikan@kw.igs.net)

**2005 Bavaria 41-foot. Cruiser 38** \$164,000 USD at Walstrom Marine, Cheboygan, Mich. Call Tom Hartwig 616.822.7102 or 616-874-1706 or [mleinc@charter.net](mailto:mleinc@charter.net)

**2008 Passport 47 Center Cockpit** SV *Abacus*. Contact Thom Wagner at 410-991-3489 or go to [Yachtworld website at: www.yachtworld.com/boats](http://Yachtworld.com/boats) for more information.

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# Great Lakes News and Views



Photo by Lifeline Editor Philip R. May

## Do You Know This Location?

Hint: This two-lane, rolling-leaf bascule bridge spans a vital waterway that not only carries recreational powerboats and sailboats; it also forms a key route for gargantuan freighters up to 1,000 feet long that sail year-round to a major shipyard for maintenance and repair.

Send your best guesses to the *Lifeline* Editor in the Port Huron office, [glclub@att.net](mailto:glclub@att.net). First responders with correct answers will be issued a pair of GLCC cold beverage cozies, and recognition in the next issue of *Lifeline*.

## Where in the World Were We?



Photo by Donald Delong

No one has correctly identified this location featured in the Fall issue of *Lifeline*. We were in Lion's Head Harbour (GB-7).



## Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2017

#### April 28-29

Spring Awakening Joint Regional Dinner Windsor, Ont.

Rear Commodore Steve Reinecke  
519-245-4001 [steve@bam.on.ca](mailto:steve@bam.on.ca)

Rear Commodore Mark Lifter  
248-626-3259 [mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com](mailto:mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com)

#### April 29

GLCC & GLF Board of Directors Meetings

#### June 3

Western Lake Erie Picnic  
Herl's Marina, West Harbor, Ohio (E-16.8)  
Port Captains Dennis & Sharon Dutcher  
937-602-8391 [dutcher.ds@live.com](mailto:dutcher.ds@live.com)

#### June 16-18

Lake Huron Rally  
Port Austin, Mich. (H-58)  
Port Captain Craig Murchison  
989-631-5835 [cbmurch2@gmail.com](mailto:cbmurch2@gmail.com)

#### June 16-18

Lake Erie Rally  
Leamington, Ont. (E-34)  
Port Captains Doug & Pam Jackson  
614-895-0435 [doug@dougandpam.com](mailto:doug@dougandpam.com)

#### June 28-July 1

Wilderness Rally  
Harbour Island, Mich. (NC-2)  
Director Bill & Sandi Matley  
734-429-2798 [wm1252@comcast.net](mailto:wm1252@comcast.net)  
[smatley@comcast.net](mailto:smatley@comcast.net)

#### July 9

GLCC & GLF Board of Directors Meetings

#### July 9-13

Rendezvous  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin  
Port Captains Joan & Richard Miller  
847-946-2610 [jmillerco@earthlink.net](mailto:jmillerco@earthlink.net)  
847-946-2642 [ramillerco@earthlink.net](mailto:ramillerco@earthlink.net)

#### July 14-16

Lake Ontario Rally  
Trenton Port Marina, Ont. (O-34)  
Eric & Cynthia Sunstrum  
613-793-4984 [cynthiasunstrum@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiasunstrum@gmail.com)  
Rear Commodore David Brace  
416-276-6169 [dbrace@rogers.com](mailto:dbrace@rogers.com)

#### August 11-13

Trailer Boaters' Rally  
Whitehall/White Lake, Mich. (M-21)  
Port Captain Christine Moore-Skrocki  
989-245-3343 [skrocknest@aim.com](mailto:skrocknest@aim.com)

**Great Lakes Cruising Club**  
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