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2022 Was a Great Year, and 2023 will be Better

As your new Commodore, I'm excited, proud and a bit nervous to be the new leader of such a fine organization.

For those of you who don't know me, my wife Pam and I are sailors. I was first exposed to sailing in my early 20's, bought a small sailboat, and, as they say, the rest is history. Pam and I are Lake Erie boaters. Our home port is the Sandusky Yacht Club. We sail a 42-foot Lagoon Catamaran named Bleu Lagoon.

Pam and I have cruised Lake Erie, Lake Superior, Lake Huron and about half of Lake Michigan. I hold my USCG 50-ton captain's license and my Senior Navigator designation from America's Boating Club.

Pam and I are blessed with three adult children and six grandchildren. The two oldest granddaughters recently got married, and the youngest granddaughter is a year old.

I am retired from the commercial real estate industry where I was a sales agent and worked with large corporate clients. Pam has been in the health-care industry (she is a RN by education) and still does consulting work primarily for children's hospitals.

I went to Purdue University for my undergraduate degree, attended Northwestern University in Illinois to start my MBA and completed that degree at Washington University in St. Louis. Pam has both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan.

This past summer has been great for the GLCC. We were able to reinstitute the annual Rendezvous, held at Mackinaw City, Mich. (H-76.5) in July. This was an outstanding event hosted by Craig & Jeanne Shantz and Dee McClure. About 135 members (55 boats) attended. The schedule of activities was amazing: USCG water rescue demonstration, speakers from the Mackinac Bridge, the most successful bilge auction ever (for the benefit of the Great Lake Foundation), book club, dinners, volleyball and the comradery such an event fosters.

Pam and I enjoyed a six-week cruise this past summer that included coming up Lake Huron on the Michigan side, attending the Rendezvous, and then cruising the North Channel with other GLCC members. We ended the trip by running down through Killarney, Ont. (GB-52), Tobermory, Ont. (GB-3), Kincardine, Ont. (H-7), Goderich, Ont. (H-6) and Port Huron, Mich. (D-1).

(Sometimes if felt like this summer's cruising was fixing issues with Bleu Lagoon in new and fun places ...lol. I even had parts shipped to Mackinaw City).

On the Cover

Aerial view of Commodore Doug Jackson's Catamaran, Bleu Lagoon.

- Photo by Vice Commodore Doug Jackson

Other highlights include the Lake Erie Rally with over 75 attendees, dinners on Lake Superior and Lake Erie, and other rallies. We look forward, now post-COVID, to hosting more in-person events and meetings.

Speaking of next year, the 2023 Rendezvous will be in Cleveland, Ohio (E-10) at the North Coast Harbor Marina (formerly Rock n' Dock). This marina is at the base of downtown Cleveland and adjacent to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Also near the marina are restaurants, parks, baseball (the MLB Guardians) and much more. Chairpersons for this are Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave and Bobbe Miller. These two ran a successful Rendezvous in 2014 in Leamington and will bring our membership a terrific event.

The 2023 Rendezvous will be Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20. Lake Erie will host its rally on Father's Day weekend. We also are planning a Wilderness Rally in the State Park at Presque Isle Bay, Erie, Pa. (E-4).

Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Ontario boaters should consider a trip to Lake Erie next year. We'll even help you plan a cruise to take in all of what Lake Erie has to offer.

In May, the club will hold the Spring Launch meeting in Niagara Falls, Ont from the 5th thru the 7th. This event was scheduled for 2022, but due to an unexpected spike in COVID, we were forced to cancel. This is a great opportunity to participate in a GLCC meeting while taking in the beauty of Niagara Falls.

For all of us US boaters, Canada has removed all of the COVID border crossing requirements: No proof of vaccines, no testing, no quarantine plan and the elimination of the ArriveCAN app.

Besides me becoming your new Commodore, we have Joe McKeown taking on the Vice Commodore role. Joe is from Ann Arbor and sails out of Duncan Bay, Mich. (H-74.5) near Cheboygan. Filling out the bridge are Niels Jenson, Past Commodore, who will continue as our Treasurer, and Jim Austin, who will remain Secretary. Dan Cline moves over to the President of the Great Lakes Foundation. A big thank-you to Dan for his service as Commodore the past two years.

The leadership team also includes 7 Rear Commodores who represent their respective areas in the Great Lakes. They are:

- Jim Passe for Lake Superior
- Bill Bailey for Lake Michigan (NE and SE) and Lake Huron (NW)
- Thomas Serafine for Lake Michigan (NW and SW)
- David Spencer (North Channel, Georgian Bay and Canadian shore of Lake Huron)
- Eric Sunstrum (Lake Ontario)
- Rob Hillman for Detroit, Saginaw Bay and Lake St. Clair
- Jim Ehrman for Lake Erie.

The board also has 9 Directors at large. We have over 15 committees covering topics such as our web-

site, the *GLCCSchool*, Membership, and Marketing. I've asked several folks to take new leadership roles on some of these committees, including Dick Coleman, future sites committee, and Director Mark Lifter in the Marketing Committee.

And I have to recognize Joann Mead for her continued dedication to our website, and Port Captain Mark Gagyí who leads our *GLCCSchool*. And, of course, we could not run our organization without Yvonne Murray, our Office Manager. Yvonne works with Cindy Badley (graphic design) and Garth Kriewall (*Lifeline* Editor).

We are blessed to have a strong team of volunteers. Should you wish to get more involved – there are many opportunities – just reach out to Yvonne, your Rear Commodore or myself.

Finally, my personal goals as your Commodore:

- Be your leader and represent our club well.
- Encourage our Rear Commodores to host local events to develop comradery among our members. (Many of you join the GLCC to gain access to the Harbor Reports, but those who have gotten more active and attended events have enjoyed the fun we create while developing lifelong friendships.)
- Work with our marketing committee to review our recruitment and retention of members.
- Have fun.

Feel free to reach out to me via phone, email and/or text with your ideas, suggestions, compliments or criticisms. Till next time, be safe, be well and be happy.

Doug Jackson, Commodore
(doug@dougandpam.com) 



Photo taken of Vice Commodore Jackson and Port Captain Pam Carr-Jackson just before the change of watch where he became Commodore for GLCC; Photo by Port Captain Karen Mesenburg



Big Waters Deserve Respect

I was 12 years old in 1966. I was in a car with some Port Hope, Mich. classmates, on our way to the nearby Harbor Beach library on a stormy Nov. 29 afternoon when we saw a Coast Guard helicopter hovering. We clamored for our teacher to turn toward the lake where it was landing. We had no idea what was happening, but we were kids and the opportunity to see helicopters up close was rare.

Miss McCollum parked 50 yards away as the orange-and-white helicopter landed, an ambulance arrived, and a body whose skin color was cobalt blue was loaded into the ambulance. When the ambulance driver didn't race away but instead lit a cigarette and chatted with the helicopter pilot, we fell silent.

Later we found out that the SS *Daniel J. Morrell*, a 603-foot freighter built in 1906, had broken up off shore in the storm. Twenty-eight of the 29 crewmen perished. My mother, then a nurse at Harbor Beach Community Hospital, said the hospital bought new rectal thermometers after discovering the ones they had didn't go low enough to record the body temperature of Dennis Hale, the sole survivor.

Hurricane Ian, which devastated Florida this fall, brought the *Morrell* to mind.

Those of us living along the Great Lakes don't have



Moon Rise at Port Hope, Mich.

to worry about hurricanes. But the lakes are still big waters. And big waters can turn deadly with little warning.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club is dedicated to its members having fun. Underlying that, though, is the training, classes and resources the club provides to ensure their members' security on the lakes. Check out glclub.com to find out all that's available to help you get safely from port to port. Please.

The Port Huron Museums, of which I'm board president, has an extensive collection of maritime memorabilia highlighting the joy the Great Lakes can bring. It also has artifacts, including some from the *Daniel J. Morrell*, which remind us we must never take our big waters for granted.

Garth Kriewall, Lifeline Editor
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Members' Meetup Set For January in Toronto

By Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum



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Mark your calendar for the GLCC Members' Meetup in Toronto (O-45) on Friday, Jan. 27. Plans are under way for an informal group dinner at the National Yacht Club on the last weekend of the Toronto International Boat Show. Details are available on the GLCC website.

Few GLCC member events take place in the Toronto or broader southwestern Ontario where many of the Canadian GLCC members live. Arranging a dinner to coincide with the boat show offers an opportunity for GLCC members who live nearby, in Canada or the United States, or who are attending the boat show to gather to get better acquainted and exchange boating stories.

All GLCC members and their guests are welcome. For those traveling from out-of-town, a few hotels offer boat show rates. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27.

Watch the GLCC Events page for information as it becomes available!

2023 BOAT SHOWS

Volunteers are needed to help tell the GLCC story to newcomers

Chicago Boat Show Jan. 11-15

McCormick Place, downtown Chicago
By Rear Commodore Thom Serafine

We're back! After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Progressive Chicago Boat Show is back for 2023. The show will be Jan. 11–15 at McCormick Place in downtown Chicago.

This is one of the largest boat shows on the Great Lakes and promises another impressive lineup of exhibitors, seminars and attractions. As in previous years, the GLCC is looking for members to volunteer to staff our booth. Volunteers will get to spend time talking about cruising with other GLCC members and explaining the benefits of joining the GLCC to prospective new members.

Boat shows are one of the major sources of new members for our club. To make the job of selling the GLCC easier than it already is, there is a special boat-show-only offer for new members. But none of this can happen without members volunteering to staff the booth.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer staffer, contact: Rear Commodore Thom Serafine at thom.serafine@gmail.com / 773-420-8918 🚩

Cleveland Boat Show Jan. 12-15

IX Center, Cleveland, Ohio
By Port Captain Heidi Egensperger, Cleveland Boat Show co-chairperson

This has been Ohio's largest and longest running boat show for more than 65 years. Check the website at: <https://clevelandboatshow.com>.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club will have a booth to greet current members and invite others to learn about our organization and join us as we explore and enjoy our wonderful Great Lakes. Our primary purpose at the boat shows is to explain all the benefits of GLCC and sign up new members.

We will need help working in the booth. The booth times are short and the rewards are high as you meet and talk about the GLCC. You will also get free admission to the boat show and can enjoy the show exhibits, vendors, educational sessions, local food and musical entertainment before and after your booth time.

Port Captain Dave Miller will again help us with the



*Bill Ayre at the 2020 GLCC Booth
Photo by Rear Commodore Dave Spencer*

booth coverage. If you would consider helping in the GLCC booth for a shift, keep an eye out for more information via email and/or contact capdave@centurytel.net to request your booth day and time.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Heidi or Jim Egensperger at hkegen@sbcglobal.net. We can't wait to see you at the GLCC booth at the 2023 Cleveland Boat Show. 🚩

Toronto International Boat Show Jan. 20-29

Energicare Centre at Exhibition Place, Toronto
By Rear Commodore David Spencer

There's nothing like the sight, sounds and smell of new boats as tens of thousands of boating enthusiasts descend on the huge Energicare Centre in Toronto for the Toronto International Boat Show. The Toronto show is the largest indoor boat show in North America, beginning in 1959. The GLCC has participated in the show every year since 2001, even in 2021 and 2022 when the show was held virtually.

We have a brand-new GLCC display for this year's show and we can't wait to show it off. Our presence is only possible through volunteers who staff our booth for the 10-day show.

We have 20 shifts to cover over 10 days of the show. Each shift is about 4 hours long, maybe a bit less depending on the final hours set for the show for each day. It's a fun way to meet people and share your experiences as a member of our club.

There is absolutely no "hard sell" expectation. Once knowledgeable cruisers learn what the GLCC can do for them, and after they meet with our friendly volunteers at the show, many are ready to join. Some sign up on the spot and some think about it at home for a few days before contacting the GLCC office to take advantage of the boat show initiation fee discount for new members.

The Toronto boat show website at www.torontoboatshow.com is full of information about hotels, exhibitors, seminars and special events at the show. If you live in or around Toronto or plan to visit the boat show from afar, please consider volunteering at the GLCC booth.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer staffer, contact: David Spencer at spencerdd@gmail.com 🚩

HARBOR INSIDER

EDITOR'S NOTE: The hundreds of harbors around the Great Lakes are unique in different ways. "Harbor Insider" is a feature for Lifeline that gives new visitors to a harbor some information that isn't typically included in the GLCC Harbor Reports or other resources.

To submit a Harbor Insider for consideration, please follow this broad format. Include any topics you wish about places to do and things to do at your harbor. Email Harbor Insiders to: editor.glcc.gk@gmail.com. Please copy Yvonne at glclub@att.net, and Cindy at designerglcc@yahoo.com.

-Garth Kriewall, Lifeline Editor



Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum



Sodus Bay Outfitters

SODUS BAY

Find Your Haven in New York State

EDITOR'S NOTE: *These reports are accurate as of the time they were written. Things change season to season. Please check ahead with local sites if you're planning a visit.*

By Port Captain George Thor, Sodus Bay, NY (0-5)

Sodus Bay, in New York State on the southeastern side of Lake Ontario, is one of the largest deep water bays on the US side of Lake Ontario. The village associated with the bay is Sodus Point, an area that incorporates Sand Point and shoreline areas surrounding the northwest part of the bay. Sodus Point has many marinas. Among them: Katlynn Marine, Sodus Marine, Krenzlers Marine and the Sodus Bay Yacht Club that caters to larger sailing and power boats.

- **Historic Sodus Point:** Sodus Point has a rich history dating back to the War of 1812. From the late 19th to early 20th centuries, it was a recreation destination for Rochester, NY, and a large coal loading port. A large trestle built over the bay delivered coal to waiting ships. Sodus Marine is located over the trestle site, which burned in 1971. The Historic Sodus Point website has information on the early Sodus Point and has walking tours that show historic and architectural houses.

- **A special place to visit:** The Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum is on North Ontario Street off Bay Street. There are free concerts in season every Sunday on the lighthouse grounds.

- **A few nearby places to eat:** Most of the restaurants are found on Sand Point, the area that stretches east into the bay starting with Greig Street. Captain Jack's Goodtime Tavern's dinners are recommended. Other good options: Back Alley Grill, Rubino's, the Franklin House Tavern, Marina Grill Sodus Point. The Bay Street Hotel Restaurant is the place for an upscale dinner. Reservations are necessary.

- **I really need some ice cream:** Six50, a restaurant with the Inside Scoop ice cream shop. If you are looking for a good ice cream at a reasonable price and an extraordinary amount, stop by. For \$3.75 you can get a small dish of ice cream that is anything but small.

- **Where to get a nightcap:** Check out Abe's Mai Tai Tiki Bar. This is the place to be for live entertainment and drinks.

- **A good place to cool off:** If you are interested in swimming in the lake from a sand beach, there is Sodus Point Beach Park on Wickham Blvd.

- **Commune with nature:** The Macyville Woods Nature Preserve offers a one-mile trail, off Seaman Street (past Macy Street) up from the Franklin House Tavern on Sentell Street.

- **Shopping in Sodus Point:** Sodus Bay Outfitters is a general store that has food items as well as clothing, boating and fishing gear. There is no grocery store in Sodus Point. The closest one is in the village of Sodus. If you become friendly with one of the regular marina boaters, you may be able to get a ride to it. Several convenience stores offer essentials. 🚩



Maid of the Mist silhouetted against the American Falls

Spring Launch Weekend Meeting is Heading for Niagara Falls


By Rear Commodore David Spencer

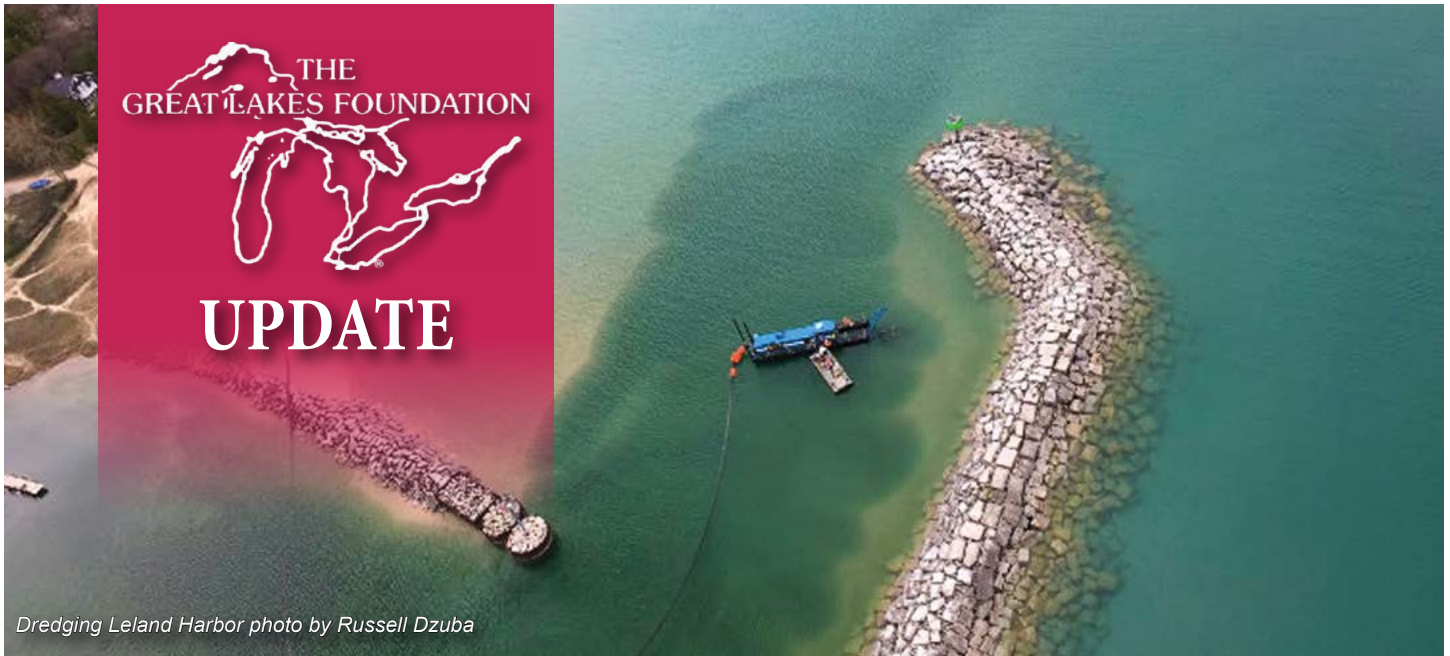
It seems like most of us on the Great Lakes just finished putting our boats away for the winter. But, as all cruisers know, it's never too early to start thinking about launching again in the spring. For years, part of the spring launch ritual was the annual GLCC April Launch meetings.

After unsuccessful attempts to meet since 2020 due to the pandemic, we are confident about meeting in person in 2023. Hold the dates May 5–7 for our April Launch

meetings at the Marriott Fallsview Hotel in scenic Niagara Falls, Ont.

In addition to the GLCC business and social events we are planning for the weekend, there are loads of things to see and do in and around Niagara Falls. It's a great location for a weekend away.

Plans for the weekend will be firmed up soon. Look for updates on the GLCC website and in the Spring edition of *Lifeline*. 



Dredging Leland Harbor photo by Russell Dzuba

Generous Members Help Foundation Support, Preserve the Great Lakes

As the new president of the Great Lakes Foundation, what has impressed me most is the generosity of our members. In the past year, the Foundation received more than \$19,000 in donations, either directly through cash gifts or indirectly through purchases at the Rendezvous bilge auction and raffle, or through *Amazon Smile*.

More than 150 individuals donated last year, 47 of whom donated between \$100 or more, and 4 donated \$1,000 or more.

Grants made by the Foundation in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2022 totaled more than \$40,000. Charitable recipients included the Silver Islet Harbour Association of Thunder Bay, the Noble Odyssey Foundation,

Brakewinders, and the Thousand Islands Association.

Having left the helm of the Great Lakes Cruising Club in Commodore Doug Jackson's steady hands, I am following in Rich Barzyk's footsteps as Foundation president. Rich did an amazing job, and while he had the support of many, the lion's share of the credit for the Foundation's revitalization over the past two years belongs to Rich.

If you are among those who gave to the Foundation last year, thank you. Your donation has helped support various worthy causes in the Great Lakes region. I encourage all of you to give to the Foundation this year.

Please help us continue to meet our mission of supporting and preserving the richness of wilderness cruising areas of the Great Lakes, as well as fostering the art and culture of cruising.

Dan Cline, President



Noble Odyssey Foundation / Pride of Michigan of Anchor Bay, Mich. (D-36) is a beneficiary of GLF grants



Brakewinders of Warton, Ont. (GB-12) is a beneficiary of GLF grants

Don't Miss the GLCC Fun on Lake Erie this Summer

By Commodore Doug Jackson

Consider making Lake Erie a part of your 2023 cruising plans. There's a lot going on that you won't want to miss.

- The 2023 Rendezvous will be in Cleveland on July 16-20 at the North Coast Harbor, formerly known as Rock n' Dock. It's in downtown Cleveland, right next to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It is chaired by Dave and Bobbe Miller – with them in charge, you know it will be a good time. Plus, you have access to Cleveland's sights and sounds from the restaurant scene, Major League Baseball, museums (Great Lakes Science Center, Art, and more). You can see a theater production at Playhouse Square, party in the Flats, visit the West Side Market for foodies, and so much more.
- The Lake Erie Rally is set for Father's Day weekend, on Middle Bass Island, Ohio (E-18.5) June 16–18. This year's theme is African Jungle Cruise (think Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn). Dave and Lori run a fantastic rally.
- The Wilderness Rally will be at Erie, Pa. (E-4), in early July. It offers the opportunity to anchor in the State Park, an excellent protected harbor.

Lake Erie ports have a lot to offer. For those looking for nightlife and adventure, look to South Bass Island with the Put-in-Bay, Ohio (E-18) nightlife. Or spend a day at Cedar Point, Ohio (E-16.5).

For more simple times, consider:

- Pelee Island, Ont. (E-33), the southernmost point of Canada. The Scudder Marina is small and rustic. You'll feel pretty removed at this location.
- Leamington, Ont. (E-34), is a world-class beautiful marina with festivals on many weekends.
- Port Stanley, Ont. (E-31), is a picturesque small town on the North Shore of Lake Erie with shops (over 25 boutique stores), restaurants, and local theater.
- Kelleys Island, Ohio (E-17), is near the Bass Islands but with less hustle and bustle. Eat fresh Lake Erie perch at the Village Pump and visit the winery.
- Geneva on the Lake (E-6.5), is an Ohio state park with a well-run marina. Have dinner at the lodge adjacent to the marina and hike the state park trails.
- Mentor, Ohio (E-8), allows you to enjoy the Mentor Lagoons and have dinner overlooking the lake at the Mentor Yacht Club.

If this sounds like a commercial for Lake Erie, it is – at least for 2023. Come join us on Lake Erie this season and have the experience of a lifetime. And earn yourself another notch toward GLCC's Admiral Bayfield Award by cruising Lake Erie.

For more information about Lake Erie events and opportunities, contact: Jim Ehrman, Rear Commodore for Lake Erie (jimsmarine@neo.rr.com); Doug Jackson, Commodore (doug@dougandpam.com); Dave and Bobbe Miller, Rendezvous chairs (bobbem@centurytel.net); and Dave and Lori Guertal, Lake Erie Rally chairs (dlguert@gmail.com). 🇺🇸



2023 GLCC Rendezvous

Save the dates

July 16–20

in

Cleveland, Ohio

(E-10)

at the Oasis North Coast Harbor
(formerly Rock n' Dock)





Pictured L to R: Commodore Dan Cline, Past Commodore Rich Barzyk, Vice Commodore Doug Jackson, Treasurer Niels Jensen, Secretary Jim Austin



Port Captain Lou Bruska & Fleet Captain Cheryl Cheger-Timm



Past Commodore Mel Wallbank, Mariette Wallbank & Past Commodore Joe Mesenburg



Members Lisa & Alan Haag

2022 Annual General Membership Meeting Members Mix Business, Pleasure

By Arlene Oakland and Director Mark Lifter; Photos by Port Captain Karen Mesenberg

More than 60 Great Lakes Cruising Club members, spouses, and significant others gathered Oct. 28–30 in Port Huron, Mich. (D-1), for the 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting. It was the first in-person general meeting since the pre-COVID autumn of 2019.

The weekend kicked off Friday afternoon with an informal open house at the GLCC offices, affording time for chatting with members and the office staff, and providing an opportunity to do a bit of holiday shopping for those who might appreciate GLCC mugs, wine glasses, and apparel as gifts.

The Friday evening Meet and Greet (and eat!) was held at the Great Lakes Maritime Center, overlooking the St. Clair River. This venue and the small-plates buf-

fet format were particularly well-suited to socializing. A shout-out is due to Chef Chris Moore of Chef Chris Catering for the food, especially the bacon jam on crostini. (Did you even know there was such a thing as bacon jam? If you try it, you won't forget it!)

Weekend accommodations and general meeting space were provided by the DoubleTree by Hilton, where attendees found lovely views of the twin spans of the international Blue Water Bridge, and of passing watercraft on the St. Clair River just a few hundred feet away from the hotel. Visitors also woke-up to calls early Sunday morning from the foghorns of the freighters sliding by in the dense fog.

Board meetings of both the GLCC and Great Lakes

Foundation were Saturday morning at the Great Lakes Maritime Center. Optional activities for members not attending these meetings included exploring several Port Huron museums, specifically the *Huron* lightship, and the Fort Gratiot Light Station, or shopping downtown.

A wine-tasting event was held at Andy's Wine Bar, a stone's throw from the Maritime Center at Vantage Point. Host Andy Bakko, a certified sommelier and non-certified but delightfully funny comedian, guided us through eight small pours of wines, progressing from dry white to rosé to full-bodied red to sweet dessert wines. The conversation volume and laughter got steadily louder throughout the tasting. The following event, Bean Bag Baseball, was canceled in favor of naps and getting prepared for the evening's main event.

The GLCC Annual Meeting was called to order by Commodore Dan Cline at the DoubleTree hotel. The Commodore noted that membership is steady. Treasurer Niels Jensen reported that the club is in solid financial health. Secretary Jim Austin presented the elected slate of officers and directors for the coming year.

The Great Lakes Foundation Annual Meeting was called to order by President Rich Barzyk. President Barzyk reported a significant increase in both grants awarded and donations received, thanks to the success of the Mackinaw City Rendezvous Bilge Auction and the bidding on donated vacation stays at that event's Commodore's Dinner. The GLF Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were given by Niels Jensen and Jim Austin, respectively. New Past Commodore Dan Cline moved into the role of President of the Great Lakes Foundation, consistent with past practice.

After the social hour following the business meetings, the evening's emcee, Port Captain Dale Lashbrook, welcomed all attendees. Commodore Dan Cline gave the invocation. Toasts to the King (for the first time in 70 years!) and to the President of the United States were given by Past Commodore Joe Mesenburg and Past Commodore Bob Barclay, respectively. The evening program began with introductions by emcee Dale Lashbrook of the Past Commodores attending. Dan Cline presented awards:

William J. Kivell Memorial Award

(for outstanding Port Captain)

Port Captain Edward Mahoney

Founders Award

(for the best cruising log of a cruise on the Great Lakes)

Port Captains Jim and Heidi Egensperger

Admiral Bayfield Award

(for members who have cruised at least 500 nautical miles in the Great Lakes, including significant distance into each of the five Great Lakes)

Port Captains G. Daniel DeWeese and

Director Julie Thorndycraft

Awards of Appreciation *(for their service)*

Rear Commodore Tony Simion

Director (Ret.) Roger Dye

Great Lakes Foundation Award

(in recognition of an outstanding job as

President of the GLF)

Past Commodore Richard M. Barzyk

Award of Merit

(established in 1956, for an active member for outstanding services of three years or longer to the GLCC)

Past Commodore James Richlak

The Change of Watch featured the presentation of burgees and the passing of the Ship's Wheel from outgoing Commodore Dan Cline to incoming Commodore Doug Jackson.

Commodore Jackson introduced himself, giving brief personal comments on his family and his background as a sailor, navigator, and holder of a 50-ton license. He invited all to attend the 2023 Spring Launch Weekend in Niagara Falls, Ont., May 5–7, and the 2023 Rendezvous in Cleveland, Ohio (E-10), July 16–20.

He announced a new Marketing Committee to be chaired by Director Mark Lifter. It will focus on the club priority of member recruitment and retention. He thanked the GLCC office team for their work on behalf of the Cruising Club.

Port Captain Mark Gagyi talked about the *GL-CC School* in 2022. The School offers more than 40 webinars, seen by 750 to 800 viewers annually. He invited

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Pictured L to R: Port Captains Jim & Heidi Egensperger, Past Commodore Rich Barzyk, Rear Commodore Tony Simion & Past Commodore Jim Richlak



Past Commodore Dan Cline & Commodore Doug Jackson



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UPDATE



Let Winter Better Prepare You for Summer

By Mark Gagyi, GLCCSchool; Turnbull Harbor photo by G. Daniel DeWeese

When winter starts to creep in, we rely on our summer cruising memories to sustain us. Sunny passages, new ports, quiet anchorages are easy times to remember.

Despite those good memories, the advent of winter always brings the question of what are we going to do for the next five months? Cry in our beer? Polish our brass? Sort all our summer photos? Here's a better idea: Dedicate this winter to building your Cruising IQ.

As a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, you have the perfect resource to do just that: the *GLCCSchool*.

On Nov. 15, the *GLCCSchool* kicked off with Mark Thornton's "Tropical Weather Forecasting," which was quickly followed quickly by Craig Murchison's "An Introduction to Cruising the Great Lakes."


Scheduled right behind that great one-two punch are five great December webinars:

- "Cooking and Cruising on the Great Lakes" (This fun webinar is free).
- "Weather Forecasting Apps" (Plug into the latest and greatest apps on the web).
- "Happy Hooking: The Art of Anchoring" (Listen to the people who wrote the book, Alex and Daria Blackwell).
- "Introduction to Marine Diesel" (This is ground zero for making your diesel a happy camper).
- "Cruising Grand Traverse Bay" (A first-hand look at this not-to-be-missed Great Lakes cruising gem).

After the first of the year, you can look forward to more than 30 other great webinars from the *GLCCSchool*. Check them out to continue building your Cruising IQs and gearing up for a new and promising 2023 cruising season.

If you find a webinar you were interested in that has already been presented, no problem. All *GLCCSchool* webinars are recorded and remain available all year long. Go to GLCCSchool.com and click on Recordings.

Start building your Cruising IQ with *GLCCSchool*. Again, go to GLCCSchool.com and click on Enroll for Free to sign up. After that, start your search by clicking on Open Classes, Recordings or Future Classes. If you have questions or need help, just click Ask for Assistance and one of our *GLCCSchool* team members will be happy to help.

See you in class. 

2023 Lake Erie Rally

Has Jungle Cruise Feel

By David Guertal

An African Jungle Cruise will be the adventurous journey taking place at the 2023 Lake Erie Rally on Middle Bass Island, Ohio (E-18.5) June 16–18.

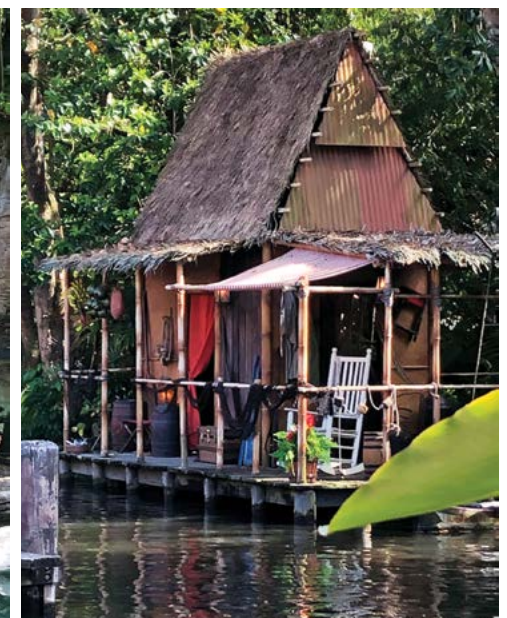
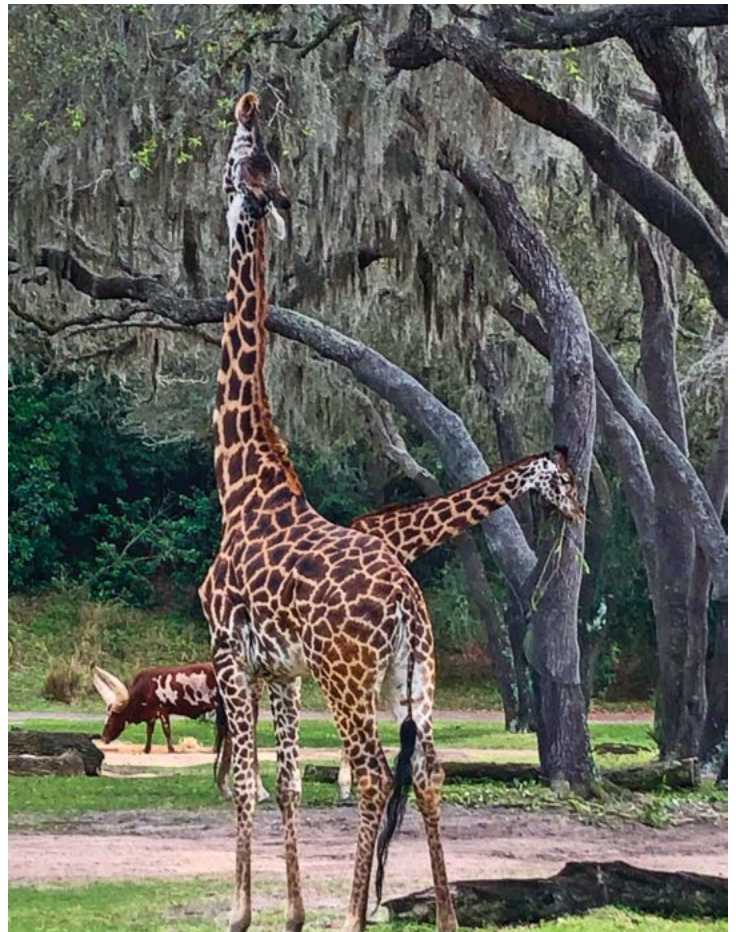
Come explore the jungle re-imagined. Watch the classic movie *African Queen* with Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn for inspiration. No one knows what type of animals may appear on the island, but we do know it will be another unforgettable and fun-filled Lake Erie Rally. Follow the clues during our jungle expedition in search of rewards for a special prize. The weekend will be filled with delicious food, fun-filled activities, and unique decorations and games.

For those of you who can arrive early (June 15), we will have a pizza party with all the fixings and a jungle trivia contest involving knowledge of flora, fauna and movies (What does Humphrey Bogart hate most?).

Wear your adventurous attire and plan on dancing the night away during Saturday's dinner extravaganza. Awards will be given for the most unique and creative, appropriate costumes. The weekend is themed from registration to sailing home.

Special note: Please do not wear a costume that is disrespectful to African people or the native culture. Such costumes will not be permitted at this GLCC event. The entire weekend is themed from registration to sailing home, so have fun with it and enjoy the experience.

Watch the events page in the GLCC website (glclub.com) for details on itinerary, cost, reservations and dockage. Questions about the Lake Erie Rally can be sent to Lori and Dave Guertal at 330-224-7813 or dlguert@gmail.com 🇺🇸



Lake Erie Regional Dinner Hits the Mark

By Port Captain Ed Mahoney




Photos courtesy Cleveland Yachting Club / Wikimedia Commons

The 2022 Lake Erie Regional Dinner meeting was Sept. 10 at the prestigious Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River, Ohio.

It was a memorable event, including arranged dockage for those who wanted to bring their boats. CYC is known for its clubhouse, restaurant, service, food, and dockage.

This year's menu was a clambake with all the trimmings. Those who had shellfish allergies had the option of steak instead of clams. All 37 members attending enjoyed the food and had a fun evening sharing boating stories and renewing friendships.

Our (new) Commodore Doug Jackson announced that the 2023 Rendezvous will be in Lake Erie at Oasis North Coast Harbor (formerly Rock n' Dock) in Cleveland, Ohio. We will be in downtown Cleveland with all the attractions.

Save the dates: July 16 to 20 (Sunday to Thursday). You don't want to miss this one. 


You Can Give Your Old Sails A New Life



Sea Bags, the Maine-based designer and manufacturer of bags, totes and accessories made from repurposed sails, has partnered with sailmaker North Sails on an initiative to divert retired sails from the landfill and pave the way for the sailing community to collectively reduce waste.

Since 1999, Sea Bags has collected more than 700 tons of retired sails away from landfills and has repurposed nearly 16,000 sails in the past two years. North Sails, the world's largest sailmaker with operations in 29 countries, produces sails for racing and cruising. The partnership kicked off internally with a sweep of sail lofts in North America in late 2021 which resulted in 166 sails being collected.

Sailors may donate their old sails at any North Sails loft in North America. Sails accepted in the North Sails x Sea Bags repurposing program includes 3Di composite, Dacron, nylon spinnakers, and intact laminates.

To learn more, do an online search for "north sails sea bags sustainability initiative." 

Friends-Ships Form at Lake Superior Rally

By Angele Passe; Photos by Don Martin

Fantastic. That word sums up the Lake Superior Summer Rally Aug. 26–28, 2022.

Highlights: Friday's Welcome with happy hour and music by Larry Carpenter and Dave Steffens; Saturday's full day with pancake breakfast, boat tours, hiking Houghton Falls, dinner at the Raspberry Lighthouse in the Woods, home of Paul and Paula Lundberg, music by the fire under the swaying pine trees with Larry and Dave again; and Sunday's farewell breakfast with pastries from Gourmet Garage, listening to the wisdom of Bonnie and Ron Dahl, Superior Way authors and heroes to us all.

We had deep conversations about cruising and life, and shared quick tips on nautical equipment and favorite anchorages. The 2022 Lake Superior Rally delivered what it promised: Friend-Ships. We left with smiles and warm hearts, new friends and reconnections with old friends.

In true GLCC spirit of camaraderie, everyone helped make it a fun and easy-going time. Special acknowledgements go to Paul and Paula Lundberg, our co-hosts for all logistical details, leading the nature hike, and for opening their beautiful house; Don Martin, official photographer; Bonnie and Ron Dahl, beloved Lake Superior experts; Larry Carpenter and Dave Steffens, storyteller musicians; and the very accommodating staff at Pike's Bay and Port Superior marinas.

Fantastic indeed. 🚩



Group on rock overlook



Larry Carpenter



Dave Steffens



Port Captains Stephanie & Paul Carrico with Port Captain Paula Lundberg



Susan & Greg Johnson with Matt Meyer & Valerie Aggerback

Lake Superior Meeting to Move A Bit Later in the Season

By Angele Passe

The early January Lake Superior Winter Dinner has long staked a claim to northern hardiness (or foolishness, some thought). After 35 years of sub-zero trekking to this wonderfully warm good time (no regrets, mind you), we decided to move the event to early spring. The date and location are yet to be determined.

In the meantime, we wanted to keep the flame of Friend-Ships glowing with regular online gatherings. We called them the “Zoom GLCC Lake Superior Happy Hour” and included a short program. Region 10 members received an email invitation and a Zoom link to participate.

The first one was Nov. 18. The program was a video on cruising to Isle Royale by GLCC Past Commodore and current Treasurer Niels Jensen. It's available for viewing on glclub.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon. 🚩



Port Captain's Logbook



Port Captain Mike Kohut

Petoskey, Mich.
(M-5)

Mike also is Port Captain for Florida Keys, Fla., and Mackinaw City, Mich. (H-76.5). He and his wife, Linda, are originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., and moved to southeast Michigan in 1970. The following year they bought their first boat and started to enjoy the Great Lakes, mainly scuba diving. Since then, they have owned numerous boats, from runabouts to fish tugs to small sail boats.

In 1993, they bought their current trawler, *Blue Chip*, joined the GLCC and started cruising. In 1995, they sold their business and retired. They have cruised all of the Great Lakes along with Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence and Hudson rivers.

Linda and Mike now spend their winters in the Florida Keys and their summers aboard their trawler. The *Blue Chip* is winter stored in Mackinaw City, and spends most of its time now in Petoskey.

For 14 summers they were accompanied by their faithful yellow lab, Jake. They had to say goodbye to Jake in 2019. Now there is a new boat dog, Duke.



Port Captains Tim & Liz Musolf

Huron, Ohio
(E-15)

Tim and Liz, of Genoa, Ohio, grew up boating on Lake Erie. The couple bought their first sailboat in 1979. Since 2009, they sail *Andiamo*, a 41-foot Hunter DS, out of Brands Marina in Port Clinton, Ohio (E-20). They have been GLCC members since 2006.

They previously owned and operated Island Divers LLC Dive Charter. They have traveled to Lake Huron and explored several American and Canadian ports as far north as Port Stanley (E-31) and Kincardine (H-7), Ont. They have sailed from Annapolis Va., back to Port Clinton. Tim recently helped deliver a 65-foot boat from Mystic Bay, Conn., to Toledo, Ohio via the St. Lawrence Seaway.

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members to help identify webinar topics of interest, recruit a presenter, or become a presenter.

Lieutenant Commander Stephen W. Brickey of the USCG *Hollyhock*, a buoy tender whose home port is Port Huron, spoke of his assignments over the years in the Coast Guard. He called it an eye-opening experience to be assigned to the Great Lakes. He and his crew of 15 are responsible for nearly 150 aids to navigation, primarily in lakes Huron and Erie. Those aids will be removed for the season by the end of the year.

The *Hollyhock's* other missions include search and rescue, environmental protection, and domestic ice-breaking. The *Hollyhock*, which has been in Port Huron since 2003, will permanently leave for major repairs in early summer 2023, to be replaced by the *Sequoia*.

Thanks go to Dale and Teena Lashbrook, Port Captains of Port Huron, for organizing the event. Thanks also go to Office Manager Yvonne Murray and Graphics Designer Cindy Badley for their logistical support before, during, and after the weekend's events.





Port Captains Amy Babinchak & Missy Siudara

St. Helena Island, Mich.
(M-71)

Amy and Missy bought their first sailboat in 1990 right after landing their big jobs post-college. A sailboat was chosen for the most important of reasons – there was no money for gas to feed a powerboat. A 27 Newport was chosen for these other important reasons: affordable, loaded with gear, and it fit behind Amy’s parents’ house on a canal off Lake St Clair.

Missy’s dad provided a printed copy of the GLCC harbor reports, making her a second generation GLCC member, and off they went. After a decade of tiller steering a small boat in the big lakes and thinking every time “this would be so much easier in 10 more feet of boat”, they graduated into a 1976 Pearson 365 ketch that they still have today.

They can be found mostly in the Straits area these days. Their home harbor is Duncan Bay Boat Club in Duncan Bay, Mich. (H-74.5). St. Helena is one of their favorite anchorages.



Port Captains Craig & Jeanne Shantz

Northport, Mich.
(M-13)

Craig and Jeanne grew up in northern Michigan and have always had a love of the water and boating. When careers took them to Southern California in January 1994, they expanded their boating experience by joining the Santa Barbara Sailing Center.

When they returned to the Great Lakes, they continued sailing and cruising the “Sweetwater Seas.” Not to mention that the fresh water is kinder to boats.

Now retired, they live in Suttons Bay, Mich., and have sailed their Island Packet 380 *Jeanne Kay II* on lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan.

Craig co-chaired while Jeanne held committee positions for the Great Lakes Cruising Club 2022 Rendezvous in Mackinaw City. In addition, they are both Executive Committee members for the Grand Traverse Bay Squadron of America’s Boating Club.

Craig holds a USCG Master to 100 GRT License, and is a Certified Vessel Safety Check Examiner through America’s Boating Club (formally the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron).

More photos from 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting





WELCOME ABOARD!



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

Tim & Denise Aseltine

Tecumseh, Ont.
KRAKEN THE WINE

Rick Barna

South Haven, Mich.
BAR NONE

Doug & Dana Belknap

Great Loop
TUMBLEWEED

Sylvain & Andre'e Blanchette

Rochester, N.Y.
AQUENE

David & Joy Brady

Port Sanilac, Mich.
LANDFALL

Terry & Susanne Carter

Lion's Head, Ont.
CLARINDA

Mark Cooke

Ludington, Mich.
HURULES

James Eble

Duncan Bay, Mich.
JOSEY WALES

Jim & Mary Fairchild

Anchor Bay, Mich.
NEVER SAY NEVER

William & Michelle Flaglor

Buffalo, N.Y.
INDEPENDENCE

Keith Gilbert

Port Superior & Pikes Bay, Wis.
AVALON

Eli & Leora Gunzburg

Cedar Point, Ohio
LET IT BE

Kevin & Carol Gurr

Goderich, Ont.
FELLOWSHIP II

Andy & Beth Ingall

St. Ignace, Mich.
CRESCENDO

Maurice & Eleanor King

Whitby Harbour, Ont.
CHARISMA III

Bruce & Connie Meles

White Lake, Mich.
ISABELLE

Ed & Cindy Mette

Port Superior & Pikes Bay, Wis.
TOUCAN PLAY

Todd & Britta Mong

St. Clair Shores, Mich.
ZWEL SCHATZIES

George & Susan Neal

Charlevoix, Mich.
JANALIN

Kate Peacock & Bob Campbell

Meaford, Ont.
CLOUD NINE

Rebecca Prepejchal & Brian Rubel

St. Clair Shores, Mich.
BANJO II

Kelly & Julie Sanders

Great Loop
GOGO

Jim & Abby Stancik

Kenosha, Wis.
NEST PHASE

Len & Marsha Stapleton

Port Franks, Ont.
REEL MEMORIES

Don Sweet & Jan McDonald

Sodus Bay, Ont.
WHITE HERON

Duane & Angie Symanietz

St. Clair Shores, Mich.
SWEENTNESS

Angela Thomas-Zalesky & Chet Zalesky

Ft. Pierce, Fla.
OUTLIER

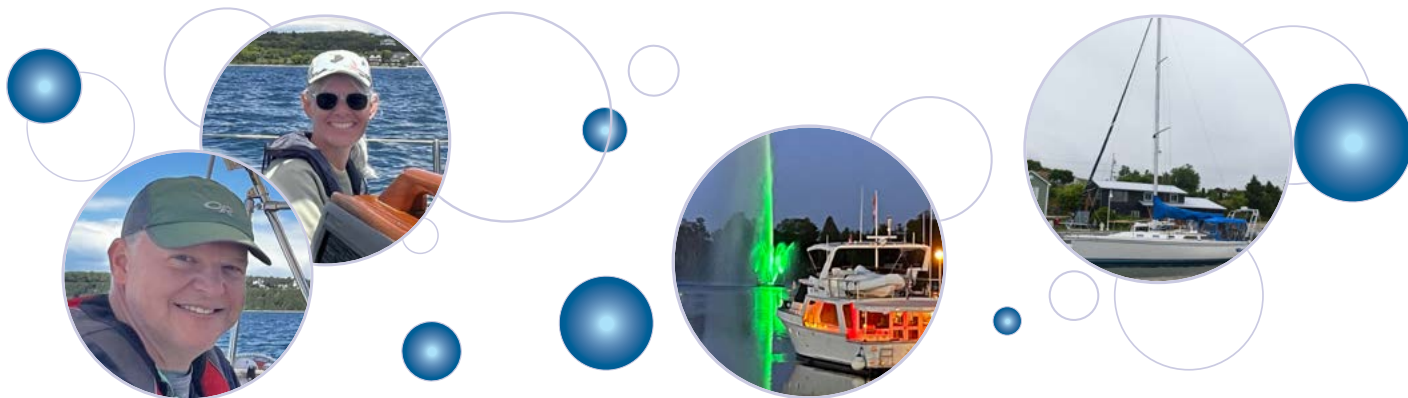
Rick White

Midland, Ont.
AVANT GARDE

Cheryl & Michael Williams

Clinton River, Mich.
WIND DANCE

Pictured L to R: Andy & Beth Ingall; CRESCENDO, Kelly & Julie Sanders; GOGO, Cheryl & Michael Williams; WIND DANCE



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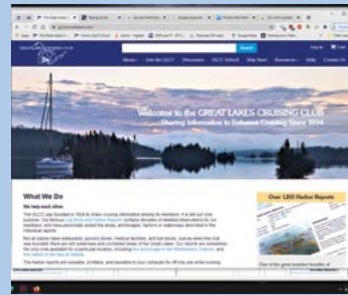
Your GLCC 2023 Membership Renewal Notice & Agreement was mailed to all of our Memberships. **The renewal forms are for all members that pay dues through the website, members that have a recurring dues subscription and those members that mail it to the office for payment. PLEASE read the instructions that are on your renewal form.**

Please also take a minute to review the information on the renewal form as that information was auto-populated from your membership profiles. You are encouraged to make any needed changes to your profile once you are logged on to the GLCC website.

Members with a recurring dues subscription should select the Recurring Fees tab on their member profile/account page to confirm that the credit card information is still accurate and that the **billing address for the credit card** that is being used for your dues payment **is correct**. Anyone with an outstanding balance for 2023 will need to call the office to make their payment.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Great Lakes Cruising Club year.

Your Great Lakes Cruising Club Office 



GLCC Website Challenge


Let's try this question again: How do you report changes to a club Harbor Report?

No one correctly answered the GLCC Website Challenge question from last issue, so we're posing it again:

"How and where do you notify the GLCC Harbor Report editors about changes or needed additions or deletions to a harbor report you visit?"

The prize for the first correct answer is pretty alluring: two official GLCC cold beverage cozies, and a mention in the "Lifeline."

The GLCC website (glccclub.com) has a lot of useful information of value to GLCC members. The Website Challenge is designed to encourage members to take advantage of this unique resource.

Send your answer to "GLCC Website Challenge" at glccclub@att.net. Remember: Everyone who gets more familiar with our website is a winner. 

Eight Bells

Marty Headlee

Long time GLCC member Marty Headlee died earlier this year. Marty and his wife, Sue, joined the Great Lake Cruising Club in 2000. Marty was appointed a Deputy Port Captain for Port Clinton, Ohio (E-20) in 2006 and was appointed Deputy Port Captain for Sandusky, Ohio (E-16) in February of 2008.


He retired as a Deputy Port Captain in October of 2015. They sold their boat, *One More Split*, in 2020 to share their time between The Villages in Florida and Catawba Island, Ohio.

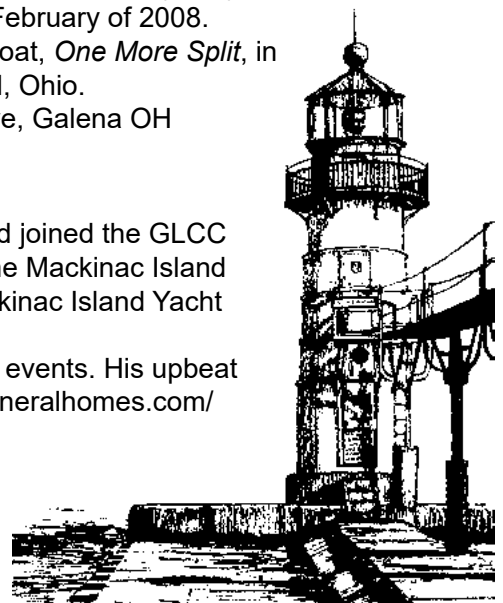
Cards of sympathy may be mailed to: Sue Headlee, 6463 Mahogany Drive, Galena OH 43021-8141

David Rowe

David Rowe, 75, a member of the GLCC for 33 years, died Aug. 29. David joined the GLCC in 1990 and was always welcoming to any GLCC members who arrived at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. He helped to facilitate the GLCC afternoon gathering at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club as part of the 2010 Rendezvous.

David made sure Mackinac Island events were on the GLCC Calendar of events. His upbeat attitude will be missed by many. His obituary may be viewed at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com/obituary/David-Rowe

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Michigan Crossroads Council Sail Training, the American Heart Association (www.heart.org), or the Humane Society of Genesee County (www.geneseehumane.org/). 





Member to Member Ads

Member-to-Member classified advertisements are available free to GLCC members on the GLCC website (<https://www.glclub.com/forums/ads>). Ads are reserved solely for personal boats, boat-related gear, and cruising activities such as boat-swaps. No commercial sales, please. For listing details or to place an ad, visit [glclub.com/forums/ads](https://www.glclub.com/forums/ads). Or go to the website, then click on the "Discussion" link at the top of the page and scroll down to "Ads." Members advertising items are asked to remove their ad from the site when the item is no longer available.



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Velissa. <https://www.boats.com/sailing-boats/1980-mariner-pilothouse-sloop-83456> She is in the water at Toledo Beach if you or have a friend who is interested. Walt 419-324-9718 / wdgrabowski@aol.com



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PORT CAPTAINS NEEDED

Looking for a way to contribute to your GLCC? Consider becoming a port captain. The harbor reports for each port in the Great Lakes are the mainstay of the Club, and port captains maintain the report for their port. Want to learn more? Contact Pam Jackson, Port Captain Coordinator, at pam@dougandpam.com



Photo by Port Captain Philip R. May



Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

January 27

Members' Meetup
National Yacht Club
Toronto, Harbour, Ont. (O-45)
Port Captain Cynthia Sunstrum
613-793-4984 cynthiasunstrum@gmail.com
Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
613-793-4982 eric_sunstrum@gmail.com

January 11-15

Progressive Chicago Boat Show
McCormick Place, South, Chicago, Ill.
Rear Commodore Thom Serafine
773-420-8918 thom.serafine@gmail.com

January 12-15

Progressive Cleveland Boat Show & Fishing Expo
IX Center, Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Ohio
Port Captains Jim & Heidi Egensperger
440-527-3816 hkegen@sbcglobal.net
440-728-5922 heidiegen@yahoo.com

January 26-30

Toronto International Boat Show
Energycare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ont.
Rear Commodore Dave Spencer
519-520-1399 spencerdd@gmail.com

May 5-7

Spring Launch Weekend
Niagara Falls, Ont.
Rear Commodore Dave Spencer
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Rear Commodore Eric Sunstrum
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Rear Commodore Tony Simion
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June 3

Lake Erie Picnic
Herl's Marina, West Harbor, Ohio (E-16.8)
Port Captain Ken Vannorsdall
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June 16-18

Lake Erie Rally
Middle Bass Island, Ohio (E-18.5)
Dave & Lori Guertal
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Rear Commodore Jim Ehrman
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