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**From
The Bridge**



Once again we're looking forward to the summer cruising season ahead and more adventure on the water. Hopefully by now your boat is launched and you're floating again. Well, let's hope so!

Low water levels on the Great Lakes have been in nearly every boating discussion lately. Launching boats, marina depths, and emerging hazards in our cruising grounds is certainly a concern for us all. During our cruises this year we must all be particularly careful to ensure we get there safe and sound.

We need lots of precipitation and ice cover to replenish the lakes and restore them to levels we prefer. There was deep snow still in Duluth, and we've had a ton of rain through April, but the hot summers seem to have kept the waters in the lakes too warm to give us the ice cover we need to reduce evaporation.

The International Joint Commission (IJC) was formed as a result of the Boundary Waters Treaty between Canada and United States in 1909. It provides the principles and mechanisms to help resolve disputes and to prevent future ones, primarily those concerning water quantity and quality along the boundary between Canada and the United States. There are three commissioners from each country. In matters of water levels they control the outflow of water from Lake Superior down the St. Mary's River into Lake Huron. By treaty it is maintained at 602 feet above sea level. They also control the water flow out the St. Lawrence. Obviously the latter one is not helpful to controlling levels on the upper lakes. The IJC does not control the outflow of water down the Chicago River into the Mississippi, which was reversed in 1900 to flow out of, instead of into, Lake Michigan.

Concerning any other issues the IJC gathers public input, involves professionals in studies, and then through reports make recommendations for action to the Canadian and US governments.

Five of the six IJC members are recommending "speed bumps" in the St. Clair River near the Blue Water Bridge. This or something similar is intended as a means to hold back the water to increase the levels of Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and Georgian Bay.

Lana Pollack, the Chair of the U.S. Section of the IJC, and the guest speaker at the 40th Annual Grosse Pointe Dinner Meeting on April 26, dissented from the recommendation of the majority. She feels the speed bumps will raise expectations more than lake levels. To the extent it succeeds, it's apt to reduce the levels of Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. Lastly she doesn't think the report adequately addresses the impact of long term climate change of which she is a strong proponent of.

Pollack also told us that increasing the Lake Superior outflow would not solve the problem without causing problems on Lake Superior. Regarding the Chicago River outflow debate, she said that during WWII two rivers that flowed north into James Bay were reversed to flow into Lake Superior for hydroelectric power generation. She claimed that diversion introduces twice as much water as the effect of the Chicago River outflow.

Wow, what a debate! In summary, even if there were not competing interests for more control of water levels, the bottom line would surely be finding the money.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club hasn't taken a position on what - if anything -

On the Cover

Grand Marais (S-182.6), MN, is one of two Lake Superior harbors that share the same name.

Photo by Vice Commodore Niels R. Jensen

should be done to control lake levels. For instance, we have members upstream and downstream from the Blue Water Bridge. So supporting an action that's not in the best interests of such a large portion of our own members seems inappropriate.

In Club news, the 40th Annual Dinner Meeting at GPYC on April 26 was very well attended again. I thank Rear Commodore Mark Lifter, his lady Arlene, and their team for presenting us with a wonderful evening. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club always does such a good job, and I'm glad they had us back again. The presentation from guest speaker Lana Pollack was well received, even though as one member lamented, it was not the happy story we would have preferred.

The next day, Saturday, April 27, started with a Board of Directors meeting at the Holiday Inn, Sarnia. There we heard our new treasurer Robert Caldwell present his ideas for reporting financial information at meetings in the future. Our new Website/IT Chairperson Joann Mead gave us an insight into her plans to improve the website, keeping it interesting and accurate. And Logbook Editor Lou Bruska told us of new features he's adding, such as links to local weather information on the harbor report pages where it's available. Naturally they will only work when Internet access is available.

Bruska is calling for all members and Port Captains to be sure to provide the latest information on hazard issues plus dredging in your harbor and those you visit.

Please take a moment now and recall information you feel belongs in any of the harbor reports. It's the founding legacy of the GLCC for members to share information with other members for safe navigation. Don't hesitate to find the harbor report on our website and "add new comment."

A well-attended Port Captains meeting followed our April 27 board meeting. And that evening many members came to the 2013 Southwestern Ontario Regional Dinner meeting. The guest speaker was Skip Kadar, Harbormaster of Harbor Beach, MI, and author of *Great Lakes Collisions, Wrecks & Disasters* and others. His topic for the evening was *Murders on the Great Lakes & Serial Killers*. Quite a thriller! He also brought us news of equipment purchased for dredging at Harbor Beach. The purchase was made possible by way of funds provided by the State of Michigan for dredging marinas throughout the state. Our host for the evening was Rear Commodore Brad Somers. He recruited an able team of local members to arrange this event, chaired by Rear Commodore (Ret.) Tom Lawson and Beverley Massey. It provided a very successful bookend for a very busy weekend.

It was wonderful to see so many members and guests attend both of these events. It was my pleasure to introduce brand new members and present 25-year membership burgees to seasoned members too.

Events coming right up are the Annual West Harbor & Catawba Island Picnic on June 1. It's possible this issue of the *Lifeline* may not reach some of you until after that date. For future reference please note that *Lifeline* is

posted online when it goes to the publisher and the Commodore's *Message from the Bridge* is posted separately also. To stay up to date you can receive emails, when something is added or edited on the website. Go to the "Member Links" on the right, click "My Account," then click on the "Notification Settings" tab and enable the various options. Even without doing this you are automatically notified of any changes to any page you post a comment on. You can manage your list by selecting the "Subscriptions" tab in "My account." Give it a try to make the most of what's offered.

Next on the agenda is the very popular Leamington Rally on June 14-16, which will feature a *Roaring Twenties* theme.

Then, we have the Charlevoix Rendezvous on July 10-13, followed by the Wilderness Rally at Turnbull Island in the North Channel from July 23-25.

Dockage at the marina for the Charlevoix Rendezvous had a very early sell-out! It's quite likely you can still attend, if you anchor right there in Round Lake or in adjacent Lake Charlevoix. Or you can come by car, as there are hotels and RV parks nearby. Charlevoix is a great place to be in the summer.

I'm thrilled to have Past Commodore Joe and Karen Mesenburg host this event. This is their third time as rendezvous hosts! They previously hosted the 2010 Mackinaw City Rendezvous and the 2005 St. Ignace Rendezvous. Both were excellent events in great locations. Now we have Charlevoix to look forward

to. It's fabulous to have such wonderful members doing so much for the club. We are lucky to have them and many others like them who step forward and make it happen.

Up on Lake Superior the Annual Lake Superior Rally will be in Silver Bay, MN, on August 16-18. And far away from there the Lake Huron Rally will be held on August 23-25. Actually it's not on Lake Huron again this year. Instead it will be all the way down the St. Clair River and across Lake St. Clair on Belle Isle in the Detroit River at the venerable Detroit Yacht Club.

The Lake Erie Regional Dinner Meeting is scheduled for September 14 and the 2013 Annual Meeting returns to the DoubleTree in Bay City, MI, on October 13-15.

Now fast forward to 2014 for Spring Break, and plan to be on board the beautiful new cruise ship *Celebrity Reflection* from March 1-8. You should have received a letter in late April from the club containing the brochure. This one needs to be booked early to reserve your preferences.

Capable hands manage all of these events. As Commodore I go where I can, but if I'm not there, the Vice Commodore or Rear Commodores certainly will be. If you go expect lots to do and tons of fun!

In particular I encourage our new members to check out the links on the right side of the website on most pages. That's where you'll find important links for navigating the website. You will also see the "Events" link or look in this *Lifeline* for everything we have going on. If you



The 2014 Spring Break takes us cruising to the Eastern Caribbean onboard the Celebrity Reflection. Photo courtesy Celebrity Cruises.

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Great Lakes News and Views

Little Current BridgeFest Announced

by Kristen Luoma, Economic Development Officer, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Little Current, ON, celebrates the centennial anniversary of the Manitoulin Swing Bridge on the weekend of July 12-14. Construction of this important North Channel link was completed by the Algoma Eastern Railway (AER) beginning in 1912, and concluding in 1913.

The AER began operating trains across the bridge to Little Current in October 1913. In 1946, the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Ministry of Transportation came to an agreement, which modified the bridge by adding road vehicle traffic. As a result, the bridge was left in the closed position to permit crossing of rail and road vehicle traffic, and opened for marine traffic. Today, the bridge operates in the same fashion, opening 15 minutes on the hour every hour during the spring and summer months.

In 1987, the bridge was listed as an Ontario Heritage Bridge. The historic swing bridge is of extreme significance to Manitoulin Island residents, because it is the only means of transportation on and off the island during most of the year. Over the years, it has provided Manitoulin with significant historical, economic, and tourism benefits. As such, Little Current have designated 2013 as the year of the swing bridge, with the main celebrations taking place on the July 12-14 BridgeFest Weekend.

Historic materials have been produced to commemorate the Swing Bridge Centennial, including a historic book, commemorative coins, and post cards. A video compilation will be created through a YouTube contest.

If you wish for further information about BridgeFest, please contact Heidi Ferguson, NEMI Events Coordinator at: hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca

◀ The BridgeFest Weekend ▶

- Opening Ceremonies including interactive storytelling and photos, as well as a wine and cheese event
- Outdoor theatre productions, outdoor art shows, and auction
- Classic Car show with a focus on cars from the era of the "first car through the bridge"
- Local musicians and performances, including children's entertainment
- Street art festival
- Community picnic, including food vendors, musicians, and children's games
- Wakeboarding competition, musical ride, tugboat rendezvous, flotilla, and much more!



Honorary GLCC Member
Roy Eaton

Thunder Bay Radio Closing

by Roy Eaton

The Canadian Coast Guard Radio Station in Thunder Bay is slated to close on March 31, 2014, after 104 years of continuous service. It presently serves boaters on Lake Superior, St. Mary's River, North Channel, Northern Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and Lake Winnipeg.

Responsibility for these waters will be handed over to the station in Sarnia, ON. The union representing radio operators in Thunder Bay says staffing is not expected to increase at the Sarnia Centre to handle the extra load.

The Thunder Bay Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Centre is one of 10 centers across Canada slated to be closed in what Fisheries and Oceans Canada says is a move to adopt new technology. The migrations of Thunder Bay's


services are dependent on the installation of digital radio consoles at the Sarnia Centre. The government claims these new consoles will enable the same level of service from fewer centers and with less staff. There is nothing in this technology that will filter out calls or extraneous noise.

According to Marcie Lavoie, shop steward for CAW Local 2182, who works at the station, the operators' job is to filter out things that do not require attention, while listening for the faint call that does warrant help. This is sometimes a great challenge in the noisy summertime environment.

At the present time, the Thunder Bay center is equipped with three radio consoles, while Sarnia has two. Lavoie believes that going down to two people with an increased area is a very dangerous proposition.

In the future, the Sarnia Centre will monitor marine traffic over a huge region. Besides the Great Lakes area currently served out of Thunder Bay, the Sarnia's other responsibilities will include the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and half of Lake Erie.

For further information about the closure of the Thunder Bay Radio Station, you may wish to visit these websites at: <http://www.saultstar.com/2013/02/28/thunder-bay-coast-guard-radio-stations-closure-raises-concerns>, and <http://sosthunderbaycoastguardradio.shawwebpace.ca/>

In addition, you may join the Thunder Bay Centre's Facebook page at: Save Thunder Bay Marine Communications & Traffic Services Centre: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/316708365073074/> 

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prefer to set course in the opposite direction, you should check out the events anyway. Maybe it's time for a change.

The important thing about these events is it encourages us to toss the lines and go somewhere. Meeting members with common interests, or reacquainting with those we've met before, is part of the fellowship that joins us all together from the far flung places we call our own home ports.

Time is running short, if you're going cruising and haven't already updated your Harbor Reports by downloading them from the GLCC website, or purchasing the annual update paper package. You can also buy the harbor reports complete for each lake region as a PDF file on a USB thumb drive to save you the bother of making your own.


To buy harbor reports in print or on a thumb drive, or to create your own. Go to the website and click on the Member Link on the right titled "Harbor Reports". Pick the region of interest and simply look for "Printer-Friendly Version" or "Buy this report". Or you can simply call the office at 810-985-4500 and get what you need to have the latest for cruising this season.

During the season please remember to make notes of new information, so you can join the effort that makes our Harbor Reports the standard that anything else is judged by. The sooner your info goes online the better, but it's better late than never.

On the business side, our club is strong. However, I encourage you to suggest to your boating friends to join. We welcome people new to boating and the experienced boaters out there too.

The *GLCCSchool* wound up another very successful webinar season. The volunteer members running the school are doing a great job. Not only are the webinars useful and widely acclaimed by many, but they generate lots of outside attention, which is attracting new members to the club.

Without the many, who step forward as volunteers, we cannot exist. We are always looking for people to fill many roles. If being more deeply involved appeals to you, then let us know.

Whether it's at the dock, at events, or in seclusion there is a bond among us that flying our Club's burgee reinforces. Mariette and I wish you the best and hope you have a safe and enjoyable season. If you see our *Bliss* during your travels please call, wave, or stop by to say hello. We hope to see you out there. 



Commodore Mel Wallbank




Philip May

Change of Watch at the Lifeline

by Vice Commodore Niels Jensen

This issue of the *Lifeline* will be the last I am editing. I greatly appreciate having served as the publication's editor, and wish to express my gratitude to all of the members, who have contributed information, ideas, articles, and photos during the past four years. Without the efforts of these volunteers and the GLCC Office, it would indeed have been a thin publication — and the experience not as rewarding for me.

Beginning with the September issue, the *Lifeline* will be in Philip May's capable hands. May is an experienced media professional, based in Chicago, who has been deeply involved with our Club's publicity and publications. I wish him the best as our new *Lifeline* Editor, and sincerely hope he will have as much fun with the job, as I have had.

The *Lifeline's* success, just like our website, ultimately depends on the Club's members to fill the editorial space. Please give May your full support, and keep sending in your news items and announcements on deadline. It will go a long way to smooth the change of watch at the magazine. 



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.



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

If so, send us a message. The earliest responders will be rewarded with a recognition in the next issue of *Lifeline* and on the GLCC web page.



Photo by Phillip May

Chip Sawyer (*Glider*) was the only member, who identified the above lighthouse as Poverty Island Lighthouse. It is in Lake Michigan's Green Bay Area (M-72). ➡



GLCCSchool Completes Its 3rd Successful Year

by Director Bill Rohde, GLCCSchool Coordinator



Did you attend any *GLCCSchool* classes this year? If not, you missed some great opportunities, as almost 300 class attendees will no doubt attest.

This past class year, the school offered 30 webinars presented by over 24 GLCC member-instructors and other recognized industry experts. Topics ranged from Safety for Cruising Couples to Marine Weather, from Anchoring Techniques to Locking skills, and numerous cruising destination classes covering the Great Lakes Region to the Great Loop.

In addition to recognizing this year's webinar instructors for their extraordinary efforts, special thanks are due GLCC members and assistant *GLCCSchool* Coordinators Allen Murphy, Dan Cline, and Bob Olsen, as well as *GLCCSchool* Office Administrator Yvonne Murray. Allen coordinated this year's scheduling, Dan handled the school's GLCC Club and *GLCCSchool* website updates, Bob issued the school's periodic email blasts announcing upcoming webinars and available recordings, and Yvonne did her typically outstanding job of tracking *GLCCSchool* financials. All *GLCCSchool* Coordinators also served as webinar hosts during the year.

Thanks also to GLCC member Philip May, who did a yeoman's job of getting the *GLCCSchool* word out to the general public. His publicity efforts resulted in several feature articles on the school and Club this past year.

Under our joint educational reciprocity agreements, the 2012-13 school year was also the first when USPS and CPS members were offered the same webinar discounts as GLCC members. While uptake of the USPS/CPS discount was a bit slower than anticipated for the first year of this program, a number of Power Squadron members were able to take advantage of it, when the information became more widely known.

For those who may have missed some of our webinars this past year, we're hoping to make arrangements for selected 2012-13 webinar recordings to be reopened for registration. Over the summer and fall please make sure to periodically check the *GLCCSchool.com* website for registration information.

Your *GLCCSchool* administration team will be busy during the summer months arranging the school's 2013-14 school year. If you have any suggestions for instructors or classes you think might be of interest, please contact GLCC Director and *GLCCSchool* Coordinator Bill Rohde. And as you wait for 2013-14 classes to open, make sure to take advantage of the new information you picked up from this past year's webinars, while you cruise our beautiful Great Lakes this summer. ➡

Charlevoix Rendezvous Awaits You

by Commodore Joe Mesenburg

The most beautiful town/harbor in the State of Michigan awaits the arrival, by water and by land, of the Great Lakes Cruising Club's annual summer Rendezvous.


For those members arriving by water, don't forget that Tuesday, July 9, is the arrival date and Saturday, July 13, is the departure date. The Club was able to secure the entire Charlevoix City Marina for four nights (July 9, 10, 11, and 12). Your dockage reservation was made with the acceptance of your Rendezvous registration form on a first received basis. By December 12, the 65 slips allotted to GLCC were filled. If you had desired to arrive before July 9, dockage reservations had to be made through the Michigan "1-800" number Harbor Reservation System.

For those members who have not yet registered, or have registered but were unsuccessful in obtaining one of the 65 slips, **please plan to attend by way of land** (auto, SUV, or RV). This beautiful town has numerous lodging facilities and a few are within a stone's throw of the marina. For a complete listing go online at <http://www.visitcharlevoix.com/Lodging>.

Some late registrants however, plan to anchor directly in front of the Charlevoix Marina, and a few boats may find dockage at either Northwest Marina or Irish

Marina. As mentioned in earlier Rendezvous articles, for members coming via RV, we suggest Uhricks Lincoln Log Campground (231-547-4881). It is located just a mile north of the Charlevoix's City Marina with 25 pull-through sites at Mercer Street and US Highway 31, across from the City Golf Course.

A full list of activities and seminars also awaits those members planning to attend. From kayak races on Round Lake, the dinghy races on Lake Charlevoix, to Mushroom House Tours by trolley, historical seminar on Round Lake, the traditional volleyball games between the Stinkpotters and the Raghaulers, the Gadget Hour, pancake breakfast served by GLCC officers, a seminar on cruising northern Lake Michigan, a dinghy tour of Round Lake, a planned Coast Guard helicopter rescue demonstration in Round Lake, the Annual Bilge Auction, a tour of Castle Farms, along with the first night's Commodore Reception and the closing night's exquisite Commodore's Dinner with awards, acknowledgements, and an opportunity to wear out your dancing shoes.

Please refer to the GLCC website (www.glclub.com) for additional details. If you have other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Joe and Karen Mesenburg at 614-431-0431 or JMesenburg@aol.com. 



Charlevoix's bascule bridge can be contacted by VHF. Photo by Philip May.

Region 53 Round Up



by Rear Commodore Richard (Rich) Barzyk

As you're reading this, many fellow members have already made their plans to attend the June 1st Cat-awba Island/West Harbor Season Starter Picnic at Herl's Harbor (E-16.8), being hosted by Port Captains (West Harbor, OH) Wayne Walter and (Marblehead, OH) John Rick. This event is a great way to start the boating season by rekindling old friendships and hopefully igniting new ones. The food is always outstanding, and the dessert table is to die for! Remember all this cuisine is homemade, and it's only \$12.00 to attend. If you're not already signed up, please try giving Wayne or John a call, maybe it's not too late.

With the Cleveland Boat Show being such a huge success for membership enrollment, the board decided to accept an invitation to the inaugural ILYA Symposium held in Westlake, OH, on April 5-6. I had the privilege of representing our club at this two-day event. Over 150 guests, largely ILYA representatives and Club delegates, attended this seminar, which included seven other vendors exhibiting everything from sails to generators. The format used was similar to a District

price of admission! Hope to see you there.

For your long-range planning, the Annual Lake Erie Regional Fall Dinner meeting is scheduled for September 14 at the impressive Sawmill Creek Resort & Lodge, Huron, OH. This beautiful resort was the site of last year's successful meeting, and the Cedar Point In-Water Boat Show is again on the same weekend. So "why knot" plan on attending both? There will be over 500 boats on display, as well as a spacious static display of boating paraphernalia.

There will be a Port Captains' meeting at 1700 hours, with our social ice-breaker beginning at 1800. Dinner will follow at 1900. Your selections will be Pork Chop Charcuterie, Chicken Piccata, and Shrimp Gerard and Fettuccini Pasta. All meals will be accomplice with salads, dressings, rolls, and coffee. Dinner cost is \$35.00 per plate and should be paid directly to the office, along with your specific selection. An array of desserts will also be served. Be sure to peruse the Club's website for on-line registration or forms. A cash bar will be available. I have secured a block of rooms at \$149.00 per night with two



Power Squadron Conference, with social ice-breaker rooms available all Friday evening, and workshops of all Saturday. I presented a shortened version of a webinar of ours, *Cruising Lake Erie*, which was created by our own Allen Murphy.

Our 22nd Annual Lake Erie Rally will be held at the Leamington Marina over Father's Day weekend, June 14-16. I do hope you've made plans to attend this gala event!

Our hosts, Port Captain (Lorain) Jim Ehrman and Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave Miller, have worked feverishly to set up this year's rally, and I can assure you their theme, *Roaring Twenties*, has created quite a stir! These guys have trouble trying to outdo themselves each year, but they always succeed! If by chance you missed all the hype about this great venue, try giving Jim or Dave a buzz. Maybe they can still get you in. On Friday evening there will be cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner at the marina pavilion. Saturday will feature a flag raising, Blessing of the Fleet, and a pancake breakfast hosted by the Leamington Yacht Club. Later there will be pre-dinner cocktails at the pavilion, followed by a delicious buffet dinner served by Barry's, along with dessert, and a fun-filled evening of Monopoly gambling, and, good olde Rag-Time music!


Remember the Charleston? The flappers, beads and bobs? Well, we'll have them all!

Just seeing the costumes alone will be worth the

Sunday morning breakfast tickets. Rooms will be held at this price until August 14th. Call the resort at 419-433-3800 to make reservations. Vegetarian entrees and special dietary menus are available upon request. Attire for our Fall Dinner Meeting should be "dress to dress casual," as I encourage a relaxed atmosphere, while maintaining a cordial setting.

There are shops on the property of the resort for you to enjoy, featuring Chamila Jewelry, Vera Bradley handbags, and both men's and women's fine apparel. A signature golf course with 18 holes is also on site, as well as a full service marina with transit dockage for those wishing to arrive via boat.

I'm delighted to report we'll have an intoxicating guest speaker, who will have a video presentation for us. Have you ever lay at anchor, and late in the evening looked up to find Regulus and couldn't locate this "prince?" Could it be because it's 77 light years away? Do you have trouble finding Orion the Hunter, only to discover Hercules or Leo instead? Does the Little Dipper and the Big Dipper share common stars? Well, if you attend this dinner, you'll receive the answers to these questions — and many more — and will be treated to an astronomy show, at the Sawmill Resorts Planetarium, located right there in our dining room.

Again, be sure to follow our website for further information on what is positively going to be a captivating and fascinating GLCC event. 



Historic Detroit Yacht Club to Host Lake Huron Rally


By Rear Commodore Mark Lifter; photos courtesy of DYC

The 2013 Lake Huron Rally, jointly sponsored by Region 47 (Detroit-Saginaw Bay) and Region 43 (Southwestern Ontario), moves this year to the Detroit River for a fun filled weekend at the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC), Belle Isle (D-54). This will be a great way to get together with your GLCC friends in the newly dredged harbor, as the 2013 boating season starts to approach its finale. 20 boat wells will be available for us at the DYC, so please make your reservations soon online or with the registration form in this *Lifeline*, so we can reserve your dockage. Space for land yachts also will be available on club grounds, and hotel arrangements can be made as well.

You'll enjoy the amenities available at the DYC, which has the largest and one of the grandest yachting clubhouses in the United States. Built in 1923 as the DYC's fourth clubhouse, and now on the National Register of Historic Places, its architecture and features are a sight worth seeing. Rally attendees won't lack for diversions at this resort in the city with the Club's indoor and outdoor pools; tennis, volleyball and bocce ball courts; bars and restaurants; and picnic areas on the club island adjacent to the main island of Belle Isle.

The Rally Planning Committee has arranged for a good blend of planned activities and open time to relax. After arrival Friday afternoon, August 23, we'll gather for an informal outdoor reception; please bring

an appetizer to share. Those needing a bit more nourishment can afterwards have dinner indoors or outdoors on their own, and enjoy live music. On Saturday morning after a continental breakfast gathering, we'll board a optional bus trip to Detroit's famous open-air Eastern Market, an experience not to be missed. After shopping and an optional historic tour of the market, we'll re-board the bus for lunch at one of Detroit's institutions, Sindbad's Restaurant. Back at the DYC after lunch, you'll have choices to swim, play, relax, or take an optional tour of the recently enhanced Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. That evening, we'll convene for cocktails and dinner in the clubhouse, with slideshows from the Charlevoix Rendezvous and the Wilderness Rally. On Sunday morning, breakfast will be available in the clubhouse, followed by an optional free tour to highlight the historical features and hear anecdotes about famous members.

The basic cost of the Lake Huron rally is \$80 per person, which includes the continental breakfast, access to club facilities, and the Saturday evening reception and dinner. The optional Eastern Market tour and lunch at Sindbad's is an additional \$25. Dockage fees will be paid directly to the DYC upon arrival. Please contact Rear Commodores Mark Lifter 248-514-4250 or Brad Somers 519-903-5810, if you have questions. We hope you'll join us for a great time! 





by Vice Commodore Niels Jensen

On Feb. 22-24, 53 GLCC members and guests gathered at the stylish Isle Yacht Club, Punta Gorda, for the Club's 2013 Spring Break. The city is located towards the northern end of the expansive Charlotte Harbor on the Gulf Coast side of Florida. The area is renowned as one of the best yachting venues in America, and was also the site of last year's GLCC Spring Break, when it proved so attractive that it was immediately picked as a repeat venue.

Port Captains (Charlotte Harbor) John and Penny Holmes once more hosted the event, assisted by Tom Butler and Port Captain (Algonac) Roger Dye. It proved to be another resounding success. Most attendees arrived by car or boat for early registration on Thursday afternoon, but the major activities and fellowship got underway in earnest on Friday. The GLCC's Executive Committee held a busy afternoon business meeting on *Andiamo*, which was followed by a lively outdoor reception and fine buffet dinner at the yacht club. The food was excellent, and pasta bar proved especially popular.

Saturday's games included a hotly contested corn-hole beanbag tournament, which was narrowly won by the men's team. Afterwards, the GLCC members and guests went on a private three-hour sunset cruise on one of the King Fisher Fleet's tour boats, named *Good Times Too*. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were provided. The specified dress for the evening was Hawaiian shirts, and the tour boat's crew was assigned the honor of judging who of the attendees wore the best

attire. It was a very difficult decision, but Joe and Giselle Lucier were the winners.

Early Sunday morning, the attendees again boarded the *Good Times Too* for a private daylong cruise to the scenic Cayo Costa State Park. The park is on a beautiful eight-mile long barrier key just to the south of Boca Grande Pass, which is the main entry into Charlotte Harbor. The boat ride out to Cayo Costa was in heavy fog and against the incoming tide, but the fog had fortunately burned off, when the *Good Times Too* passed through the final sandy shoals in the approach and arrived at the park's dock.

From the dock, motorized transportation was provided across the island to a reserved pavilion on the Gulf Coast side, where some GLCC members ate their picnic lunches, while others ventured down to the beach. The white coral sand was absolutely beautiful. There was swimming, shelling, and other beach activities. Diane Segger had enthusiastically brought along her fishing tackle, and actually caught a fish.

The return trip to Punta Gorda was slow going against the outgoing tide. For a while, a few dolphins swam along the tour boat, as often happens in these waters. The *Good Times Too* returned to its pier at the colorful Fishermen's Wharf at 1515, giving the GLCC members and guests ample time to get ready for the evening's activities at the Isles Yacht Club.

A spirited social hour began at 1730. As requested by the Commodore, the GLCC officers were in their





white uniforms for the occasion. About an hour later, the GLCC members and guests quietly moved to the dining room, where there was assigned seating, specifically intended to have the attendees sit with less familiar people.



From the lectern, Commodore Mel Wallbank thanked Port Captains John and Penny Holmes, as well as their committee, for organizing an exceptional Spring Break, and also gave a brief update about our Club. An excellent plated dinner followed, while Michael Hurst, who also performed for us last year, provided live entertainment. After the meal, the dance floor was very busy.

Monday was the scheduled departure day, but several attendees stayed for an extra day or two to enjoy this very attractive community on Florida's Gulf Coast. Some went boating on the waters of Charlotte Harbor, did some sightseeing, or visited with local friends. It had been another memorable Spring Break.

Please note the 2014 Spring Break activities will be on an entirely different tack. Commodore Jim and Sue Acheson and Tim and Becky Boehlke have organized an exciting seven-day cruise out of Miami, which will take GLCC members and guests to San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Martin next spring. More information is available on the GLCC website and in this issue of the *Lifeline*. 🚩





Port Captain's Log Book



Port Captain Steve Reinecke

Port Elgin, ON
(H-8)

Steve and Brenda Reinecke live in their hometown of Strathroy, ON, with their two children Emily, 18, and Trevor, 15.

Being close to and on the water was a big part of Steve's life growing up. Steve's family had a trailer on a small lake west of Oliphant, ON, called Spry Lake. There he spent most summer weekends fishing and boating. Steve's father, a cabinetmaker by trade, built all of the family boats, from a flat bottom fishing boat to an 18-foot wooden hull sailboat. Ask Steve sometime about the difficulties of getting an 18-foot sailboat out of a basement workshop.


Steve is a Medical Technologist (Clinical Scientist) by trade, but for the past 16 years he has worked for Ergotron based in Minneapolis. There, Steve has held many positions, including a global role, building business for Ergotron and has traveled to over 20 countries worldwide. Previous to that he was in IT Management in two large health-care facilities.

Steve travels somewhere every week, and saw boating as a way to bring the family together when he was home. He purchased his first 14-foot boat when he was in his early 30's, and the two-footitis took off from there. His latest purchase is a 2007 45-foot Mainship Pilot Trawler, purchased early in 2011 in Florida. Steve floated it up from Florida to the Great Lakes in the spring of 2011. The trip was planned to take 12 days, but 31 days later the boat arrived in Sarnia, ON. This is another story to ask Steve about.

During the summer Steve limits his travel to spending as much time as possible with his family on their boat *Bets On* that is kept in Port Elgin, ON. *Bets* stands for Brenda, Emily, Trevor and Steve. Their previous boat was *Bets Off*. They love participating in

various harbour activities, including a 70's dock party last year.

Boating is all about fun and adventure. When not in Port Elgin, you will find *Bets On* during the summer months in the Georgian Bay and North Channel. Steve and Brenda have plans to live aboard in about 10 years, complete the Great Loop, and explore the world.

Steve and Brenda have been members for four years, and enjoy all the people and social activities associated with the GLCC. They both take great pride in greeting boaters as they visit Port Elgin Harbour and assisting in any way they can. Drop by and say "hi" next time you are in Port Elgin. 



Port Captain Scott Kellett


Superior, WI
(S-188)

Scott Kellett lives in Esko, MN, and has been boating on Lake Superior with his wife Cindy and daughter Genna since 2006. Their 36-foot trawler *Genna Louise* is docked at Barkers Island Marina, Superior, WI.

The Kelleths originally purchased their boat in Escanaba, MI, and Scott, with the help of friends, cruised it up Lake Michigan, through the Soo Locks, and across Lake Superior. He describes it as quite a learning experience for a first-time boater. "20 people said bring extra fuel filters, but no one said bring a fuel filter wrench," Kellett explained.

Scott and Cindy have since anchored or docked in the Apostle Islands, Houghton, MI, Isle Royale, and Thunder Bay. Their long-term goal is to visit each of the Great Lakes, before setting a course for the Great Loop.

Scott has worked as a Financial Advisor for RBC Wealth Management for the past 25 years. Their office is located on the shore of Lake Superior in Duluth, MN. He is a member of the Duluth Power Squadron and has a passion for not only cruising the Great Lakes, but their preservation as well.

When not on the boat with his family, Scott's interests include golf, travel, and Bob Dylan. 

Lake Superior Rally Returns to Silver Bay

by Vice Commodore Niels Jensen

The dates for the 26th Annual Lake Superior Rally are set for Aug. 16-18, 2013, in the marina at Silver Bay (S-183) on Minnesota's scenic and rugged North Shore. However, to take full advantage of the extensive optional program, early arrival is suggested for Wednesday, Aug. 14.

To accommodate the Rally's attendees, the marina's management has graciously extended a special dock rate of \$1/foot, and well as a further 4-for-3 nights discount. We hope you will find this to be an attractive offer.

Port Captain (Silver Bay) Renny and Linda Lovold and Port Captain (Knife River) Nelson and Marilyn Stone are organizing the event, assisted by Rear Commodore Duane Flynn and Vice Commodore Niels Jensen.

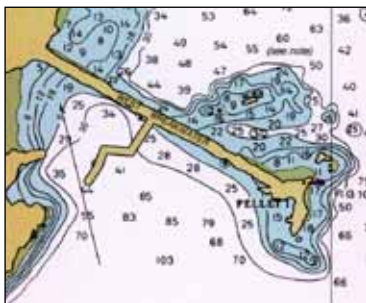
The possible activities for Thursday include fishing in Lake Superior and shopping in Beaver Bay. There are fun shops to explore in the town, which feature gifts, agates, bakery goods, fishing tackle, ice cream, fabrics, and other items. This is also the day we encourage you to please dress ship, if you have signal or other flags on board. For those who wish to go out for dinner, transportation will be provided to and from the popular Northern Lights Café, which has previously hosted our group.

Friday's morning activity is a special North Shore Mining tour, or an overview of the Silver Bay facility, by a representative from the company. In the afternoon, your committee is arranging for another tour, this time to the famous Split Rock Lighthouse, which is operated by the Minnesota Historical Society. The additional \$7 per person charge from the lighthouse includes a tour guide for our group. You will not want to miss either tour.

The Friday evening meal is our "Optional" Dinner at Camp 61, Beaver Bay. We call it optional, because while it is one of our most popular rally activities, its



Split Rock Lighthouse was built after the disastrous gales of 1905. Photo courtesy of John C. Hamilton.



S-183 Silver Bay harbor chart



Silver Bay Marina's clubhouse

cost is not included in the rally's registration fee. There will be a cash bar, and Camp 61 will offer specially selected limited menu to our group for purchase. Following the meal, our scheduled speaker is Stewart Severtson, who will give a presentation entitled *History of Commercial fishing on the North Shore*.

Saturday schedule kicks off early with our traditional Lake Superior Pancake Breakfast at the marina's gazebo. There is limited seating available, so if you can, please bring your deck chairs. At 1000, there will be an informative Safety/Man-Over-Board seminar by Silver Bay Rescue Squad (SBRS) and GLCC members. Mark Huss, who is Cap-

tain of the SBRS, will lead it. The retrieval techniques will be demonstrated in the marina basin.

Saturday afternoon features the Port Captains' Meeting at the gazebo, followed by the members' General Meeting. The Potluck Dinner is scheduled for 1800, so please plan on bringing a favorite dish or dessert to share. Immediately after the dinner, Larry Killien, Harbor Program Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, will give a short update about Minnesota's Lake Superior harbors. There will also be the usual presentations, plaques, and other activities. You are encouraged to bring your musical instruments.

The Rally's scheduled departure day is Sunday, Aug. 18. A continental breakfast will be provided from 0900, which should give the attendees ample time to reach their next port or anchorage.

By the way, it would be greatly appreciated by your committee, if you could please make your rally reservation on-line or by calling the GLCC Office by August 6. It gives the committee time enough to assure that everything is properly arranged in advance of your arrival and participation.

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Bay City to Host Annual Meeting

by Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm

Bay City, MI, is delighted to have the GLCC return on Oct. 11-13 for the 2013 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. Preparations have already begun, but the members who last time attended the Friday night buffet at the Historic Depot will be happy to know that Hermann of Petit 4 has agreed to tempt our taste buds with a few new treats. But have no worry! The mouth-watering lamb-chops-on-a-stick are still on the menu. Such a culinary delight!

The DoubleTree Hotel with the warm chocolate chip cookies is ready with the wonderful hospitality room overlooking the Saginaw River. Please call 989-891-6000 or 800-222-TREE in order to make your room reservations. The GLCC Rate of \$124 per night includes two hot breakfast buffets per room/per night.



The popular DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, MI, is again the setting for the GLCC and GLF Annual Meetings.

You will, of course, need to mention that you are with the GLCC, to get the special group rate.

Ladies, you should know the Secret Garden has many new delights to part you from your ready cash. The town's antique stores are also waiting for you.

Please put the GLCC Annual Meeting on your calendar, as a good time will be had by all! See you in Bay City! For your convenience, a registration form is enclosed with this issue of in this *Lifeline* or just visit the GLCC website for the event itinerary and on-line registration! 🚩



View of Turnbull Island

GLCC Wilderness Rally at Turnbull Island (NC-55)



Docking the dinghies

It's soon time for the 2013 Wilderness Rally, Tuesday, July 23, through Thursday, July 25, at the scenic Turnbull Island (NC-55) in the North Channel. As usual, all attendees are expected to be self sufficient, bringing all they'll need for the Rally, and only leave their footprints behind. You don't want to miss it. It's always a fun event.

Port Captain (Ottawa-Rideau Canal) Ted and Venetia Moorhouse chair the Wilderness Rally Committee, and committee members include: Port Captain (Penetanguishene) Bruce and Anne Arthur, Mel and Sue Durchslag, Val-le Fuehrer, Bill and Sandi Matley and Jorma Poranto.

Incidentally, anchoring directions and assistance for all attendees is intended to ensure safety and optimum usage of space in the bay. Your anchoring guides will include Bruce, Mel, Jorma and Ted.

Early-bird registration is on Monday, July 22. If you arrive on this day — which is strongly recommended — you may start your participation in both the Scavenger Hunt and Blueberry Picking Contest. A beer-tasting event is also being planned. It'll follow the protocol of a

typical wine tasting. Each participant is encouraged to bring six worthy beers to share and compare.

On Tuesday, the event registration, Scavenger Hunt, and Blueberry Picking Contest continue. Please note that all registrants will receive their 2013 Wilderness Rally Burgee upon arrival. This day also features an on-shore happy hour, but dinner is on your own.

The next morning will feature a shore breakfast, provided by Bill and Sandi Matley and their volunteers. Later, there will be power and umbrella dinghy races and the popular host-boat social hour. This is also the day for handing in the results of the Scavenger Hunt and Blueberry-Picking Contest to be judged. The Rally will end with a repeat of last year's popular Chili Dump Potluck, and possibly a song or two around a bonfire. Of course, the bonfire depends on the absence of a fire ban.

We hope to see you there. The event cost is \$30/boat. Please see the website for further details, or contact Port Captain Ted and Venetia Moorhouse 613-836-3613/fairytale1@bell.net or the GLCC Office 810-984-4500/glccclub@att.net. 🚩



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2014 GLCC Spring Break Takes a Different Tack


The GLCC's 2014 Spring Break is a departure from the ordinary. On March 1-8, 2014, please join your GLCC friends for a fun-filled seven-night cruise to the Eastern Caribbean onboard the beautiful new *Celebrity Reflection*.

Leaving from Miami, the 1,047-foot ship will take you to San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten, before returning to its equally exotic departure port. You can expect azure waters, warm breezes, and beautiful sunsets, as well as getting together with friends, enjoying elegant dining, experiencing casino action, watching Broadway-type shows, participating in festive GLCC events, and much more.

You're strongly encouraged to get to Miami at least one-day before the cruise, just in case inclement weather delays your departure from home. As an added incentive, your GLCC hosts, Commodore Jim and Sue Acheson and Tim and Becky Boehlke, have planned a *Special Pre-Cruise Spring Break 2014*

GLCC Welcome Cocktail Party for Friday evening, Feb. 28. The event is scheduled for 1800-2000 by the pool of the Palms Hotel & Spa, 3025 Collins Ave., Miami. Incidentally, the hotel's restaurant is a very nice dinner choice, and reservations are advised.

For lodging in Miami, a block of rooms at a special rate is being held at The Palms Hotel & Spa for our Spring Break 2014 participants for February 28. You may, of course, stay additional nights at this hotel. If you wish to stay additional nights at this hotel please advise at time of your booking.


For information about our very attractive low group rates for this exciting Caribbean cruise — as well as further program details — take a look at the Spring Break 2014 flyer in this issue of the *Lifeline* or the event posting on the website. Please note that reservations for this event are not to be made with the GLCC Office, but directly with Pat Classen, Preferred Travel of Naples 800-523-3116 or 239-261-1111. 



Lake Superior Rally (Continued from page 13)

The registration fee for the four-day Rally is a low \$30 per boat or car. As mentioned above, there will be additional charges for the optional dinners and the Split Rock Lighthouse tour. Please note that if you plan on arriving by boat, you should reserve your dock space

directly with Silver Bay Marina by calling 218-226-3121, and mention the special GLCC rate.

We hope to see you at the Lake Superior Rally at Silver Bay. More event details, including recommendations for local lodging, will be available on the GLCC Website, when they become available. 

2012 Founders Award

The Committee did not select a Founders' Log for 2012, so the *Lifeline* is instead carrying other cruising adventures in its place. We hope you will submit your best cruising log to the Founders' Log Committee, so we may know about your experiences on the Great Lakes. Please see our guidelines at <http://www.glclub.com/founders-award>.

Morning Light Cruises Eastern Georgian Bay (Part 2 of the 2012 journey of Secretary Phil and Althea Doolittle)

by Secretary Phil & Althea Doolittle; photos by Althea Doolittle, Betty Torres, Phil Doolittle & Brad Doolittle



A passenger train from Toronto is seen here as it crosses the Parry Sound railroad trestle.



The Parry Sound Swing Bridge

Then it was on into the town of Parry Sound, for another crew change and the Great Lakes Cruising Club Rendezvous. We bid adieu to Mary and welcomed BPS Past Commander Betty Torres aboard. Parry Sound gave us the opportunity to sample several restaurants, shop, eat ice cream, visit galleries and talk to artists, and be entertained by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific trains crossing a very long, very tall, trestle that spans the end of the harbor, visible from all the boats.

The Rendezvous itself consists

of five days of visiting friends, eating, and partying, interspersed with several seminars (one on bears, one on fisheries, and one on cruising the Georgian Bay were particularly interesting). Other activities include a hard-fought volleyball match between the Stinkpotters and the Raghaulers, a bilge auction, a fleet review, and other fun events, with plenty

of boat-visiting and cruising stories and boat talk spread throughout all of it. A highlight of this year's Rendezvous was a breakfast cruise on the *Island Queen* which is based in Parry Sound. This was especially great since those who came by car were able to see some of the beautiful scenery of the islands surrounding Parry Sound that those who arrived by boat had enjoyed.

After the Rendezvous we headed north up the Small Craft Route to spend the night in Hopewell Bay, one of the recommendations from

Great Lakes Cruising Club boats gathered in Parry Sound for their annual rendezvous.



Althea taking photos on the *Island Queen*





USPS & CPS Members attending the GLCC Rendezvous
L to R: Joe Mesenburg, Gary Henrich, Karen Mesenburg, Phil Doolittle (BPS), Judy Alter, Althea Doolittle (BPS), John Alter, Betty Torres (BPS), Richard Bee, Sharon Simion (BPS), Roger Hankle, & Tony Simion (BPS)

L to R: Betty Torres, GLCC Secretary Phil Doolittle and Althea Doolittle enjoy one of the social events at the Great Lakes Cruising Club Parry Sound Rendezvous.

the cruising seminar. Next day we continued north to Pointe au Baril, named (in French) for the actual wooden barrel that used to sit atop a post to mark the inner end of a safe passage from the open Georgian Bay through the rocks into the protected inner route. After leaving the Small Craft Route, we again crossed the Georgian Bay to Tobermory.

The trip home was an exercise in second-guessing the weather. Alternating predictions of light and heavy winds determined our schedule. We took advantage of fair weather to run from Tobermory to Port Elgin, and then waited there for a day while fairly strong southerly winds blew. Of course,



During our walking explorations of the town of Parry Sound, we found a restored train depot that was hosting a one-woman show of paintings by local artist Jean McKeown (shown in the photo). We fell in love with this original oil painting of the Bustards in the Georgian Bay and decided that we just had to take it home with us!

we don't mind spending a day in Port Elgin. It is an enjoyable town with a beautiful beach, a small live-steam train ride, decent shopping, the obligatory ice cream store, and the most beautiful bicycle path right along the coast all the way up to Southampton.

The prediction for the days after Port Elgin gave us one good day followed by very strong southwest winds the next day. Usually, we would have gone to Goderich one day, then Port Huron the next, but that would have resulted in battling into the "teeth of the gale" on that last leg across the lake. Instead, we used the good day to cross the lake from Port Elgin to Harbor Beach, on Michigan's thumb. The next day as we ran south to Port Huron, we



The famous barrel marking the entrance into the Small Craft Route where Pointe au Baril Lighthouse now stands.




Cruising on the Island Queen

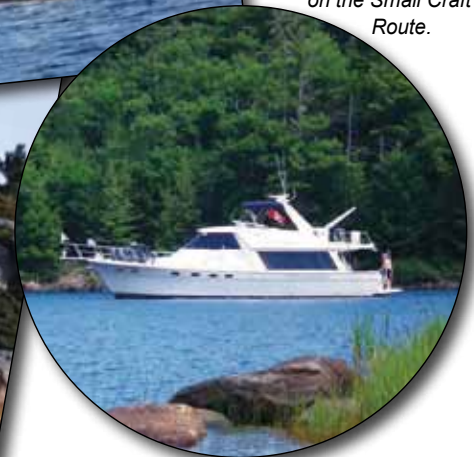
One of a pair of loons seen at our anchorage in Hopewell Bay.

were sheltered from the 30 knot SW winds by the high coast of Michigan, never more than a mile and a half to our right.

After a night in Port Huron, we visited the Great Lakes Maritime Center for lunch before heading home to Lake St. Clair. We were treated to a view of the brig *Niagara* heading down river under full sail, and a brief chat with Great Lakes Pilot George Haynes, with whom Betty had previously enjoyed a freighter ride down the river. We soon followed that same route to Algonac, then through the St. Clair River's North Channel back to our Clinton River home berth, another

wonderful cruise with family and friends at its end. 

This old boiler from a sunken ship represented one of the more unusual objects for a daymark on the Small Craft Route.



This concludes the second and final Lifeline installment of Secretary Phil and Althea Doolittle's cruising log.



WELCOME ABOARD!



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

Pierre Abejean
Detroit, MI

Bruce Alexander & Anne Thistle
Penetanguishene, ON
HAPPY HOUR

Brendon Aldridge
Trailers

Peter & Hedda Baumann
St. Clair Shores, MI
STELLA MARIS

Allan & Lee Anna Belovarac
Erie, PA
MOONBEAM

Darryl Billy & Wendy Peters
Tobermory, ON
FINALLY

Leonard & Nancy Buchanan
Muskegon, MI
WINDSHADOW

Robert & Joni Buckland
Grand Bend, ON
AFTERNOON DELIGHT

Rick Butler
Gilford, ON
WATERBABY

Daryl & Judith Clark
Duluth, MN
BALLO LISCIO

Doug & Linda Cowburn
Kingston, ON
HEAVEN'S GATE

Paul Craig & Nancy Vida
Detroit, MI
AURORA

Michael & Roberta Cuthbertson
Warton, ON
ECHO BEACH

James & Rhonda Dafeo
Portage Lake, MI
WINDARRA

Jim Davey
Lake Simco, ON
AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Steve DeBoth & Margaret Moren-DeBoth
Milwaukee, WI
ALEVAN

Anthony Donataccio & Judy Hiles
Sandusky, OH
DAWN

Dixon & Julie Janes Dudderar
Muskegon, MI
LOCHABER

Bruce & Sylvie Dumouchelle
Sarnia, ON
AQUAPALOZA

Marc Dupont
Owen Sound, ON
SOLANGE II

Charles Ellins
Orillia, ON
LADY LOU

Larry & Janele Fleck
Michigan City, IN
LITTLE JOULE

Mark & Maeta Gherty
Madeline Island, WI
FRENCH BRED

Bradley & Marilyn Henricks
Port Superior, WI
KAIROS

Alan & Diane Herstrum
Rocky River, OH
SUNDIAL

Richard Hodgson II & Perry Hodgson
Charlevoix, MI
DUCHESS

Everett & Lorraine Honing
Midland, ON
STEPHEN J

Ken & Sheryl Kibbey
Sandusky, OH
CRICKET

Mike & Leslie Kishler
St. Clair Shores, MI
SAILS CALL

Robert & Connie Kotrba
Grosse Ile, MI
ODYSSEY

Jim Krause & Anne Hurley
TRAUMFANGER

Geoffrey & Jenifer Kusch
Port Huron, MI
THE OLD LADY

Dick & Marla Lavature
Traverse City, MI
MARLA D

Guy Lazure & Johanne Fortier
Gore Bay, ON
VITAMIN SEA

Robert Lucas
Michigan City, IN
SERENDIPITY

Frank MacPhail
Fifty Point, ON
ALLENA II

David & Dianne Matheson
Toronto, ON
FAKIR DAN

Jim & Edye McAfee
Midland, ON
ELAN

Mark McClain & Carmine Maruska
Algonac, MI
LEUCOTHEA

Mark & Judith McClellan
Cruising
FINALLY!

Jim & Alex McGregor
Warton, ON
LOCHINVAR LADY

Kevin & Alice Miller
Sandusky, OH
SANTANA

Douglas & Sandra Milroy
Bayfield, WI
S.S. GEORGE BAILEY

Charles 'Tony' & Penny Morris
St. Clair Shores, MI

Alan & Beth Olson

Gerard & Kathleen Papp
Marblehead, OH
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James Patrick & Gayle Emery
Frankfort, MI
JIM - O

Bill & Peg Poceta
Port Sanilac, MI
WINDARRA

Jim & Mary Pohl
Muskegon, MI
MISS HIGGINS

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Anne Thistle & Bruce Alexander



Larry & Kathy Smith



Ken & Sheryl Kibbey



Thomas Sebring



Mike & Leslie Kishler



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Dick & Marla Lavature



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1968 46' Chris Craft Roamer Riviera (aluminium)

Gorgeous unique classic with timeless design and amazing interior room. Always attracts admiring questions and compliments. Overbuilt aluminium hull assembled in Holland, MI that has capably cruised in the last four years to the east end of Lake Erie, to Mackinac Island, the North Channel and Georgian Bay. Great exterior appearance with extensive custom interior redecorating in 2011. Continuously maintained and upgraded by the same owner for the past 24 years. Not a cruiser? Enjoy this Roamer as a great liveaboard. \$89,500. Contact Mark Lifter at 248 514-4250 or mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com.



1987 Sea Ray Express For Sale

Prelude is a Sea Ray Express with 3208 Cats and an 11kw Westerbeke. She is well equipped and includes a 10' RIB with a 15hp Mercury. Roger Dye 586-491-6170.

1995 38' Tiara

Twin 435 H.P. Cats. Always Fresh Water. Has everything. For complete details and pictures call W.J. "Bing" Stroh at 231-625-9235 or fax 231-625-2250

Please remember to remove your ad from the website when your item is sold.

PROPS FOR SALE

PROPS (NEW) 22 x 23 x 1 1/2 3 blade (R & L) \$2,000. Contact Dave Miller - capdave@centurytel.net

Port Captain (Ret.) Mary Bender & Robert Kilborn Selling Flying Chief - Huckins Model Fairform Flyer

Double planked mahogany, professionally maintained. Twin GM Diesel 671 fully overhauled. V Drives and transmission recently overhauled. Serious offers Contact: Cliff Richardson Boats Ltd., 103 Bayfield St. Meaford, Ontario, N4L 1N4 Phone: 519-538-1940 Fax: 519-538-5790 Email: richboats@bell.net

Selling a 2011 Sea Ray 470 Sundancer

Excellent condition...moving to a trawler to do the loop and cruise for a few years. Contact me if you need more info... ronrog50@yahoo.com. The boat is listed under *Boat Trader* for more details and pictures.

Welcome Aboard!
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James & Cynthia Priebe
Sandusky, OH
SEABISCUIT

Michael Reddy & Rhonda Lennox
Collingwood, ON
RED ROCKS BOATS

Earl & Mary Rentmeester
Marinette, WI
DRIFTWOOD

Jeffrey Richardson
Harbor Beach, MI
SARAH ANN II

Joseph Rickard
Montrose Harbor, IL
ADATTARE

Blair Rieckman & Elizabeth Brandt
Holland, MI
CODA

John & Camille Rigney
Port Huron, MI
MEANDER

Paul & Joanne Robinson
Britt, ON

Ron & Brenda Rogers
Syracuse, NY
CENTSLESS

Tim & Karen Ruff
Mentor, OH
PANACEA

Greg Sarff & Molly Downard
Catawba, OH
INSPIRATION

Harvey & Mary Schilke
Sarnia, ON
ODYS-SEA

Rex & Jan Schlaybaugh
Harbor Springs, MI
SPINNERFALL

Thomas & Susan Sebring
Ithaca, NY
ELEMENTAL

Lawrence Servos & Beverly Hendry
Frenchman's Bay, ON

Robert & Judy Slabodnick
Catawba Island, OH
MY3SONS

Allan & Cheryl Smith
Gore Bay, ON
SALTY DAWG

Larry & Kathy Smith
Sheboygan, WI
ANUKIS

Tim & Patricia Statham
Bob Lo Island, ON
PODA'S COVE

Tom & Mary Stewart
St. Clair Shores, MI
WIND SPIRIT

Paul Stones & Ellen Douglas
Midland, ON
BLUE NORTHER

Rod & Cindy Trainor
Richards Landing, ON
WANDERER

Lionel & Shirley Trebilcock
Geneva State Park, OH
PRINCESS

Larry & Julie Vandlen
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LIFE AQUATIC

Richard & Pam Wagner
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TALISMAN

Dennis Walters
Port Washington, WI
PLAN A

Barry & Anne Wech
Port Clinton, OH
URSA

Tony & Tracy Weisman
Montrose Harbor, IL
ENCORE

Jim & Barbara Welinski
Duluth, MN
MOON SHADOW

Charles & Jane Wendle
Lake Minnetonka
GOOD FRIEND

Glenn & Linda Wilcox
Port Sanilac, MI
ANGELANE

Ronald & Rebecca Williams
Milwaukee, WI
TENACITY

Kevin & Janice Wirth



Where in the World Are We?



Photo by Vice Commodore Niels Jensen


Do you know this location?

Hint: this location is at a connecting waterway.

Send your best guesses to the *Lifeline* Editor in the Port Huron office, glcclub@att.net. First responders will be recognized in the next issue of *Lifeline*.

Where in the World Were We?



Unfortunately, no one was able to correctly identify the location in the previous *Lifeline* issue. It is John Harbor (NC-49) in the North Channel. 

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Do you have your GLCC cruising attire ready for 2013?



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Great Lakes Cruising Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013

June 1

West Harbor & Catawba Island Picnic
Herl's Marina, West Harbor, OH
Port Captain Wayne Walter,
419-797-0186 wawalter@snlp.com &
Port Captain John Rick,
419-797-2476 autosail1@yahoo.com

June 14-16

Lake Erie Rally - Leamington, ON
Port Captain Jim Ehrman,
330-297-0263 jimsmarine@neo.rr.com &
Rear Commodore (Ret.) Dave Miller,
440-989-2302 capdave@centurytel.net

July 9

Board of Directors Meeting – Charlevoix, MI

July 10-13

Rendezvous 2013 – Charlevoix, MI
Past Commodore Joe & Karen Mesenburg,
614-431-0431 jmesenburg@aol.com

July 23-25

Wilderness Rally – Turnbull Island NC-55
Port Captain Ted & Venetia Moorhouse,
613-836-3613 fairytale1@bell.net

August 16-18

Lake Superior Rally – Silver Bay, MN
Port Captain Renny & Linda Lovold,
218-226-3340 rllovold@hotmail.com &
Port Captain Nelson & Marilyn Stone,
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August 23-25

Lake Huron Rally – Detroit Yacht Club
on Belle Isle, Detroit, MI
Rear Commodore Mark Lifter, 248-626-3259
mark.lifter@pathwayhca.com &
Rear Commodore Brad Somers,
519-948-9584 somersbp@aol.com

September 14

Lake Erie Regional Meeting
Sawmill Creek Resort & Lodge, Huron, OH
Rear Commodore Rich Barzyk,
440-647-2047 morningstar@glwb.net

October 11-13

GLCC Annual Meeting and
Change of Watch
DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, MI
Director Cheryl Cheger-Timm,
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