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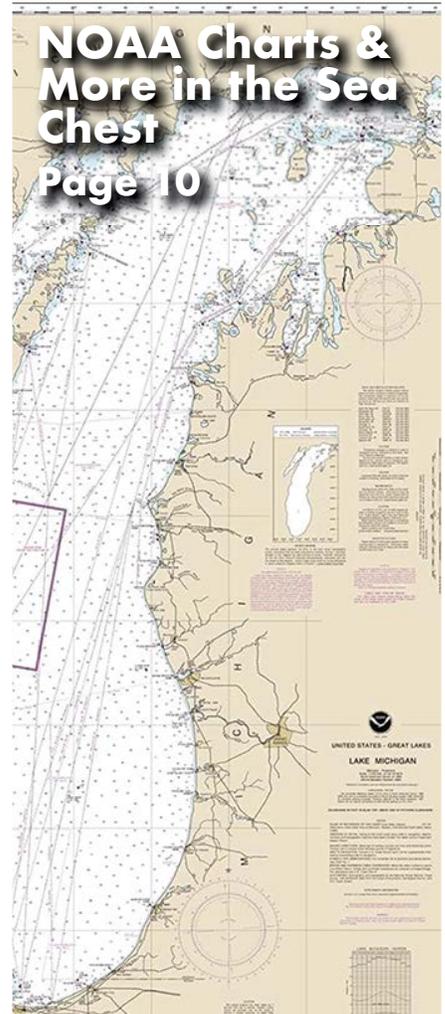
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Have You Paid Your GLGBA Dues?

We are well into 2020. If you have not done so, please go to www.glgba.org and pay your dues. Don't let this be your last issue of the News!

To All Great Lakes Grand Banks Association Members & Friends...

GLGBA President's Message



John & Joan Black

When I penned the first draft of this letter on March 1st, my opening paragraph was all about how most of us would be getting ready for spring commissioning chores that normally herald the beginning of a new boating season.

But as I update this final version, I find myself - as I'm sure everyone does - totally shocked by the change that has swept the world in the past month.

The GLGBA Board held a special meeting on March 23 to discuss the impact of the pandemic on our 2020 Summer Rendezvous planning, and you all received an email March 24 explaining our approach. I won't repeat all of that information here, it is restated on the www.glgba.org website, and posted on our GLGBA Facebook Private Group. The net is the Board will notify the membership by May 15, 2020 of our final decision on whether to go forward or to cancel the 2020 Summer Rendezvous. If we do cancel for 2020, everyone who has registered by then will receive a full refund. The Sault Ste. Marie Rendezvous will be deferred to 2021, and the Sister Bay Rendezvous to 2022.

In the meantime, I hope everyone is well, and stays well until we weather this storm. So please be careful out there as we get through this and soon, hopefully, we will begin to return to something more like our "normal" lives.

Many of our members have found relief from the "Off Season Blues" by virtually cruising along with several members as they explore warm southern waters aboard their GB's. Deb and Gene Davis



Gene & Deb Davis and their young crew Wyatt and Rowan left Canada last season and as of March 1 had made landfall in the Dominican Republic. Similarly Deb and Gene departed Lake Michigan last fall and recently reported being at anchor in the Exumas. If you haven't yet joined our GLGBA Facebook Group page to follow along with



The Johnsons

these crews and all the other discussions, I highly recommend you check it out.



Doug & Barb Fields to Gulf Shores Alabama with Doug and Barb aboard their 49 GB Classic "Conch Pearl". It was a welcome opportunity and a fun and interesting adventure for Joan and I to cruise through this segment of the Loop. From the photos you can tell we had a "grand" time. After a crew change in Gulf Shores, Conch Pearl then traversed the 350 miles non-stop on an offshore diagonal course to Fort Meyers, her new home.

In the "Off Season" Joan and I were fortunate to enjoy a week with good friends and GLGBA members Doug and Barb Fields as they completed the final legs of the Chicago to Florida transit they began last fall. Joan and I traveled the 450 mile, 12 lock segment of the Tenn-Tom Waterway



Me, locking through

Along the way Doug shared this clever little bit which neatly clarifies the distinction between "cruising vs. yachting". Thought you might enjoy too.

**"Cruising - fixing your boat in exotic locations."
"Yachting - paying someone to fix your boat in exotic locations."**