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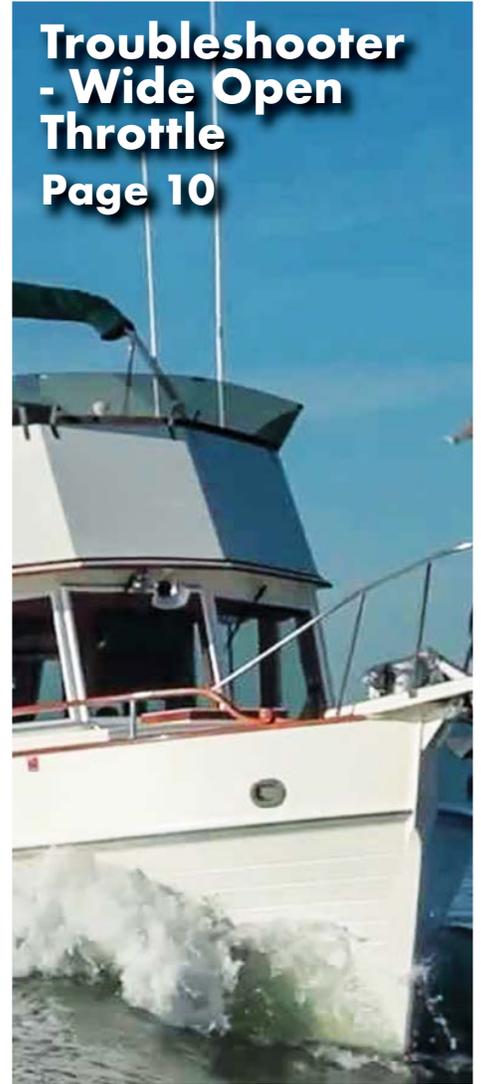
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**Anticipation is
Building for the
2018 Summer
Rendezvous!**

July 19-22, 2018
Plus an Exciting
Extension.



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

GLGBA President's Message



Rick & Barb Scime

Hello Again Fellow GLGBA Members.

Barb and I wish all of you a happy, healthy and successful New Year in 2018.

And a new year it surely will be for the members of the GLGBA. What's new you ask?

1. New set of improvements to the GLGBA website.
2. New place for the 2018 Summer Rendezvous.
3. New Face Book page is being built for GLGBA.
4. New slate of Officers to be elected at the Summer Board Meeting.
5. New ideas to make the Winter Rendezvous more appealing.

At last summer's General Meeting, we had an excellent discussion about our website as compared to the one now in use by the Chesapeake Bay Grand Banks Owners Association. We identified some features in the GLGBA site that we liked, such as the capability for members to securely update personal information and to pay dues and fees on line by credit card. After the meeting, Jerry Cilibrise went right to work on his computer to make these enhancements to our website. These changes have been completed, tested and are now deemed ready for prime-time. Later in this Newsletter, you will find a set of "how-to" instructions from Jerry for the use of these new features. Believe me, this is slick; I think you will love the ability to do this anywhere you have a secure internet connection. Jerry is still working on the Event Registration and New Member "Join Us" functions and these should be available soon. Thank you Jerry!

Of course, if you prefer, you can still write checks, download forms and fill them out legibly, find

envelopes and address them, and lick stamps. And, then, if you run to the post office to mail them in to the treasurer, you will get some good exercise too.

Either way, we ask that you please pay your 2018 dues, \$50, between January 1st and March 1st. Thank you for making our job easier by submitting dues within this time frame.

The 2018 Summer Rendezvous will be held at the newly renovated Killarney Mountain Lodge, with an optional mini cruise into the spectacular Baie Finn fiord. Arrangements are in the good hands of the capable Colwells, Wilcoxes, Glashers and the Falks - four "wild and crazy" couples!

More details about the event are spelled out elsewhere in this Newsletter. It will be a great gathering come rain or shine. OOPS, did I just jinx this? I'm not superstitious; how about you Robbie?

Creation of a GLGBA Facebook page, an idea that was floated at last summer's meetings, is in the works. Expect to see something new thanks to the efforts of Jane Stephen and Martha Burreis. Now Barb and I are not into so-called social media - see, I told you that some of us are getting old - but apparently, this is the wave of the future. You asked for it; we are working on it; soon you should have it. In addition to this, Robert Falk is engaging with Grand Banks North America to place a link to our website on theirs.

As instructed in our By-Laws, 2018 is an election year, so we must select a new slate of Officers as well as new Directors to the Board at the Summer meeting.

We are long overdue for a fresh set of capable people with fresh ideas to revitalize our organization. We really need new people to step up to board or officer positions.

Some of the "older" Officers have done a fine job for the club for long time but must be replaced. I fear this club will slowly perish if younger fresher members don't commit to Directors' and Officers' positions. You may be solicited to have your names placed in nomination for election to the Board of Directors and the specific Officer positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. These are important positions that require commitment, that are not difficult to perform.

Some members have previously told us that they are willing to serve sometime in the future. Well the future is upon us. Now is the time. Please roll up your sleeves to take the helm and help keep this boat club on a good heading. We need you this summer! I suggest you get to know the Directors and learn more about what goes on at the Board Meetings. Call any of the Board members and talk to us. Better yet, sit in on the Board Meetings; audit what we do; voice your