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To All Great Lakes Grand Banks Association Members & Friends... GLGBA President's Message



John & Joan Black

Joan and I wish all of you a happy, healthy and “Grand” New Year for 2019! And we hope you continue to enjoy your Great Lakes Grand Banks Association Membership...the friendship, sharing our common admiration of our Grand Banks, the cruising and social events, the quarterly GLGBA Newsletters and the GLGBA Facebook Group and Website. www.glgba.com.

For me, New Years is a time to reminisce about the good things that we experienced in the year just past, and to look ahead with enthusiasm to all the wonderful experiences that lay ahead in the year that's before us.

For Joan and I personally, 2018 was a busy, fun and rewarding year for enjoying the many pleasures of our beautiful Great Lakes aboard *Tortuga*, our 32 Grand Banks. And especially for being able to share our experiences with the many GLGBA friends we've met over the years.

In retrospect, 2018 was also an excellent year for the Great Lakes Grand Banks Association. We continued attracting new members to the group, ending the year with what may be a record 94 memberships.

We expanded our Board and elected members to fill all the vacant Board and Officer positions. And we benefited from the dedicated efforts of a lot of talented members who worked on our behalf to promote the GLGBA, manage our finances, maintain our paperwork, plan and run the Rendezvous, produce

our excellent GLGBA Newsletter, and manage and update our fun and helpful GLGBA Website and Facebook Group page. Our Summer Rendezvous at Killarney, Ontario, and our Winter Rendezvous in Holland, Michigan were huge successes.

On a particularly sad note, in the fall we lost two past GLGBA Members in a tragic accident. Gary Martin, and his wife Julie Sara, were treasured, dear friends of many of our Members. We also lost Bob Dunn in December. Please see the “Crossing the Bar” section on Page 4 for more about Gary and Julie and Bob.

Looking ahead to 2019, the Trailboss team for the Aug 8 – 11 Summer Rendezvous has planned another extraordinary gathering for us at one of the most beautiful harbors and towns on the Great Lakes: Harbor Springs, Michigan. If you haven't been there yet, this is an excellent opportunity to go and enjoy all Harbor Springs has to offer, while in the company of a fleet of Grand Banks and their fun crews!

Planning teams have begun work on a 2020 Summer Rendezvous for Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, which promises an exciting, cruising-style rendezvous opportunity to cruise with friends and explore the area.

Enhancements are being made to our GLGBA website to enable the on-line purchase of a limited number of GLGBA-branded products, such as GLGBA Burgees and ball caps. Plans are being developed to gather and publish members “Grand Ideas”...tips and experiences others in our group may benefit from... and post those on our website and FB group page.

And of course, we will plan and host another Winter Rendezvous at the end of the season to close off the years events.

So, to officially kick off the 2019 season, we need to conduct a little “New Year” business:

1. Complete your Membership renewal by February 28, 2019. Fees remain \$50 US. It is quick and easy!

Go to www.glgba.org, click on “Members Only” and log in with you ID and Password.

(If you have forgotten your ID or Password help is available right on that page).

- First, click “Update Member Profile” to review and update your member information.
- Second, click “Membership Renewal” to renew membership and pay by credit card.

2. Facebook Group Page Administrator Help.

Martha Burris, our GLGBA Treasurer, also takes care of our GLGBA FB Group page, but she needs