

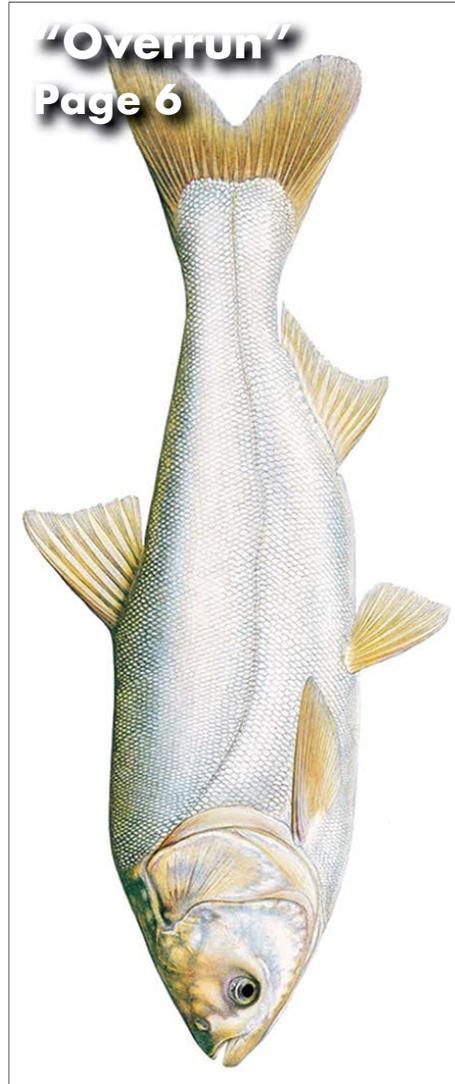


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**Have You Signed
Up for the Harbor
Springs Rendezvous?**

It is quick and easy. Go to www.glgba.org. May 1, 2019 deadline!

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

GLGBA President's Message



John & Joan Black

Happy Spring – finally! It's been a real “old fashioned” kind of winter and a cold, prolonged wet spring for most of us here in the Great Lakes region. As of 3/22/19 the lakes are still at 38% ice covered! So while some of our members have continued to enjoy warmer climates down south through the winter months, I suspect most of the rest of us, green with envy, have either been working on our boats while in storage, or thinking we should be ;-)

Thankfully, the forecasts promise warmer weather is coming soon. And I count on the longer, warmer days to inspire me to finish up ... or at least start ... working on my list of spring pre-launch preparations and projects. I suspect most of you, like me, are also stocking up on waxes, bottom paint and varnish. But, I have to admit that I'm not yet so inspired that I'm exactly enthusiastic about the thought of standing on a ladder with a power buffer, or reaching under the hull to freshen up the VC17. This might be the first year I actually break down and PAY someone to do those chores.

This month we will mail our annual new member solicitation letters to Grand Banks owners in the Great Lakes area who are not presently members of the GLGBA.

We do this to make sure every GB owner in the area knows that a GB owners community exists in the Great Lakes, and to give any interested fellow owners an opportunity to come and join our merry gang. And we are very excited to again have some

“Loopers” who plan to do the Great Lakes segment of their journey this summer join the GLGBA. We look forward to hearing all about their cruising adventures when we meet at our rendezvous in Harbor Springs this August.

And speaking of the Aug 8 – 11, 2019 Summer Rendezvous in Harbor Springs, MI...

The trailboss team has been busy putting the finishing touches on plans for a very entertaining gathering for us at one of the most beautiful harbors and towns on the Great Lakes.

In fact, if you haven't yet been to Harbor Springs, MI, the entire Little Traverse Bay area boasts many nearby beautiful ports and harbors which are well worth an extended visit to the area. Petoskey, Bay Harbor, Charlevoix and Beaver Island are pretty, friendly and fun nearby ports of call who cater to the boating crowd in the summer. Our reserved slips at the Harbor Springs Municipal Marina are filling up fast, but we still have room available for your crew, so register soon! It's a 2-step process: 1) Register and pay for your crew to attend the rendezvous on the GLGBA website www.glgba.org and 2) email your slip request to the Harbor Master. Slip fees are not included in the Rendezvous fee. You will find detailed registration and slip reservation instructions and a detailed itinerary for the event on the GLGBA website.

As I reported in our January NEWS!, Planning teams have begun work on the 2020 Summer Rendezvous in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, which promises an exciting, cruising-style rendezvous opportunity to cruise with friends and explore the historic and beautiful region where Lake Huron meets Lake Superior. Stay tuned for more exciting details in future NEWS! articles.

Some final items:

If you are in need of a new GLGBA Ball Cap sporting our club logo, just visit our GLGBA website to purchase one on-line!

And don't forget to check out the latest “Grand Ideas” ... and submit your own “simple tips and ideas” that others in our group may benefit from ... and post those on our GLGBA website and Facebook group page. Jerry Cilibrise can assist with website related items.

Martha Burris, our GLGBA Treasurer, who also takes care of our GLGBA Facebook Group is asking for a volunteer or two to help to keep our group active, interesting and on topic. If you enjoy using Facebook, and have an hour a month to spare, please call or email Martha to find out more.

And of course, we will plan and host another Winter