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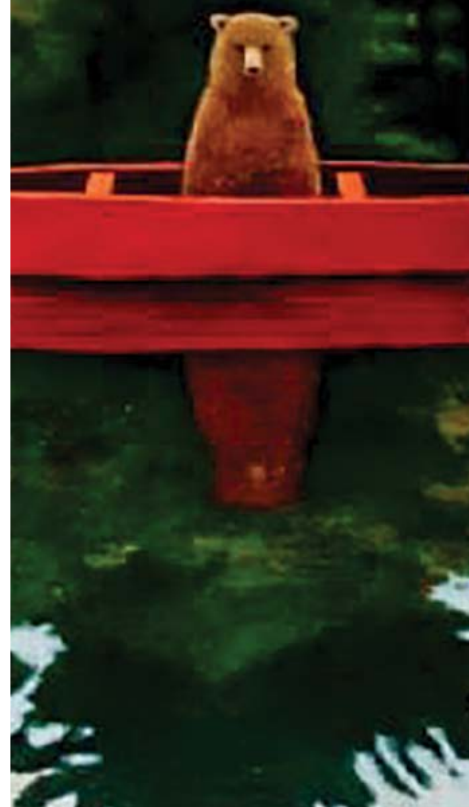
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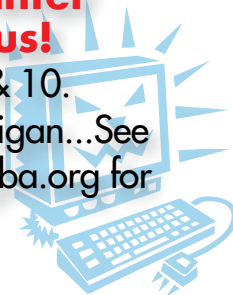


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**Attend the 2018
GLGBA Winter
Rendezvous!**

November 9 & 10.
Holland, Michigan...See
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To All Great Lakes Grand Banks Association Members & Friends...

GLGBA President's Message

Greetings everyone. My name is John Black, and I was elected at the Summer Rendezvous to serve as the President of the GLGBA. I'm taking over the helm from the capable direction provided by Rick Scime and his lovely wife Barb for the past two years. On behalf of all the members, my wife Joan and I extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Rick and Barb for their efforts on our behalf.



John & Joan Black

So this is my first "President's Letter" for the GLGBA's truly excellent quarterly newsletter, which we are so fortunate to have produced by the talented Robert Falk, long time member and Director.

It has been a very busy summer for the Association. We held our annual Summer Rendezvous in July in Killarney, Ontario – a beautiful, fun and spectacular success by every measure. See the attached article on the Rendezvous elsewhere in this newsletter for a more detailed report on the event.

Elections were held at the General Membership Meeting at the Killarney Rendezvous for Officer and Board positions. (See attached Current GLGBA Officers and Board Members on Page 6.) I'd like to thank all of our outgoing officers for their hard work supporting the organization, and welcome our new Officers and Board Members. As always, the officers and board welcome and encourage every member to share your ideas and suggestions throughout the year. Your input is crucial to help us keep the GLGBA a vital and growing organization, and to achieve our goal to foster friendship, fun and helpful support amongst our fellow Grand Banks enthusiasts in the Great Lakes region.

I sincerely hope everyone was able to enjoy their boat this summer, whether having fun with "boat friends" and family at your home port, and / or running into old friends and meeting new ones while cruising the

lakes. Joan and I were very fortunate to have had one of the best summers ever aboard Tortuga - 8 weeks and still happily married! We were blessed with good weather (which really helps a lot), and enjoyed catching up with many friends we encountered while underway. We visited cute and welcoming ports with their summer festivals, farmers markets, shops, fudge and ice cream parlors, and did some exploring on our new fold-up bikes.

Just being on the water all those beautiful days for an extended cruise was wonderful - something we've dreamed about for decades when we were working, but just didn't have the time to make happen. Now that we're retired, we are finally able to. A personal note of encouragement to those who haven't yet had the time for some longer cruises ... hang in there! It is definitely worth the wait!

We were especially fortunate to be able to join our fellow GLGBA members at the 2018 Summer Rendezvous in Killarney ... a place we've been longing to visit for many years.

I know the Great Lakes cruising season isn't over yet, and I wish those of you who are still in the water a fine, beautiful autumn of boating.

But, here it is, October already! Tortuga is hauled and tucked in for the winter. And now we're looking forward to seeing friends again at the GLGBA Winter Rendezvous in Holland, Michigan, Nov. 9-10. It's at these gatherings that we share ideas and gather your input and suggestions about our club's rendezvous plans for the next 2 years. We'll talk about plans for the August, 2019 Summer Rendezvous in Harbor Springs, MI, and begin to develop ideas for the 2020 Summer Rendezvous in 2020, when we will likely head back up North again. Sault St. Marie is one of several suggestions being considered. We hope to see many of you there in Holland, it's a nice weekend break before the bustle of the holiday season.

And last, as we transition into the off season, I'm sure you will start thinking about those new upgrades and maintenance projects you would like to get done during the winter. I know we have a few in mind for Tortuga. I find there's a wealth of knowledge and experience amongst the members of this group about pretty much every maintenance issue and upgrade you may be considering. There probably isn't anything that needs done to your Grand Banks that someone in this group hasn't done already. I urge you to reach