

LAKE MICHIGAN YACHTING ASSOCIATION

LMYA Cruising Cards are Ending This Year

After many years of successful use, the LMYA Cruising Card program will be discontinued at the end of the 2026 season. Several club members have taken advantage of the Cruising Card offers in recent years, but the number of boaters using them has declined to the point where we won't continue to offer the program any longer. We want to encourage our members to try traveling to new locations and exploring new facilities and see what they have to offer, but we will come up with something new next year to replace the card system.



We want to take the opportunity to thank all of the wonderful Cruising Card sponsors who have provided goods and services to our card holding sustaining members. Here is a listing of the current sponsors and the incentives they have to offer for card holders this final year.

Green Bay Yachting Club—One Night Free Dockage and One Free Drink per YC member

Harbor Lite Yacht Club— One Free Drink for Captain and First Mate

Harbor Centre Marina Sheboygan—Third Night of Free Dockage

Manitowoc Yacht Club—One Free Drink in Clubhouse

Neenah Boat and Dock Club—One Night Free Dockage (excludes July 4th Weekend)

Port Washington Yacht Club—Two Free Drinks at the Bar (Fri and Sat nights only)

Racine Yacht Club—One Night of Free Dockage

Reefpoint Marina Racine—Free Pumpout with fuel Purchase

Sheboygan Yacht Club—Second Night of Free Dockage

Skipper Bud's Milwaukee Marina—Free Pumpout with Fuel Purchase

Skipper Bud's Oshkosh Marina— One Night of Free Dockage, Free Pumpout

South Milwaukee Yacht Club— One Night of Free Dockage

South Shore Yacht Club— Second Night of Free Dockage (excludes Queen's Cup)

Brandon Road Interbasin Project

The Brandon Road Interbasin Project has moved into the bedrock construction phase. Increment 1-A is part of a 114 million dollar contract to install acoustic deterrents, the bubble curtain, and automated barge clearing systems to prevent Bigheaded Carp from entering the lake. Our Commodore continues to lobby for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding renewal, to ensure the “fortress” at Brandon Road will remain fully funded through 2030.

Our reporter on the scene, Jim Hubbell, says there is some equipment on a barge, but nothing has been unloaded in the area that has been assigned for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project.

In a related news story, wildlife officials in Illinois recently reported that over the last 15 years, 50 million pounds of invasive Carp have been removed from the Illinois River, primarily using nets. It is hoped that this will protect the river and lake until more permanent containment structures can be completed. That weight is equivalent to the weight of 5,000 elephants.

Book Review—Great Lakes Water Wars

I have recently been reading a wonderful book on the history of attempts to drain waters from the Great Lakes. It is call ***Great Lakes Water Wars***, by Peter Annin, published in 2018. Peter has been following the attempts made by several companies, municipalities, and cities to draw waters off from the lakes for drinking water or sanitary purposes. Here are some of the chapters he presents in this amazing study of those who are trying to avoid having our lakes lowered by having them piped away.

The Aral Experiment in Russia, a huge lake pumped dry for agriculture,

Climate Change and how it effects the Lake Levels,

Reversing the River in Chicago to Flush their sewage down the Sanitary Canal,

Long Lac in Canada Tries to Refill the Lakes,

The Potential impact of Asian Carp,

Pleasant Prairie applies for water supply,

Akron Ohio tries and fails to get fresh water,

The Great Lakes Compact of 8 states and two provinces to protect the lakes,

Waukesha tries to get lake water to replace their Radon infected wells,

The New Berlin test case.

LMYA Wisconsin Rendezvous on August 29th.

Come to the 35th Annual LMYA Wisconsin Rendezvous which will be held on August 29th at Racine Yacht Club. A long time tradition, the event features a delicious dinner, games, a silent auction, door prizes, and all the trimmings. Details will be mailed to all members in July.

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2026 Events on the State of Michigan's Shores

Grand Haven	July 17—19	Rock the Coast Event
	July 24-Aug 2	Annual Coast Guard Festival
Holland	July 4	Independence Day on Lake Macatawa
	July 18	Macatawa Water Festival
	July 15-19	LAUP Fiesta
	Aug 1	Art in the Park
	Aug 15	Vanderleek Cup Regatta & Dingy Poker Run
Ludington	July 3-4	Freedom Festival & Fireworks
	July 4-5	West Shore Arts Fair
	July 13-19	Offshore Fishing Classis Tournament
	July 18	Lakeshore Pyrate Heads Buccaneer Bash
	Aug 1	West Shore Bank's Rhythm & Dunes Concert
	Aug 15	Studs on the Shore
	Sep 8-Oct 11	Ludington Carferry Cruise
Muskegon	Aug 29	Burning Foot Beer Festival
	Sep 17-20	Michigan Irish Music Festival
New Buffalo	Jul 3	Red, White, & BBQ Country Music Festival, Fireworks
	Jul 4	Oh Yeah! Music Festival
	Aug 8-9	Ship & Shore Blues & Souk Music Festival
Pentwater	Jul 3	Brews & n Beats Craft Beer, Wine Cider Festival
	Aug 13-16	Homecoming Celebration
	Sep 26-27	Fall Festival
	Oct 10	Octoberfest
Saugatuck	Jul 3	Saugatuck Fireworks at Kalamazoo Lake
	Jul 4	4th of July Parade
	Jul 25-26	Saugatuck Venetian Festival, Dingy Poker Run
	Aug 7-9	Saugatuck Big Lake Classic Fishing Tournament
	Aug 12	Saugatuck Music in the Park
South Haven	Jul 3	Light Up the Lake Fireworks
	Aug 7-9	Big Lake Classic Fishing Tournament
	Jul 16	Rock the Boat (MMM)
	Aug 8-9	Annual All Crafts Fair
	Sep 12	South Haven Pirate Invasion
St. Joseph	Jul 3	St. Joe Fireworks
	Jul 11	St. Joseph Dingy Poker Run
	Jul 11-12	Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff
	Jul 18-19	Lest We Forget Reenactment