



Great Loop Cruising: A Guide to the Looper Lifestyle Annapolis, MD

Friday, March 22, 2024 – Buying Your Perfect Looping Boat
Saturday, March 23, 2024 – Planning & Executing your Great Loop

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Start	End	Session	Presenter(s)
<u>Friday, March 22nd</u>			
12:30	1:30	Registration	
1:30	2:30	How to Find and Buy Your Great Loop Dream Boat <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What size boat do you want & need• Draft restrictions• Features of different types of boats• Resources for finding your dream boat• How to determine a fair offer• Making an offer• The contract and other "paperwork"• Purchasing options• Surviving the survey	Curtis Stokes, <i>Curtis Stokes & Associates</i>
2:30	3:15	Insurance For the Loop <p>In his presentation, Jon will cover the basics of boat insurance: when to look for boat insurance, how to select an agent and an insurance company and what the components of marine insurance are. He'll also discuss the status of the current marine insurance market and when he expects the market to turn around.</p>	Jon Horton, <i>Jack Martin & Associates</i>
3:15	3:25	Break	
3:25	4:15	The Right Boat for YOU <p>There is no right boat for the Loop, but there is a right boat for YOUR Loop. Brent Bowlin (Gold Looper) and Michael Martin (Platinum Loop) of Great Loop Yacht Sales share some things all Loopers should consider when buying their Great Loop boat and talk about some of the more popular makes and models. They also talk about specific makes and models for different non-negotiable needs, like those cruising with a family, those cruising solo, those on a budget, and more.</p>	Brent Bowlin & Michael Martin, <i>Great Loop Yacht Sales</i>
4:15	4:45	Financing your Great Loop Boat <p>This session will provide information on how to obtain financing for your boat, including general bank requirements for a down payment, terms, and other factors that affect financing such as the age of the boat. Cindy will also give details on the overall state of the market and why one should consider borrowing versus paying cash for their vessel.</p>	Cindy Lewis, <i>Sterling Associates</i>
4:45	5:15	Q&A, Wrap Up	
5:15	6:15	Cash Bar Cocktail Hour	

Saturday, March 23rd

8:00	8:30	Registration	
8:30	9:45	Intro to the Great Loop Kim Russo will cover the basics of the Great Loop, answer some of the most frequently asked questions, and take you on a tour of the Great Loop through photos, sharing important details along the way.	Kim Russo, AGLCA
9:45	10:05	Story of our Loop Serenity, 36; PDQ Sailing Cat, Completed in 2017	Jim & Jan Donnelly
10:05	10:15	Break	
10:15	10:35	Story of our Loop HANUSIA, 45' Grand Banks, Completed in 2023	Bryan Hines
10:35	11:35	Basic Navigation and Safety This presentation will begin with a review of required Federal safety equipment needed aboard and adequate nautical charts for the Great Loop.	Edwin Martin, <i>CG Auxiliary, Chief, Navigation Systems, Prevention Directorate</i>
11:35	11:55	Story of our Loop <i>Quo Vadimus</i> , Bayliner 4588, Completed in 2015	Foster Schucker & Susan Wilson
11:55	12:55	Lunch	
12:55	1:55	DIY Maintenance Save time and some money by taking on routine and periodic maintenance yourself. If you have changed the oil in your car, you can change the oil in your boat. And while you're at it, let's take it to the next level and change the fuel and oil filters, water pump impellor, pencil zincs and serpentine belt. It's as easy as D I Y.	Jay Kraft, <i>Trawlers Great Lakes</i>
1:55	2:05	Break	
2:05	2:25	Story of our Loop <i>The Perch</i> , Silverton 410, Completed in 2024	Kim Russo & Michael Martin
2:25	3:25	Weather Resources on the Loop	Foster Schucker & Susan Wilson
3:25	3:35	Break	
3:35	4:45	Planning Your Adventure This session includes an overview of tips and essential items to bring with you on your Great Loop Adventure.	Kim Russo, AGLCA
4:45	5:30	Open Q&A, Wrap Up, Door Prizes	