



## Great Loop Cruising: A Guide to the Looper Lifestyle Milwaukee, WI

**Friday, September 6, 2024 – Buying Your Perfect Looping Boat**  
**Saturday, September 7, 2024 – Planning & Executing your Great Loop**

### AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Start	End	Session	Presenter(s)
<b><u>Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>			
1:00	2:00	<b>Registration</b>	
2:00	3:00	<b>How to Find and Buy Your Great Loop Dream Boat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What size boat do you want &amp; need</li><li>• Draft restrictions</li><li>• Features of different types of boats</li><li>• Resources for finding your dream boat</li><li>• How to determine a fair offer</li><li>• Making an offer</li><li>• The contract and other "paperwork"</li><li>• Purchasing options</li><li>• Surviving the survey</li></ul>	Curtis Stokes, <i>Curtis Stokes &amp; Associates</i>
3:00	3:45	<b>Financing your Great Loop Boat</b> <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>
3:45	4:00	<b>Break</b>	
4:00	5:00	<b>The Right Boat for YOU</b> <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>
5:00	5:30	<b>Open Q&amp;A for all Speakers</b>	
6:00	7:00	<b>Off-site Reception—War Memorial Beer Garden</b> <p>Share a cocktail or two with your fellow attendees and other AGLCA members at the War Memorial Beer Garden, only a short distance from the Hyatt Regency. It's a cash bar reception but Great Loop Yacht Sales will be providing snacks. Be sure to join us to experience that famous Looper camaraderie! <a href="#">Click here to RSVP!</a></p>	

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**



8:00	8:30	<b>Registration</b>	
8:30	9:45	<b>Intro to the Great Loop</b> Kim Russo will cover the basics of the Great Loop route, 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	<b>Story of Our Loop</b> <i>Serenity</i> , 36 PDQ Sailing Cat, Completed in 2017	Jim & Jan Donnelly
10:05	10:15	<b>Break</b>	
10:15	10:35	<b>Story of Our Loop</b> <i>My Sharona</i> , Robalo R200 Center Console, Completed in 2017	Mike & Sharon O'Malley
10:35	11:35	<b>Practical Advice for Planning and Doing the Great Loop</b> Waterway Guide Cruising Editors and veteran Loopers, Ted & Audrey Stehle, share practical tips they've learned during their years of cruising. Topics include communicating while docking, how to handle locks, provisioning, where to store all your "stuff" aboard, the galley, and more!	Ted & Audrey Stehle, <i>Waterway Guide</i>
11:35	11:55	<b>Story of Our Loop</b> <i>Light &amp; Salty</i> , Cruisers 4450, Completed in 2021	The Bowlin Family
11:55	12:45	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:45	2:00	<b>DIY Maintenance</b> 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>
2:00	2:10	<b>Break</b>	
2:10	3:25	<b>Rules of the Road</b> This session will review basic navigation and the rules of the road most encountered while on the Great Loop. You'll want this important information to ensure safe and courteous cruising.	Brian Adams & Dorothy Mietz
3:25	3:45	<b>Story of Our Loop</b> <i>The Perch</i> , Silverton 410, Completed in 2024	Kim Russo & Michael Martin
3:45	3:55	<b>Break</b>	
3:55	4:55	<b>Planning Your Adventure</b> This session includes an overview of tips and essential items to bring with you on your Great Loop Adventure.	Kim Russo, AGLCA
4:55	5:30	<b>Open Q&amp;A, Wrap Up, Door Prizes</b>	