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Subject: 8th ANNUAL AGLCA "SUNSET CELEBRATION" - MARATHON, FLORIDA -1ST REMINDER

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 8:46 AM

All AGLCA members in the Marathon area are invited to attend our 8th Annual "Sunset Celebration" which will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at Banana Bay Resort and Marina from 4 – 7 p.m.

Banana Bay is located at 4590 Overseas Highway on the Gulf-side across the street from Home Depot.

Please bring your own chair, beverage of choice, and an appetizer to share. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by the popular Keys' band, "4 Sheets to the Wind".

Prior to the party, Curtis Stokes, of Curtis Stokes and Associates - Boat Brokers, will speak at 3:30 p.m. His topic will be: "The Current Status of the Boating Market".

Please contact with me with your name, boat name, and email address or phone number if you will be attending. We are expecting a great turn-out and want to have your name tag ready for you in advance at the entrance!!

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Subject: A Word from our Sponsors

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 7:27 AM

We'd love tickets to the boat show. We are currently in Ft Lauderdale.

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Subject: Champlain Canal

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 6:52 AM

Where can I find information about the Champlain Canal which I think goes from Troy NY to the foot of Lake Champlain? Especially bridge clearance.

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Subject: Champlain Canal

Posted by: Kimberly Russo on 2/8/2017 at 7:10 AM

The [Waterway Guide](#) website has detailed information on bridge clearances, shown on a chart, for the Champlain Canal as well as all parts of the Great Loop.

There is also great information on bridge clearances available on the NY State Canals website:

<http://www.canals.ny.gov/boating/bridgeheights.html>

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Active Captain and one of the many canal guides made available by The canal corporation

<http://www.canals.ny.gov/boating/>

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Subject: Documentation Frustration

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 8:39 AM

Tagging on to previous posts on this subject, it is certainly one that should involve professional advice and not rely just on opinions. There are some states (Georgia is one of them) that are NOT title states. That shortcoming is being addressed in this year's legislature by our Department of Natural Resources. Who knows how much chance it has of being passed? I am no expert on any of these matters, but what I know is that if you paid cash for your boat, you get to choose whether to be a Documented vessel or not. If you obtained a loan for the purchase of the boat, it is very likely that the lender requires Documentation as a condition of the loan. This helps to protect their interest if they need to send the Repo man to pick up the boat in the Bahamas. There are other advantages for the owner including easier entry back into the US after visiting a foreign port, but non Documented vessels routinely do it without much extra work. State laws and where you register the boat make a difference. Get professional advice and pay the small fees to avoid bigger and more expensive heartache later.

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Subject: Going from Mobile to Pittsburgh!

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 3:59 PM

Paul, need your email to talk about the Mobile-Pittsburgh trip

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Subject: Great Loop

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 8:25 AM

Well you will just have to go with us again in 2018 Tim!!!

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Subject: Great Loop

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 1:14 PM

As a member of the AGLCA 2014-15 Fleet, I'm bummed that we don't have shirt commemorating our Fleet.

But I wear my "We made it through Lock 52" shirt with pride!

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Subject: Great Loop Boat Size

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 10:33 AM

By coincidence we cruised a part of the Trent with them last year in our own Fleming 55. This is home waters for us and we haven't yet done the loop, so Rod, whose close to finishing the loop would be much better to answer loop questions.

For the general Fleming questions... we did purchase through Burr and they were excellent during the sale and have only gotten better since the sale. It is true that the cell phone numbers for 5 of the top Burr guys are on a plaque mounted to the boat and you can call 24/7. There's no way I'd want to buy one of these boats without having access to this knowledge.

We have the 435hp CATs that push us a little over 10 knots on 10 gal/hr. We can hit 17 knots on plane, but at a cost of 50 gal/hr (yikes!)... so needless to say, we stick to the 10 knot range.

On ours there's 2 air draft adjustments, a mini arch on top with Radar can be lowered and the main arch can also be lowered. We deliberately picked a non-hardtop version so we could get down to about 13 feet - more than enough to get us through the western Erie canal.

Cheers!

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Subject: Great Loop Boat Size

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 11:45 AM

Tim,

Thanks very much for jumping into the thread. I am happy to hear another positive Fleming report. They are beautiful yachts and I can appreciate why you are so happy with yours. That double air draft adjustment sounds like a great asset. Its good to hear you can call on the speed if you need it, but like you 50 gallons an hour makes me uncomfortable.

We are going down to the Miami show next week and meeting with Burr to look over a few boats and begin some discussions. They have a wonderful reputation and also seem to control the lion share of the pre-owned market on the East Coast. Quite a bit of research so far suggests that people rarely sell their Flemings through boat brokerages other then Burr. I could be wrong, but I have not found them.

Thanks again and All the Best!

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Subject: Heading North from Florida

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 8:55 AM

Anyone? We would also like to hear a consensus on timing. We are in DeLand on the St. Johns River and plan to head north at a leisurely pace, maybe early March. Is this too early?

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Subject: Heading North from Florida

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 10:51 AM

We will be transiting north for the first time too once winter is "over" - whatever that means! FWIW, we've been making use of the below website to HELP us make our go/no-go decisions:

www.usclimatedata.com

A 25' sailboat vs. a larger boat with a source of heat whilst underway would likely result in different go/no-go decisions....true?

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Subject: Heading North from Florida

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 10:56 AM

....also www.weatherbase.com has climate data for many cities, including average wind, that we're finding useful.

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Posted on 2/8/2017 at 11:34 AM

Hello this is [REDACTED] in Murrells inlet SC. If I can be of any assistance on your way through let me know.

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Subject: Keys Marine Air

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 7:06 AM

Looking for a recommendation for a marine a/c service in the Florida Keys.

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Subject: Looking for Bahama bound buddy boat

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 9:42 AM

We are planning to leave Miami area Tuesday or Wednesday for West end. Weather dependent. We like to travel around 8 to 9 mph but could go a little slower. If interested please email us.

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Subject: Sea Sickness Meds

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 3:38 PM

I have used Bonine successfully for years. I usually take it 1/2 hour before we leave the dock and it lasts all day. I have also found the generic at CVS also works for me. If I know we are going on the ocean or rough seas on large bodies of water I take it - just in case. It does not make me sleepy and I can even lie down and read a book while the seas are bad! I also keep crystalized ginger on board.

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Subject: Seeking Harbor Hosts from States NOT on the Great Loop Route

Posted by: Kimberly Russo on 2/8/2017 at 11:14 AM

AGLCA is seeking Harbor Hosts from states not directly on the Great Loop route. Why, you might ask? One of the newer duties that some Harbor Hosts have taken on is emailing or calling new members in their area to welcome them to AGLCA. However, close to 25% of our new members are signing up with addresses in states outside the Great Loop. So, I'm hoping we can get a few members "out west" and in other states not on the Loop to volunteer as Harbor Hosts. Once a month, I'll send you a list of new members to contact, and that's probably the only request you'll get to do anything as a Harbor Host in places off-the-Loop like Arizona or Wyoming. We are especially in need of Harbor Hosts in California and Texas, because we have around 5 new members from each of those states each month.

To volunteer as a Harbor Host, login at www.greatloop.org and go to your account profile (by tapping your name in the upper right on a computer screen, or "person" at the top of the screen in the app or the bottom of the screen on the mobile version of the website). Then go to "Profile" and then "Get Involved". Check Harbor Host and save your changes. You might also like to sign up for our new Advocacy and Fundraising Committees while you're there.

Thanks!

-Kim

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Subject: We started our Loop today

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 8:05 PM

We've been getting ready for months. Our training cruises took us from Chesapeake, VA to the west coast of Florida. We met many kind souls who volunteered their time to give us a hand and provide all sorts of advice - many thanks to all. We've made some progress in English, to the point that we understand some parts of some USCG messages over the VHF. So today, we officially departed from an anchorage in Clearwater, FL - after checking the anchor under a thunderstorm part of the night. We're looking forward to the adventure, and of course to meeting many Loopers on the way.

Happy cruising to all,

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Subject: Winter Boating?

Posted on 2/8/2017 at 10:35 AM

Yes...I agree that humidity/condensation management is an ongoing activity, especially given the small interior volume of a boat and the aforementioned lack of good insulation of outside surfaces. A couple of additional thoughts:

1. I also use the hanging "damp-rid" bags...in my case, exclusively in the hanging lockers. They have worked well for us. (I use them year-round since warmth and humidity seem to be more of an issue in the summer.)
2. I make sure I open a (dorade?) vent over or near the cook stove. Heated air in the cabin typically "chimneys" out through the vent taking much of the cooking moisture from the propane and the cooking with it.
3. As sacrilegious as this may sound, I make it a point to deliberately vent the boat a couple

of times per day...a complete air-change. Because of the small interior space, even just cracking a forward and aft hatch a 1/2 inch vented my 42' sailboat in about ten minutes. This too vents the moisture laden air OUT, and replaces it with the typically much dryer air from outside. Raising the temperature of that air (again...already at a pretty low relative humidity) will "dry it out" (lower the relative humidity) even further, and will help wick up much of the condensation. I also crack open the portlight in the head when taking a shower. Again, the air and steam will tend to vent out more than cold air rushing in.

4. I typically have two clip-on type fans going at all times. These do two things. One, it moves dryer air into what might otherwise be dead air spaces in the corners of your cabin(s), and two, if positioned correctly, keeps the cabin air "mixed", i.e. does not let the air stratify with hot air near the overhead and your feet always feeling cold.

5. I used Walmart's cheap 1/2 foam exercise mats to insulate the hull at the back of lockers. It is closed cell foam and will not absorb the moisture, and is easy to cut to shape. That said, a nice tight fit with tape around the edges will not only keep it in place, it will keep moist air from getting behind it, condensing, and growing "stuff".

That's all I can think of for now.

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Posted on 2/8/2017 at 12:00 PM

Joe, we had a slip in National Harbor just south of Reagan Airport and the Wilson Bridge (I-495). We watched them build the Ferris wheel at the end of the pier.

We used the purple 2-3 inch foam you can buy at Home Depot and cut the panels to size for the heads and master stateroom windows. We had a piece of four-inch blue foam we cut to size for the forehatch. That stayed in place 24/7 to buffer heat and A/C loss. We also put Mylar sheeting on the inside of the bedroom slider on the sunny side of the boat.

We covered the hull vents to the engine room with a roll of carpet protector film to keep the bilge heater heat in and the wind chill to a minimum. Winter wind can cool a bilge in no time. Carpet film is stronger than window film and takes a lot of abuse, yet still easy to remove.

We covered windows from the outside with the carpet film as well and so did our dock mates. Keeps ice from forming in the window tracks.

You'd think we had issues with condensation, but the inside air moving constantly with the thermostat controlled Dyson fans and keeping closet doors in the V berth open kept every part of the interior warmed and without condensation. The only place we saw condensation was against the inside of the hull in the bilge above the waterline, and that was not much. We never saw any mildew. Our salon hatch opens to the cockpit and going in and out provides enough air exchange on a typical day. Or we'd open the side door to load and unload groceries, etc. The only condensation we've seen was in the cockpit after we went on the hard in southern Maryland under shrink wrap. Took three days to clean that off.

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