



**Great Loop Cruising: A Guide to the Looper Lifestyle  
At Looper-palooza  
Ft. Myers, FL**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – Finding and Buying Your Perfect Looping  
Boat**

**Thursday, January 24, 2019 – Planning & Executing your Great Loop  
AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Start	End	Session	Presenter(s)
<b><u>Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>			
3:00	4:00	<b>Registration</b>	
4:00	5:00	<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? What size boat do you 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, Curtis Stokes & Associates
5:00	5:45	<b>Financing your Great Loop Boat</b> 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.	Cindy Lewis, Sterling Associates
5:45	6:30	<b>Reception Hosted by Sterling Associates</b>	
<b><u>Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>			
8:30	9:45	<b>Intro to the Great Loop</b> 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	<b>Story of our Loop</b> 40' Mainship, 2017	Phil & Lynne Rains
10:05	10:15	<b>Break</b> <b>Sponsored by Back Cove Yachts</b>	
10:15	11:15	<b>Cruising as a Couple</b>	Robert & Kay

Creech

11:15	12:15	<b>DIY Maintenance</b>	Capt. Chris & Alyse Caldwell, Captain Chris Yacht Services
12:15	12:45	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Sponsored by Southwest Florida Yachts</b>	
12:45	1:45	<b>Marine Electronics</b>	Ben Stein, panbo.com
1:45	2:05	<b>Story of our Loop</b> 57' Carver, 2017	The Stein Family
2:05	2:45	<b>Open Q&amp;A, Wrap Up, Door Prizes</b>	
2:45	3:00	<b>Break</b>	
3:00	5:30	<b>Looper Crawl</b>	

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - Morning – Optional Group Tour of the Edison Ford Estate**

\*Each "Story of our Loop" presentation features a different "Gold Looper" that will share details about their specific trip, including the type of boat, length of time, highlights, etc.