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GREAT LAKES CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 28, 2017

Greetings All,

Industry Days 2018 will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City Monday, January 8-10, 2018. Monday will be a special classes day offering CPR and First Aid Certification. We are also trying to get a tour of the US Coast Guard Air Station to see their newest additions on Monday afternoon. General Sessions will be all day Tuesday beginning at 1000 and all day Wednesday beginning at 0845.

HAZ MAT TRAINING: A not-so-new regulation has been highlighted by the Coast Guard that requires masters and crews of vessels that transport hazardous materials, such as gasoline and diesel fuel, be certified in that training. Bob can provide that training, however we need to know how many are interested in receiving that training. If you are interested, please send a short email to him at rgschallip@sault.com with your name. We will let you know when he can hold the class during Industry Days.

BD OF DIRECTORS VOTING: If you are a member and your dues are up to date according to our records, ballots are also enclosed with this mailing. It is time to elect 5 Board Members for the next 4 years. If you or someone you know is interested in being on the Board, please feel free to write in your/their name if they are willing to serve. Directors' terms are for 4 years. Dave Bohn has decided to step down and let someone else become more involved. Please only vote for 5. A pre-addressed envelope has been provided for you to return your ballot.

PLEASE RETURN BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 30.

DUES: Last year, the Board of Directors changed the dues dates from July 1-June 30 to Jan 1-Dec 31. It seemed that about half of the members were paying one way and the other half were paying at Industry Days in January. For ease of keeping track, they voted to change the period. That is why some of you did not receive a dues notice in July. **EVERYONE** pays dues in January now. They can be paid on line through Paypal or you can send a check. Dues remain at \$40 per year.

VENDORS: Vendors will be setting up on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. It will give you a chance to get reacquainted with some of the vendors and attendees. Vendor's/Casino nite will be Tuesday evening at 1830-2100.

LIFE RAFT INSPECTIONS: Matt Walsh, Samsel Supply, has informed us that if anyone is interested in having their raft(s) inspected, they can bring them to the Conference and he will transport them to Cleveland at no charge. This is a saving of 50% on shipping cost. You **MUST** contact him to reserve a space on his truck. He can be contacted by cell phone at 216-906-3068 or email him at walshma@cox.net or mwalsh@samselsupply.com Please take advantage of this opportunity.

CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION: Monday is an optional day for attendees. We have received a lot of requests for CPR and First Aid Certification and Monday is the logical day to provide these. We will do it at a time that will allow to do the class and go to Air Station TVC. At this time, we are planning on providing CPR classes at an additional cost. CPR is \$45. Radio License class and exam are \$75 and can be done online at www.uscaptainstraining.com . LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CPR so we can plan for rooms. maschallip@yahoo.com
Haz Mat training may also be on Monday. We are still working on the logistics.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM: The program will continue at approximately 10:00 am on Tuesday (this allows for day-of arrivals to help keep cost for you down) with Licensing by Chuck Kakuska, various presentations by the USCG . Al Bernstien is also expected to return. Presenters such as Amy Sealy about weather, Roger Gauthier will talk about water levels, there will be breakout sessions. Details will follow. Many more speakers! We are also planning on our annual Membership meeting on Wednesday after the last presentation. We have some very important decisions to make regarding the By-laws of the organization. Please plan on attending that meeting.

RESERVATIONS FOR ROOMS: We locked in with the Great Wolf Lodge for the next 3 years, making rooms available for \$70 per night from Sunday night to Wednesday night for Single AND Double. Call for Triple and Quadruple rates. The water park admission IS included in your room rate. ***NOTE: The resort fee of \$29.99 will be adjusted OFF manually at the front desk a few days prior to your arrival, so the total will NOT reflect the price included in your confirmation letters***

Great Wolf's number: **1-866-962-9653**

You MUST call before 12/07/2017 to be guaranteed the room rate AND A ROOM!

Be sure to tell them you are with **Reservation # 1801GLCA**.

INDUSTRY DAYS REGISTRATION: The cost of the conference will be \$85 for members, \$105 for non members which includes lunch on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. Dinners are on your own.

I would like to be able to print out name tags with your company name and prepare your packets ahead of time. Please send your registrations back as soon as you can even if you don't want to pay at this time. It makes registration and planning a little easier. My fax # is 906-635-0941

We have established an account with PayPal to be used for registration and dues fees which can be processed in advance or at the Industry Days registration desk, not the Great Wolf Lodge desk. Go to www.glcaptains.com.

There is a link to Paypal, registration forms, and information letter. You do NOT need a personal Paypal account to pay this way. Click on “Don’t have paypal account”.

If you need more information, you can call Mary Ann Schallip @ 906-322-3283 or @ 906-635-0941. We will TRY to help. You can also email Mary at maschallip@yahoo.com

Website: www.glcaptains.com Username= members@glcaptains.com
Password= member

VENDOR/CASINO NIGHT:As I mentioned earlier, Tuesday evening, 1830-2100 will be Vendor’s/Casino Nite. Our Silent Auction items will be on display throughout the Seminar and bidding sheets will be available on Tuesday evening. Snacks and beer will be provided and there will be a cash bar available. If you would like to donate any items, please contact Bob Schallip or Mary Ann Schallip. These are VERY important, since they help to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS:If anyone is interested in applying for a “Hawse pipe” scholarship, or knows someone who is, please fill out the form and submit it to Bob Schallip, no later than January 1st or it can be emailed to Bob at rgschallip@sault.com The form can be downloaded from the information page on our web site, www.glcaptains.com .

Prizes and gifts are needed for our Silent Auction & Door prizes. Thanks in advance. Also, dealers are needed for Casino Nite. Always a lot of fun that evening. See you all January 9, 2018, and don’t forget your swimsuit!

Hope to see you in January
Bob

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Return this form to:

**Mary Ann Schallip, Secretary/Treasurer,
17592 Simonsen Rd, Barbeau, MI 49710**

E-mail: maschallip@yahoo.com Phone/Fax: 906-635-0941

**Please send \$40.00 to GLCA for the current year membership dues for the period of JAN 1-DEC 31,2018.
Make checks payable to “GLCA”.**

If you need a receipt, please check here PLEASE PRINT

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