

NORTHERN LIGHTS SAILING CLUB
TWIN CITIES, MINNESOTA

BEARINGS

Photo Contest Winner

Waikiki Sunset Cruise

By Lisa Broom



**Photo Contest Second Place
French 3-Masted Schooner
Seen while sailing to Anegada, BVI
by Diana Abbott**



Scott's Scuttlebutt

Ahoy NLSC Sailors,

I hope this issue of Bearings finds you happy, healthy and ready to sail! Spring has sprung in Minnesota, the lakes are clear of ice, and boats are being splashed. In addition, March's Trip Night was packed full of sailing adventure for us to take advantage. How exciting!

Before I get too deep into this article, I want to send a very hearty welcome to our newest members. Please join me in piping aboard Dan Hudson, Sara and Peter Discenza, Martin Mosio and Theresa Pease, Benjamin Peterson, David Holland and Sharon Hanevold. We are so glad you have joined us and look forward to getting to know you in the near future.

The upcoming April general membership meeting is one of NLSC's most significant meetings of the year. At that time, the members choose who will represent us for the next twelve months on the Board of Directors, the

voluntary body of members who is responsible for ensuring the club is financially viable and structurally sound. The meeting is bitter-sweet in a way as it means that we say adieu to some of the past Board members as they step aside, but also very exciting as we see new Officers and Chairs with fresh perspectives and ideas come forward and showcase their talents.

I am so very proud of the 2015/2016 members of the Board and where they have positioned NLSC. Their dedication to the club is awesome. In addition to the eleven monthly Board meetings that were held this year (December is traditionally an off month), many subcommittee meetings took place to address critical issues. Some of the significant accomplishments of this Board are:

- For the first time in its history, NLSC has liability insurance. As the club grows, so does our risk. We now protect the club's assets as well as the membership from unforeseen events and threats.
- After much discussion within the Board, NLSC no longer "Endorses" sailing events. Endorsed events increased NLSC's risk by giving the optics that the club has screened the event and approved of its quality, safety, and financial viable. Since Endorsed events did not necessarily follow NLSC's strict Trip Policy, the Board became aware that we may be occasionally putting NLSC at jeopardy if something unfortunate should happen on one of these trips. However, the Board agreed that it is important to make members aware of as many sailing events as we can, so in place of "Endorsed Trips", we now offer "Sailing Opportunities". Though NLSC does not take responsibility for the quality, safety, or financial attributes of the trip, we believe these trips will offer some very rewarding experiences.
- The Board codified our values as a non-discriminating, equal opportunity organization.
- The Board and NLSC membership approved modification of our Bylaws which allows the Board to make decisions away from formal meetings under very strict conditions. Specifically, the decision must be so time critical that it cannot wait until the next Board meeting. The question also cannot modify current policy, procedure, or the club's bylaws. We tested the procedure in our first e-vote in March to approve our June Lake Pepin Sponsored Trip in time for Trip Night. The procedure worked flawlessly, and the vote passed unanimously with 10 of 12 Board members submitting votes.
- We restructured the Board Chair positions so one or two members are not over tasked. Also, for the first time in NLSC's history, the Board approved of having a "Member-at-Large" position for the 2016/2017 election year. This will allow a person to be a full voting member of the Board without the obligation of chairing a committee or serving as an officer.

I truly believe the club is better positioned and better protected than ever before.

Although I have focused on the Board of Directors in this article, the reality is that the club is only as strong as its membership involvement. Historically, organizations fall under an 80/20 rule which states that 80 percent of members are passive members leaving the majority of work and organizing to 20 percent. I challenge you to be part of that 20 percent... or better yet, let's break the rule and increase the participation ratio. Your contribution doesn't have to be big or time-consuming. Stick your toe in the water by joining our monthly meeting if you have not come to one yet. Then, perhaps, offering to present a 4-Minutes-4-Safety at a meeting or writing an article/trip report for *Bearings* is a great way to contribute. In any way you choose, your unique talent will certainly enhance the NLSC experience for all members.

Fair Winds and Gentle Seas,
Scott David Woolfrey, Commodore, NLSC
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"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." — Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

**NLSC Meeting and Program
April 19, 2016**

We are pleased to present our guest speaker and NLSC member, Capt. Jim Johnson. The April meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, April 19 at the Chester Bird American Legion, 200 North Lilac Drive, Golden Valley. We hope you will join us for this interesting presentation!



Capt. Jim Johnson is a retired engineer with a life-long interest in sailing. He has sailed multiple trips on the Atlantic, Mediterranean, East Coast, Caribbean, and Great lakes. He also spent a summer on a Salmon Troller in Alaska.

Jim is an ASA Instructor through 104 Bare Boat and USCG 100 Ton Master Inland and OUPV Near Coastal.

He was awarded ASA Outstanding Instructor after teaching for *Sail Away Sailing School* last summer.

Jim will present photos and experience from a 100-day 5000 mile sailing trip, crewing aboard a 65 foot Ketch, from Greece to the Caribbean in the fall of 2014.

**Recap of NLSC Trip Night
by Marilynn Kaplan and Jerry Thomas Sicard**

Our annual NLSC Trip Night took place on Tuesday, March 15 at the Chester Bird American Legion. To a crowd of over 70 members, Jay Alan Biggs (trip chair) presented a power point slide show highlighting many of the upcoming sailing adventures. We hope everyone will take advantage of all the great sailing opportunities that are available in the coming year. The trips are listed on pages 9 & 10 as either NLSC Sponsored trips or Sailing Opportunities. **The waiting period following Trip Night has now expired, so make sure you submit your deposit checks to the specified trip chair via the US Postal Service.**

Scott Woolfrey presented a \$903 check to Patrick O’Leary, Director of Programs at Youth Sailing Resources. The donation represented the proceeds generated from the NLSC Holiday Party silent auction. Thanks again to everyone who donated and/or purchased items at the auction.

Bob Steven Mayer gave an interesting 4 minutes 4 safety presentation on boat owner’s insurance. To summarize: Don’t assume your homeowner or auto insurance policy will provide the coverage you need if you own a boat. A boat insurance policy is typically more inclusive and may include coverage for collision, property damage, bodily injury liability, comprehensive, boat towing, etc. The amount of coverage you need depends on the value of the boat, how you use it, and where you use it. NLSC members can receive a boat insurance discount through Boat US (GA83666S). Check your policies to make sure you have adequate coverage. Bob also addressed charter insurance issues. You are paying the deductible that the charter company has on the boat through your damage waiver and/or security deposit, so make sure you read your contract, note any damage to the boat during your checkout, and treat your boat with respect.



Congratulations!



Elliott Marston was the grand prize winner of the March *Bearings* contest. He correctly identified 8 out of 9 trip destinations from the photos and clues provided. His prize was a beverage of his choice at the March NLSC meeting. It was tough competition. Congratulations Elliott!

The April contest will require some reading (or at least skimming) of the April issue of *Bearings*. Included in the articles are the middle names of 7 NLSC members: Jay Biggs, Lisa Broom, Joan Gilmore, Bob Mayer, John Schlagel, Jerry Sicard, and Scott Woolfrey. Find the middle names and email the full names to zypta46@gmail.com. The first entrant with the correct list will be awarded a beverage of your choice at the April meeting and a free one-year subscription to *Bearings* (☺).



Several of the upcoming sailing events are dependent on members providing boats. Without boats, sailing isn't much fun. Depending on the type of trip and distance, there may be certain benefits for people trailering their boats - the registration fee may be waived and/or you may receive reimbursement for slip fees and mileage. Check with the organizer of each trip.

For the Ice Breaker, boat owners will receive free parking tags.

Also, arrangements can be made to have helpers available to assist you with setting up your boat, launching, and pull-out. Please consider offering your boat.

Boats Needed!!

*Ice Breaker – May 21 (boats under 23')

*Lake Pepin – June 4-5

*Barkers Island – August 13-14

*Mille Lacs – August 19-21

Note of Thanks from Jim McKie President of Youth Sailing Resources, Inc.

Dear Commodore, and Members of Northern Lights Sailing Club,

Wow!

Thank you for the generous donation to Youth Sailing Resources, Inc (YSR). The \$903.00 is greatly appreciated and will further our vision to introduce, indoctrinate, and cajole more young people to go sailing. These funds will also enable new running rigging for our newest sailboat, a Capri 26, as well as other refit items to make her seaworthy, legal, and safe.

Our 2016 plans include continued small boat sailing on Lake Nokomis during the summer, day sailing on the St Croix River (with possible overnight cruises), training of future sailing instructors, and community outreaches to kids with limited abilities to go sailing. We are also coordinating activities with other community based non-profits to encourage other boating activities. Your support will enable us to continue to widen our scope and effect.

A very sincere "Thank You!" from all of us at Youth Sailing Resources to the Members of Northern Lights Sailing Club.

Sincerely,
Jim McKie
President, Youth Sailing Resources, Inc.



Ice Breaker on Lake Nokomis - May 21



The NLSC Ice Breaker will be held on Lake Nokomis on May 21, 2016 (rain date may be May 22). Your hosts are John Joseph Schlagel and Marilyn Kaplan.

Boat owners should meet at the launch between 9am and 10:30am to help each other set up and launch their boats. Sailing will start at 11am and run until about 3pm. For anyone interested, Capt. Joan Marie Gilmore would like to practice some boating safety skills while we're out on Nokomis.

There is lawn area for picnics. Bring a lawn chair, picnic lunch/snack, beverage, and life vest (if you have one). There is also a concession stand and restrooms near the launch. We'll change boat crews about every hour.

Parking on the street is mostly free. The lot next to the launch has hourly parking meters; however, NLSC has agreed to purchase 25 all-day tags ahead of the event. Members bringing their boats will have priority for the parking tags; the remainder will be given out on a first-come basis.

For this event to take place, we need volunteers to trailer their small boats (under 23') to Lake Nokomis. So far, we have four boats committed (16' Catalina, 14' O'Day Javelin, 13' Sunfish, and 12' Mini Scow). Gas motors must be lifted out of the water; electric motors and paddles are allowed in the water.

Please email Marilyn Kaplan (zypta46@gmail.com) if you can provide a boat for this fun event and/or you plan to attend. You will also be able sign up to attend on Meetup.

SUMMER MEETUP



Bridge deck construction has resumed on the new St. Croix Crossing Bridge. Let's go take a look! The paddleboat will depart from Stillwater (525 Main Street So.) on Wednesday, June 15 at 3:30pm. You must purchase tickets ahead of time as all dates sell out early. Cost is \$10. For tickets, you should call 651-430-1234 or purchase online through St. Croix Boat & Packet Co (stillwaterriverboats.com). Plan to arrive early to secure parking. Food and beverages cannot be brought on board, but there is a cash bar on the boat. Minnesota and Wisconsin Department of Transportation engineers will discuss St. Croix Crossing bridge work.

Project staff will be present on the boat to answer questions.

The Prince Goes Sailing Fairy Tale



Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Stark, when the King was a small boy he dreamed of sailing around the world and visiting strange places, of exotic tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean. One day he announced to the surprise of his father, the king, that he was going to learn how to sail and buy a boat.

Now the prince already thought that he knew how to sail, since he had read many books on sailing and had actually been at the helm of the royal yacht, for at least 30 minutes. But just in case, the prince thought it would be a good idea to start out with a small sailboat to practice.

That very day, the prince went down to the village and bought a small eleven foot sailing sloop. The ship builder assured the prince that the boat was very seaworthy, with water tight compartments to keep it from sinking just in case it turned over. You see, the boat did not have a keel to keep it upright in the wind and required the crew, in this case the prince, to keep it from turning over.

Oh, the prince was very proud of his new sailing sloop. He put it on a cart and brought it back to the castle. On the front lawn he practiced raising the mast and rigging the sails. It looked so big with the sails up and pulling. Just wait until I get it in the water thought the prince.

The day finally came to sail the boat for the first time. The prince carted the boat to the harbor beach and lowered it into the water. Now, the wind was blowing pretty hard and in the wrong direction to launch the boat. Sooo, as the prince jumped into the boat it immediately capsized and filled with water. The flotation tanks that were to keep the boat from sinking filled with water. This was not a problem, since the boat was only in a foot of water. The prince was not discouraged. He carted the boat back to the castle and repaired the leaky flotation tanks. For the next several months the prince practiced sailing only when the wind was calm and in the correct direction.

To see the rest of the prince’s sailing adventure, please go to: www.starksravings.com/sailing/sailing_adventure.htm.

Editor’s note: If you don’t want to read any more Fairy Tales, please submit your trip reports to Bearings.

West Marine Offers Spring Prep Advice

The West Marine website currently has a wealth of information on spring boat preparation with helpful tips and expert advice along with complete project lists and suggested products and accessories you'll need to prepare for the season. Topics include: Bottom Painting & Hull Repair; Surface Care, Gelcoat & Topside Maintenance; Engine & Fuel Systems Prep; Electrical & Battery Management; Plumbing & Bilge; Woodcare & Brightwork; Trailing; Anchoring & Docking; Steering & Controls. Each of these topics has several articles and videos to help you prepare your boat for summer fun on the water. www.westmarine.com

Travel Tip by Jerry Sicard

When traveling, especially internationally, NLSC has stressed the importance of making copies of our passports as well as both sides of our credit cards, driver's license, medical insurance cards, etc. The copies should be kept separate in case of loss or theft of originals.

I now also recommend using your smart phone to take pictures of these items and send yourself an email attaching the photos. Even if you lose the copies and/or smartphone, you'll probably have access to your email.



NLSC Meetings & Sponsored Trips

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Club Meeting	April 19, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive GV 55422	Club Meeting Annual BOD Elections Guest Speaker Jim Johnson
Board Meeting	April 26, 2016	6:30pm	Davanni's Golden Valley 663 Winnetka Ave N Golden Valley 55427	Board meeting All NLSC members welcome
Club Meeting	May 17, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive GV 55422	Club Meeting To be announced
Ice Breaker	May 21, 2016	11am- 3pm	Lake Nokomis Boat launch	Open sailing and picnic Marilynn Kaplan/John Schlagel hosts free event
Board Meeting	May 24, 2016	6:30pm	Davanni's Golden Valley 663 Winnetka Ave N Golden Valley 55427	Board meeting All NLSC members welcome
Lake Pepin Weekend	June 4-5, 2016		Lake City, MN	Sponsored trip weekend Lisa Renee Broom/Jose Ayala lisabroom1014@gmail.com
Barkers Island	Aug 13-14, 2016		Superior, WI	Sponsored trip weekend Lisa Renee Broom/Monica Pelzer lisabroom1014@gmail.com
Izaty's Resort Weekend	August 19-21, 2016		Lake Mille Lacs Izaty's Resort	Sponsored trip weekend Jerry Sicard 612.940.7403 gtsicard@gmail.com



NLSC Sailing Opportunity Disclaimer

Northern Lights Sailing Club is neither endorsing nor guaranteeing any aspect of any Sailing Opportunity and accepts no liability. Any loss, damage, death, or personal injury that may occur as a result of your participation in these Sailing Opportunities is not the responsibility of Northern Lights Sailing Club.

Your decision to take part in any Sailing Opportunity is your responsibility. You are entirely responsible for your own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

- It is for you to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions.
- It is for you to decide whether the skipper(s) and/or crew members are competent to sail.
- You are reminded to always comply with the safety requirements commensurate with the sea area in which you intend to cruise.

Bareboat Chartering and Cruising Catamaran ASA 104&114	April 6-11, 2016	Departing from Tortola, British Virgin Islands	Joan Marie Gilmore captainjoan@mac.com
Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club & Upper Minnetonka Sailing School Open House	May 20, 2016 4-8pm	The Yacht Club Shorewood, MN	Free Boat Rides To reserve, call Joan Gilmore 612-871-8101 captainjoan@mac.com
Canal Boat Trip	June 18-25, 2016	Strasbourg, France	Jerry Sicard gtsicard@gmail.com
Kitchi Gami Spirit Sail	July 22-24, 2016	Near Bayfield, WI	Jay Biggs Sailor1590@yahoo.com Reeve Hutchinson
Apostle Islands Andiamo Sailing trip	July 22-24, 2016 7/21 pm pre-board	Depart from Apostle Islands Marina Bayfield, WI	Tom Embertson tembertson@comcast.net
French Polynesia (Tahiti trip)	Sept 1-15, 2016	Departing from Uturoa on island of Raiatea	Jay Biggs Sailor1590@yahoo.com
Liberty Clipper Windjammer Cruise	April, 2017 (6 days)	Departing from Nassau, Bahamas	Judy Pahlow JPahlow55110@gmail.com 651-341-7593
Summer Sailing Classes	See schedule below		Joan Gilmore 612-871-8101 captainjoan@mac.com

Capt. Joan's 2016 Summer Sailing Classes

ASA certification included for all qualified students. Non-students are also welcome.

Basic Cruising & Bareboat Chartering: ASA 103/104 – Bayfield, WI on Lake Superior. Live aboard 35' boat while learning. Includes textbooks, certifications, all breakfasts & lunches, 1 dinner. \$790. \$770 for NLSC members.

- June 16-19 with pre-boarding June 15 at 7PM
- July 14-17 with pre-boarding July 13 at 7PM
- July 28-31 with pre-boarding July 30 at 7PM
- September 25-28 with pre-boarding September 24 at 7PM

Docking: ASA 118 – Lake City, MN on Lake Pepin. Two-day class of docking under power on 30' sailboat. Includes textbook and certification. \$425. \$399 for NLSC members.

- June 28 & 29
- August 8 & 9

Bareboat Chartering: ASA 104 – Bayfield, WI on Lake Superior. Live aboard 35' boat while learning. Includes textbook, certification, all meals. \$425. \$405 for NLSC members.

- June 25-26 with pre-boarding June 24 at 7PM
- August 13-14 with pre-boarding August 12 at 7PM

Advanced Coastal Cruising: ASA 116 – Bayfield, WI to Grand Marais, MN on Lake Superior. Live aboard 35' boat while learning advanced navigation and cruising, night-sailing. All underway meals, Annapolis Book of Seamanship included. \$995. \$975 for NLSC members.

- August 18-21 with pre-boarding August 17 at 7PM

Free Day Sailing Opportunity

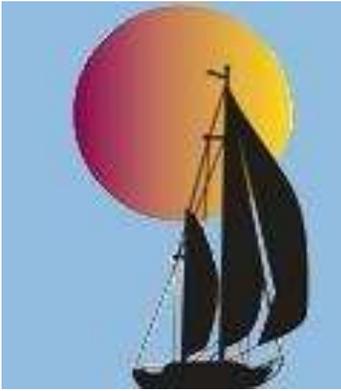
Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club & Upper Minnetonka Sailing School Open House

Friday, May 20 4-8PM. Free boat rides.

The Yacht Club, Shorewood, MN.

Call Capt. Joan Marie Gilmore 612-871-8101 / captainjoan@mac.com to reserve.





NLSC Lake Pepin Weekend June 4-5, 2016

Trip Chairs:

- Lisa Broom – lisabroom1014@gmail.com
- Jose Ayala – jmayala@toast.net

Cost: \$50 pp

- Saturday and Sunday day sailing
- Saturday evening cookout

Location:

- **Lake City Marina** – Downtown Lake City 2 blocks east of Hwy 61

Saturday - June 4 (flexible based on weather and crew desires)

- 9:00 AM - Boats in the water
- 9:30 AM - Captain's Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM morning Sail
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Lunch
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM afternoon Sail



Sunday - June 5

- 9:30 AM - Captain's Meeting
- Sailing will be arranged based on weather and boat/crew availability

Meals:

- Before 9 AM - Breakfast on your own (Sat and Sun)
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Bring your own lunch (Sat and Sun)
- 6:30 PM Dinner Included at a local home - BRING CHAIRS

206 North Franklin Street, Lake City MN 55041



Lodging: Make arrangements now!

- House rentals on VRBO.com
- Go to Lake City website for lodging links @ www.lakecity.org
- Camp @ Hok-Si-La Park
 - Located 2 miles north; register @ www.ci.lake-city.mn.us



Northern Lights Sailing Club
Lake Pepin Weekend

June 4-5, 2016

Registration and Waiver Form

Name _____

Dual Member Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dual Member Phone _____

Dual Member Email _____

Disclaimer:

By making application for and attending the Lake Pepin Sailing Event on June 4-5, 2016 arranged by Northern Lights Sailing Club (NLSC), I am fully cognizant of all risks of travel and arrangements for trips of this nature and fully disclaim, waive, and discharge NLSC, its officers, and members from any and all liability, claims, or responsibilities with regard to the proposed trip and arrangements made with respect thereto, even if caused by the negligence or purported negligence of NLSC, its officers, or members. Note: All members both single and dual must sign application.

Signed _____ Date _____

Dual-Member _____ Date _____

Please Check Below –

- | | Member | Dual Member |
|---|------------|-------------|
| 1. Are you willing and able to act as a 1 st Mate? | Y ___N ___ | Y ___N ___ |
| 2. Would you prefer Vegi Burgers? | Y ___N ___ | Y ___N ___ |
| # of burgers you would like (beef or vegi) | _____ | _____ |

Please note here any serious food allergies:

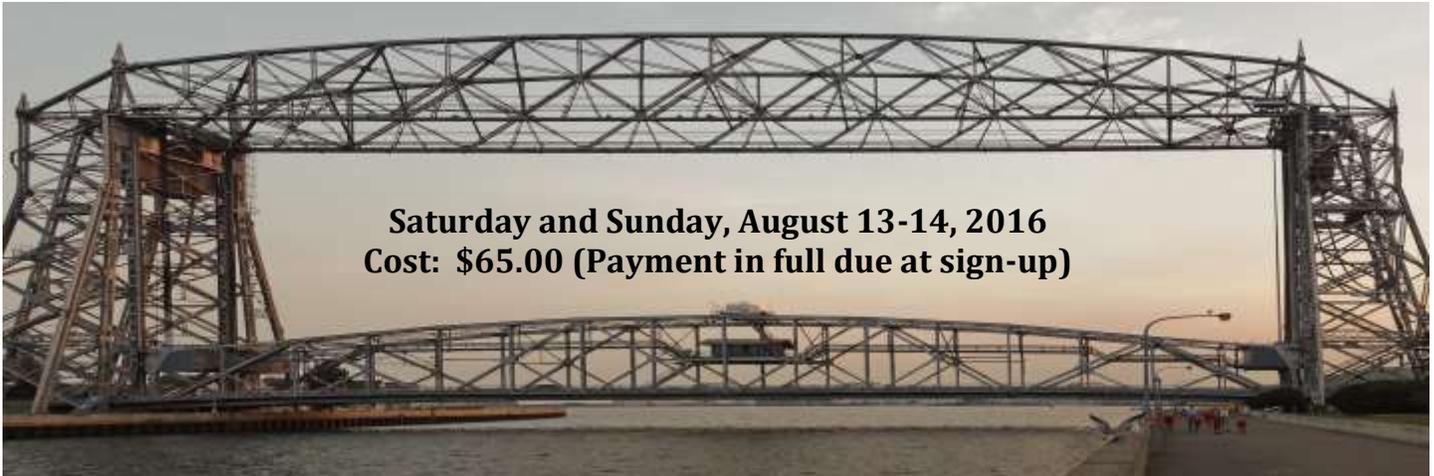
Please mail this form with check payable to NLSC for \$50 per person to:

Lisa Broom
4360 151st LN NE
Ham Lake MN 55304

This is a NLSC Sponsored trip. All NLSC policies apply.



NLSC Weekend at Barker's Island Marina – Superior, WI



Included in the \$65 fee: *(make checks payable to NLSC)*

- Crew spot on a 20' to 30' sailboat
- Meals:
 - Continental Breakfast Saturday and Sunday
 - Brown-Bag Lunch Saturday and Sunday
 - Water, coffee (BYOB)
- Dinner will be SELF PAY at Captain Barkers?
- Use of marina's clubhouse, restrooms and showers



NOT Included in the \$65 fee:

- Friday and/or Saturday Night Lodging, but here are some nearby options: *(Make your reservations ASAP)*
 - **Barker's Island Inn** (adjacent to marina)
(715) 392-7152 or (800) 344-7515
 - **Holiday Inn Express** (½ mile from marina)
(715) 392-3444
 - **Superior Bayfront Inn** (½ mile from marina)
(715) 392-4783
 - **Nearby Campgrounds** (tent or RV)
- Transportation to/from event

Trip Chairs:

Lisa Broom
 4360 151st LN NE
 Ham Lake MN 55304
 612-269-6702-mobile
 lisabroom1014@gmail.com

Monica Pelzer
 Due to Monica's
 varied work schedule,
 please direct questions to
 Lisa Broom.



This is a NLSC Sponsored trip. All club policies apply.

ONE OPENING!



June 18-25, 2016 Cruise the Canals of France

Cruising Northeastern France from Hesse to Boofzheim

This will be a 7 day journey of 104 kilometers with 43 locks. Stops along the way include Arzviller, Saverne, Hochfelden, with Strasbourg and Erstein next to the Rheine River and the German border. With wine and beer, can it get any better than that?!

The boat will be the 48' Grand Classique. It sleeps 12 with 5 double cabins, 3 heads, and has a marvelous sundeck. We will have only 10 people on board.

The boat cost is \$700.00 per person for the week.

For more information, please contact:

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gtsicard@gmail.com

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Summer meetings are potluck dinners held at members' homes. Meeting locations are listed in *Bearings* and on the NLSC website, www.nlsc.org.

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