

Before You Arrive

Charters:

- **Tech & Spec Sheet** (for your boat) – for charters, this will be sent to you before you arrive.
- **Cruising Guide:** Information on arrival, briefing, cruising, and debriefing. It's vital that you read this thoroughly before arriving otherwise your departure from our docks could be delayed.

<https://www.greatlakessailingco.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/GLSC-Cruising-Guide-20.pdf>

- **Docking & Harbor Handling Guidelines:** Please review prior to arrival.

<https://www.greatlakessailingco.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Docking-and-Harbor-Handling-Competency.pdf>

<https://www.greatlakessailingco.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Docking-Harbor-Handling-Guidelines.pdf>

Sailing School:

- Read your books & watch videos – Students who take the time to thoroughly and study learning materials in advance do have an advantage and retain more than their counterparts who do not.
- Bring a Lifevest – We have water ski style lifevests to borrow while you are here or bring your own.
- Packing & Provisioning – see below.

When You Arrive

The address is: 12935 West Bay Shore Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49684

During Business Hours:

- Unload in the loading/unloading zone – see map
- Take your gear to the big white tent by the loading zone
- Stop into the office to take care of any paperwork and then we will show you to your boat.

Outside of Business Hours:

- Unload in the loading/unloading zone – see map
- You should already have instructions as to where your boat is located. Look for the greeting board hanging from the lifelines with your name and the name of the boat on it.
- The boat will be unlocked, with an interior light on.
- A laminated card will be in plain view with instructions for the marina bathhouse, wi-fi and suggestions for restaurants, grocery, pharmacy, ice machines and more.
- The building code is 2022*
- The boat will be set up so you will have a trouble-free evening. The staff arrives at 9am if you have any questions.
- The after-hours phone number is on board if you have any questions or issues during your first evening.
- **PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN BOARDING OR DEBOARDING AFTER DARK** – The docks are lighted but a flashlight may be a good idea.

Once Aboard

Yellow Operations Manual:

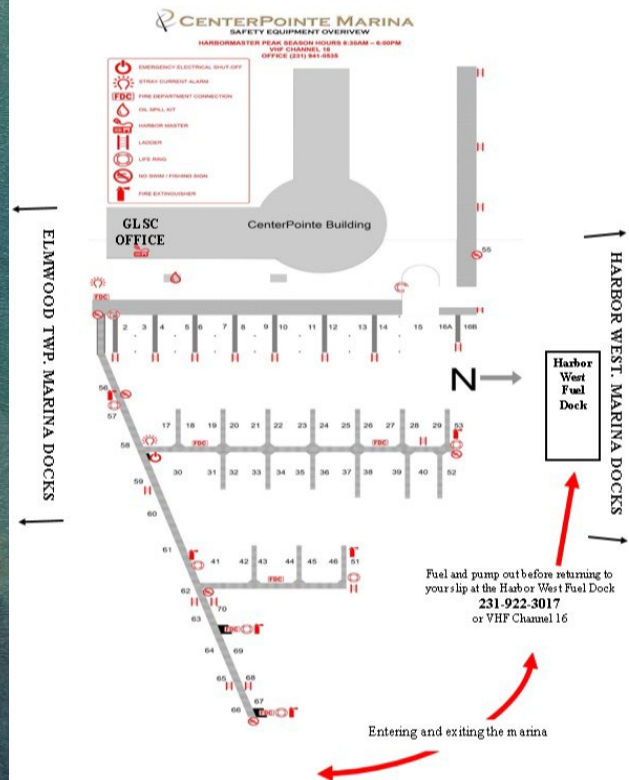
Look for the yellow operations manual on the nav station in the boat. Please review to familiarize yourself with the boat. This will have detailed instructions for operating the stove, electric, shower, and using the marine toilet onboard.

Please refer to the yellow operations manual on the nav station for instructions for using showers and toilets.

DO NOT bring any toilet paper from home, we will provide it. Using paper for a domestic toilet will clog and plug a marine sanitation device (toilet).

Parking:

Move all cars to our lot across the street after unloading your gear. Do not park in the parking garage or on the parking deck. The parking deck is reserved for tenants of the building only. **YOUR CAR WILL BE TOWED IF LEFT IN THESE SPACES.**



If you need assistance with anything along the way or once on board, please call **231.941.0535 during office hours**, or **231.620.8068 after office hours**.



Packing Tips & Gear Suggestions:

Since you will be “cruising” away from our facility during your charter, you may want to pack lighter and smarter as you prepare at home for your trip. Remember a sailboat has limited storage space onboard and other sail mates will need space as well. Over packing is the most frequent oversight made. Layering-up is the best strategy for packing clothes.

Thin, light layers are good as cool mornings can turn to hot humid afternoons. Cruising in our waters is a casual affair and unless you have a special stop planned at a very exclusive restaurant, the formal wear is best left at home. The following list will help you plan accordingly.

- T-shirts, Shorts, Swimsuit, Beach towel, Sunscreen
- Long sleeve shirt & pants for cool evenings and sun protection
- Light sweater, sweatshirt or jacket
- Sun hat, wool hat, gloves
- Boat Shoes or sneakers (no black soled shoes)
- Casual clothes for dining ashore
- Foul weather gear
- Sleeping Bag & pillow or bring your own linens
- Toiletry items