



2935 W Bay Shore Drive, Suite 185  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231-941-0535

## Pre Arrival Information

### Office Hours

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Great Lakes Sailing Company offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. If assistance is needed after hours, GLSCo management can be reached via cell phones listed in the operations manual on the boat.

### Arriving After Hours

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The staff is normally around the office and the docks until 6pm. If you arrive after hours, park your car in the loading/unloading zone and walk down the dock until you see **your name on a sign hanging on the boats bow.**

- The boat will be unlocked
- Interior lights will be left on
- A laminated card will be in plain view with directions to the marina bathhouse, restaurants, grocery, pharmacy, ice machines and more.
- The boat will be set up so you will have a trouble-free evening. The staff arrives at 8:30am 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 BRINGING A FLASHLIGHT IS A GOOD IDEA.**

### Bathroom Facilities

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Bathroom facilities are located next to the Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center office, a few steps down the hallway inside the CenterPointe building. Use the same entrance as you would to get to the Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center office – can't miss it.

### Loading & Unloading

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Please use carts for transporting your gear to your yacht or car. Please use the parking spots on the south side of the building (by the trash bin) when unloading your gear. Please refrain from driving onto the docks with your vehicle as they need to be kept clear for other customers loading and unloading.

### Parking

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**The south lower lot by the marina is for drop off and loading. Across the street, just north of "Tuscan Bistro" is for overnight and long term parking. There is a tunnel that runs underneath the road for easy access.** Do not park in the parking garage or on top of the parking deck. **Please do not park any vehicles under the upper or lower levels of the parking garage as these spaces are reserved for tenants of the building. YOUR CAR WILL BE TOWED IF LEFT IN THESE SPACES.** If special arrangements are needed, please let us know. Wow, that's a lot of parking rules but we're just trying to keep the landlords happy.



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### **Luggage**

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Soft luggage and gear bags are the preferred type of packing for a boat. Hard luggage is NOT recommended unless you plan on leaving it in your car. Gear bags are easily stowed and keep your belongings in one place. This is very important to adhere by.

### **Packing Tips & Gear Suggestions**

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Since you will be "cruising" away from our facility during your charter, you may want to pack lighter and smarter as you prepare for your trip at home. Remember a sailboat has limited storage space onboard and that 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      Swim suit
- Long sleeve shirt & pants for cool evenings and sun protection
- Light sweater, sweatshirt or jacket
- Boat Shoes or sneakers (**no black soled shoes**)
- Casual clothes for dining ashore
- Foul weather gear
- Sleeping Bag & pillow or bring your own linens
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Toiletry items

Refer to the "Standard Inventory" PDF found on our website: [www.bbvc.com](http://www.bbvc.com), then click the "Great Lakes Charters" tab and then click "Fleet Rates" to find the inventory sheet.

**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). We have a very well stocked grocery store less than a mile from our facility that should meet your individual needs for food.

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### **Directions to Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center**

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If you'd like to print up a MapQuest map, click this link: <http://mapq.st/jigiPN>  
The address is: **12935 West Bay Shore Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49684**



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### Coming from the south:

1. Take US 131 north to M115 west to M37 north.
2. M37 turns into US 31 and goes right into Traverse City.
3. In Traverse City, US 31 comes to a "T" and you'll see West Bay straight ahead. Turn left here and see below for "Final Approach".

### Coming from the east or from I-75:

- Take the Grayling exit 254 I-75 business loop.
- After downtown Grayling, take M72 west towards Kalkaska
- Go through downtown Kalkaska and turn left which is still M72 towards Traverse City. You'll see a Burger King on your right and a gas station on the left at the intersection where you turn left.
- Follow M72 west towards Traverse City
- You'll come to a traffic light after about 17 miles. The Grand Traverse Resort will be on your right (large, glass tower resort). Turn left at this light towards Traverse City. Believe it or not, you're still on M 72 west.
- At this point, the road takes on different names as each township and city likes to confuse things. But if you're on the main 4 lane road with the bay on the right, you're on M72 west (also known along the way as US 31, Munson Ave, Front St, Grandview Pkwy).
- Head for Traverse City, keep the bay to the right and when you pass the beaches and parks of downtown Traverse City, see "Final Approach".

### Final Approach:

A large grocery store called "**Toms**" is on the left at the **M22 / M72 junction**. You will continue to drive along the bay heading **north towards Sutton's Bay on M22**. Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center is about a mile past this junction on the right. As you pass this junction you'll notice;

- The bay is on your right
- "Apache Trout Grill" restaurant is on the right and now you're getting close.
- A large gas station soon approaches on the left called "Speedway"
- The Centerpointe building (home of Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center and Solstice Sailing) is immediately on your right and is **a large, 4-story, redwood sided office building with fake seagulls on the side (can't miss that) and with a parking deck.**

**On the right side of the road, directly across the street from the Speedway gas station is the entrance to the Centerpointe Marina. It is a shared driveway with the Elmwood Township Marina. This driveway goes straight towards the parking garage. If you mistakenly drive past this driveway and end up on the upper parking deck, go back as it's a lot easier to load and unload at the marina level.**

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**