



# “Welcome Aboard”

## Sailing School Information

### Arriving

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We encourage students that have enrolled in any class to arrive in town the evening before your class starts so you'll have a fresh, relaxed morning the first day. You can stay aboard the boat or we'd be happy to suggest an area hotel.

If staying aboard...Students are welcome to stay aboard the boat during the class **only if it has been arranged with the Great Lakes Sailing Company office**. Stay-aboard space is limited to those that request first so please call the office if you'd like to stay aboard during the class!

If you've arranged to stay aboard, our policy is that your boat will be ready to board by 8pm. If the boat is ready earlier and a staff member is around, we will show you your boat. This allows you to drop your bags, get comfortable on board and get a good night's sleep before meeting the instructor at 9am the next day. You may be sharing the class boat with another couple or a single individual so be sure not to lock the boat up if you decide to leave the boat and browse the town!

[After hours contact number: 231-620-8068](tel:231-620-8068)

### 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 south parking lot (not in the parking garage) zone and walk towards the marina. Walk the docks until you see **your name on a sign hanging on the boats bow**. Our policy is;

- 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.
- If a problem arises and you need to contact us after hours, call the numbers at the end of this welcome packet. Contact numbers are also on the first page of the charter operation manual which is on board each boat.

### Office Hours

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The Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center 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, Great Lakes Sail & Yacht Center management can be reached via cell phones listed in the operations manual (the blue book) on the boat.

### Bathroom Facilities

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Bathroom facilities are located next to the Great Lakes Sailing Co. office just a few steps down the hall. You'll need a key card (located on the boat) to enter the bathroom area after hours.

### What should I bring?

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A few suggestions are;

- Layer up – it may be chilly in the morning and hot in the afternoon so dress to peel off the layers.
- **Deck Shoes! Or non-marking soles** are the only shoes allowed on board.  
**No black soled shoes.**
- Soft Luggage is a must as storage space is limited and you'll need to stow your gear.
- Sun screen and a sun hat or baseball hat
- A bath towel or beach towel.
- Sleeping bag or linens and a pillow for the cabin if you will be sleeping aboard the boat.
- Bring a raincoat and rain pants.
- Maybe a book or two – after class, marina life is very relaxing!
- Your textbook(s), ASA logbook, a notebook and pen plus any other study aids or materials you find beneficial.
- Our boats are equipped with PFD's and all safety gear but if you have your own PFD that fits you better, bring it along!

To see what the boat is stocked with, go to [www.GreatLakesSailingCo.com](http://www.GreatLakesSailingCo.com) – “Great Lakes Charters” then scroll down to “Fleet & Rates”. On that page you'll find “Standard Boat Inventory”.

If you're taking the 101/103 combo and will be back dockside each evening, its okay to over-pack and leave a few things in your car. If you're taking the 104 or beyond and will be away from the dock overnight, don't pack too much as space is limited on board.

### Directions to Great Lakes Sailing Company

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If you'd like to print up a MapQuest map, click this link: <http://mapq.st/ijgiPN>

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

#### 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



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- 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 a parking deck and fake sea-gulls on the side of the building (can't miss that, eh?)**.

**On the right side of the road, directly across the street from the Speedway gas station is the entrance to the Centerpointe Marina. This is a shared driveway with the Elmwood Township Marina. This driveway goes straight towards our parking lot, and you'll see the BayBreeze sign by the docks.**

### Parking:

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**For 101 & 103 students** - after unloading your vehicle, if you arrive at night you can leave your car

Park by the dumpster in the south parking lot. In the morning after check in you must move your car to the long term parking lot across the street with the sign “Additional CenterPointe Parking. There is a pedestrian tunnel that goes under the road back to our parking lot.

**For all other students (104, 105, etc)** – after unloading your vehicle, please park across the street in the long-term parking lot with the sign “Additional CenterPointe Parking”. There is a pedestrian tunnel that goes under the road and back to the marina or simply walk across the street to get back to the marina.



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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**