



**Gold Looper Reunion**  
**Charlotte Harbor Conference & Event Center**  
**Punta Gorda, FL**

**January 27-28, 2026**

**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Start	End	Session	Presenter(s)
<b><u>Tuesday, January 27th</u></b>			
2:00	5:30	<b>Registration</b> Exhibits and Ship's Store will also be open beginning at 10:00 am and will remain open throughout the day.	
5:30	6:30	<b>Cash Bar Reception</b> Connect with new and old friends at this reception for Gold Looper Reunion and Looper-palooza attendees.	
6:30	8:00	<b>Gold Looper Dinner Buffet</b> During dinner, you'll have opportunity to re-connect with your fellow Loopers and relive those Looping stories.	
<b><u>Wednesday, January 28th</u></b>			
9:00	10:30	<b>Down East Loop</b> So what's next after the Great Loop? Looking for a very special adventure unlike any of the other cruises? On the DECL, the cruising waters are majestic with towering geology, unfathomable depths, foreign cultures, exotic and abundant wildlife, and waters of vast scale and diversity. It's also a test of, but not necessarily a challenge to, the crew's spirit of adventure and discovery as well as its self-sufficiency and independence.	Aubrey & Terri Smoot
10:45	11:30	<b>Down East Loop II</b> Aubrey and Terri Smoot continue their presentation about the Down East Loop and then other DECL Gold Loopers, Patrick and Leila Forney and Linda and Scott Sarine, join them for a panel discussion and interactive Q&A with the audience.	Patrick & Leila Forney, Linda & Scott Sarine, Aubrey & Terri Smoot
11:30	1:00	<b>Combined Lunch</b> At this lunch, you'll be joining Looper-palooza attendees so you can inspire other Loopers that are currently in progress or still in the planning stages of their adventures.	
1:00	2:30	<b>The Bahamas</b> This discussion will cover what's needed to visit the Bahamas--the approximate costs of doing so, safely crossing the Gulf Stream, what should be expected once you get there, and some of the areas the presenters have cruised to and thoroughly enjoyed. These will include the Abacos, Berry Islands, New Providence, Eleuthera and the Exumas as far south as Black Point and Georgetown. The Exuma Land and Sea Park will be discussed in detail as well as Staniel Cay and the islands near there. The Bahamas is one of the most beautiful cruising grounds on the planet, and is easily accessible by Looper-style boats.	Mike Bell & Marilou Zachary
2:45	3:00	<b>Group Photo</b> Join Looper-palooza and Gold Looper Reunion attendees for a commemorative photo outside the event center on the river side of the building	
3:00	5:00	<b>Roundtable Discussions &amp; Hands-on Demonstrations</b> There will be a variety of tables and topics including roundtables that will address topics about life after the Loop.	Various Sponsors and Members
3:00	5:00	<b>Women's Session</b> While everyone handles the roles aboard their boat in their own way, we always find there are some topics women prefer to discuss with other women. Three Gold Looper ladies will host this small group session to answer whatever questions others have about Looping. Ladies only, please! There will be two sessions--one from 3:00-4:00 and one from 4:00-5:00. You can pick one session and then participate in the other activities scheduled for the afternoon or you are welcome to stay for both sessions if you'd like.	Panel of Gold Loopers