



Great Loop Cruising: A Guide to the Looper Lifestyle Atlantic City, NJ

Friday, September 19, 2025 & Saturday, September 20, 2025

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, September 19th

Optional Add-On Event

Boat Buying Workshop Presented by Great Loop Yacht Sales

This optional workshop is free for anyone registering for the Looper Lifestyle seminar, but you must check the box during registration to attend this optional add-on.

Start	End	Session	Presenter(s)
8:30	9:00	Registration for those attending Boat Buying Workshop	
9:00	10:30	How to Find and Buy Your Perfect Great Loop Boat Buying a boat can either be one of the most stressful parts of Looping, or it can be a fun adventure. Seasoned Loopers and founders of Great Loop Yacht Sales, Michael Martin and Brent Bowlin, believe the process should be an educational, painless, and positive experience that sets the tone for your Loop. During this session, Michael and Brent will give you an overview of the boat buying process and dive into some features on a variety of popular makes/models to help you determine the right boat for your Loop.	Michael Martin & Brent Bowlin, <i>Great Loop Yacht Sales</i>
10:30	10:45	Break	
10:45	11:15	Planning for the Cost of Looping Kim Russo interviews Cathy Aull about how to plan your finances to cover your Looping boat and the adventure itself.	Cathy Aull, <i>Edward Jones</i>
11:15	12:15	Navigating Boat Insurance in Today's Market: What Great Loop Cruisers Need to Know in 2025 What can those seeking marine insurance expect for the rest of 2025 and beyond? Chris will share current information including market trends, key policy elements, navigation limits for Loopers, underwriting and eligibility details, and money-saving tips.	Chris Plum, <i>Marks Marine Insurance</i>
12:15	1:00	Lunch	
1:00	1:45	Financing your Great Loop Boat This session will provide information on how to obtain financing for your boat, including general bank requirements for a down payment, terms, and other factors that affect financing such as the age of the boat. Cindy will also give details on the overall state of the market and why one should consider borrowing versus paying cash for their vessel.	Cindy Lewis, <i>Sterling Associates</i>



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1:00	2:00	Registration for those not attending the morning Boat Buying Workshop	
2:00	3:15	Intro to the Great Loop Kim Russo will cover the basics of the Great Loop route, answer some of the most frequently asked questions, and take you on a tour of the Great Loop through photos, sharing important details along the way.	Kim Russo, AGLCA
3:15	3:35	Story of Our Loop <i>Quo Vadimus</i> , Bayliner 4588, Completed in 2015	Foster Schucker & Susan Wilson
3:35	3:50	Break	
3:50	5:15	Basic Navigation This seminar will present the boater with the knowledge of the navigation, equipment and other information that will assist them in completing the Great Loop safely. We will discuss what is required, some of the changes in boating certificates and what the boater should have on their vessel during the trip. Although there is not enough time to cover all that one might encounter, it will give the attendees enough information and resources to safely navigate the eastern half of the United States. Discussion is definitely encouraged as the interaction between attendees makes for a better learning experience.	Ralph Bernard, <i>America's Boating Club/ US Power Squadrons</i>
5:15	6:15	Cash Bar Reception	

Saturday, September 20th

9:00	9:20	Story of Our Loop <i>Live the Dash</i> , Silverton 45, Completed in 2024.	Jordan, Emily, Lauren & Reed Bohonek
9:20	10:50	Weather Aboard After learning how to dock your boat, learning how to read and understand weather forecasts is the next important lesson to learn as a cruiser. Being able to pick the right	Foster Schucker & Susan Wilson

conditions to sail can make the difference between a fabulous boating adventure or sleeping on deck for the rest of your voyage. Foster Schucker and Susan Wilson will demystify weather forecasts. They will also talk about popular weather apps and help you create your own "Go-No Go" criteria. They cover not only the East Coast but also the Great Lakes and the river systems.

10:50	11:00	Break	
11:00	12:00	DIY Maintenance Save time and some money by taking on routine and periodic maintenance yourself. If you have changed the oil in your car, you can change the oil in your boat. And while you're at it, let's take it to the next level and change the fuel and oil filters, water pump impellor, pencil zincs and serpentine belt. It's as easy as D I Y.	Jay Kraft, <i>Trawlers Great Lakes</i>
12:00	1:00	Lunch	
1:00	1:20	Story of our Loop <i>Sunset Delight</i> , 52' Krogen Express, Completed in 2016	Clark & Evelyn Woodworth
1:20	2:30	Clark's Practical Guide to Anchoring This talk will look at the practical steps for safely anchoring out for one or more nights and how to take the worry out of anchoring. This talk includes how to pick anchorages and how to separate good spots from bad spots within the anchorage. The talk will cover options on how to deal with problems ranging from incoming weather fronts and sweltering heat to bugs and more. The talk will look at possible solutions to problems that may come up while anchored and will cover weighing the anchor. In addition, the talk will cover terms and equipment and how it is deployed.	Clark & Evelyn Woodworth
2:30	2:40	Break	
2:40	3:40	Planning Your Adventure This session includes an overview of tips and essential items to bring with you on your Great Loop Adventure.	Kim Russo
3:40	4:00	Story of My Loop <i>ADDICTION</i> , 30' Sea Ray, Competed in 2021	Tom Corrigan
4:00	4:45	Open Q&A, Wrap Up, Door Prizes	