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Summer in Charlevoix....some are not!

I don't care what anyone says, it has been a beautiful summer in Charlevoix so far and the forecast for August is more sunshine and fun! July found us with 96% occupancy. Interest in slip ownership has increased with a few sales this summer. All in all, good signs for the future of boating.

Those that have been able to make it out cruising have reported good weather and great experiences. "Summer Mistress" reported that the North Channel fishing was excellent and that the improvements to Killarney Mountain Lodge and the Sportsman were great and worth a visit.

The Venetian Festival brought us new friends and great entertainment. As always, the fireworks exceeded all expectations!

There are many local events scheduled for August, farm to table harvest dinners, art shows, summer sales, and so much more! Come and enjoy Charlevoix and Northwest Marine.

Don't forget....



As with every large gathering of people there have been a few problems reported to us and worth mentioning here as a reminder to all.

There is a no rafting policy in the harbor and dinghys must be kept within the confines of your slip area. We have witnessed ski boats, whalers, and runabouts rafted off boats in the harbor.

We have had people use other other peoples slips without asking and causing confusion with transients necessitating movement of their boats and loss of income for owners. Do not use what is not yours without permission.

No matter how many times we say "No Trailers Allowed In The Parking Lots" there are always a few that show up.

We have two great designated grilling areas. Please do not grill on the lawns, docks, or elsewhere.

I would like to end with a thank you to those of you who honored July's "no parking rule" in front of Foster Boat Works. August 1st you can once again park on the west side of the Foster lot but as always, never directly in front of the condos. "Thank You".



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Water temperatures on the rise

By Mark Torregrossa

The warmer than normal winter and now a warmer summer are causing the Great Lakes to warm back up.

We went through two years of generally colder than normal weather in the Great Lakes. During the time from late 2013 to late 2015, Great Lakes water both on the surface and through the entire volume of the Great Lakes.



Now the trend for Great Lakes water temperatures is on the upswing. The surface water temperatures aren't so much warmer than this time last year, but the deeper waters of the Great Lakes are really warming up.

Lake Superior's entire water is 1.5 degrees warmer than this time last year. That's a lot of water, and additional warmth. Lake Michigan is 2.9 degrees warmer through the entire water volume of the lake. Lake Huron is almost two degrees warmer, and Lake Erie is almost three degrees warmer.

Together, the Great Lakes have around six quadrillion gallons of water, according to my calculations. I used the total volume of the Great Lakes, as given by the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. Then I converted the total cubic kilometers into gallons.

So, although surface water temperatures may actually be a little cooler than last year at the current time, warmth is building below. Of course, the hot weather coming in the next few days will continue to heat our Great Lakes.

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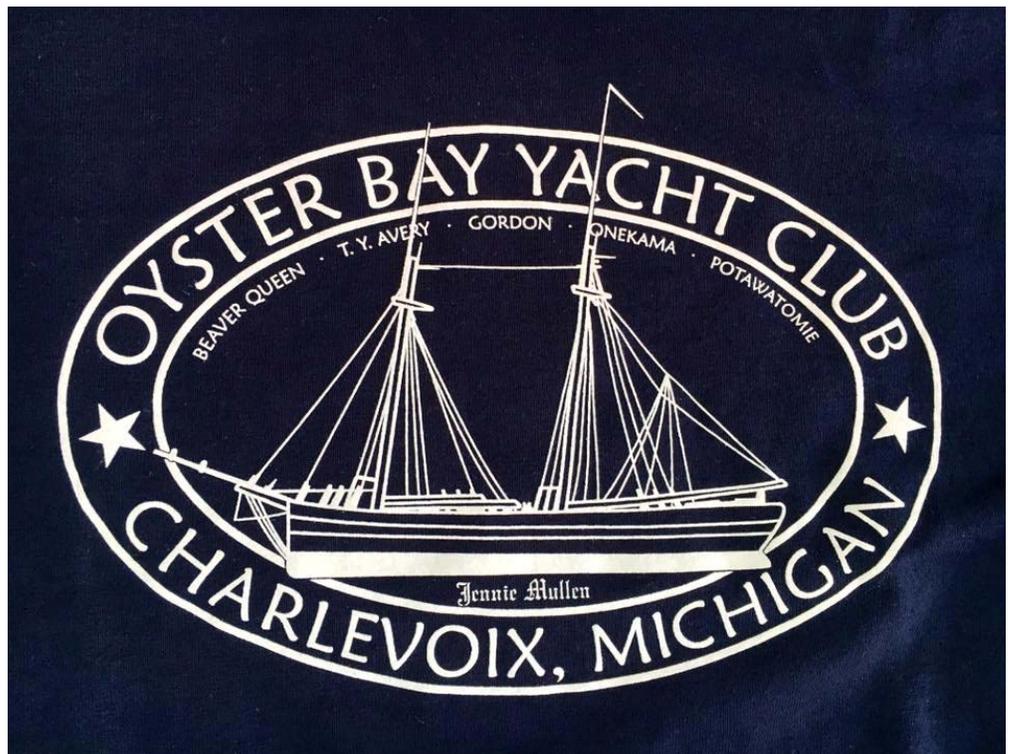
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Amenities

Transient slips: Y
Pump-out: Y
Gas: N
Diesel: N
Lifts: N
Launch ramp: Nearby
Engine repair: N
Hull repair: N
Marine store: N
Restaurant: Nearby
Showers: Y
Laundromat: Y

The Lake Charlevoix region in northern Michigan is ripe for adventure. Located just off of Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix is the perfect base for countless day and weekend trips. Sometimes, though, it's nice to stay somewhere familiar, put your feet up and relax.

Northwest Marine Yacht Club, whose slogan is "A port you can finally call home!" is such a place. Founded in 1981, Northwest Marine was Michigan's first "dockominium," meaning boaters can purchase slips at the marina, rather than renew a lease each season. The marina's basic services — including its impeccably clean facilities and friendly staff — contribute to the family-friendly and low-key atmosphere. The marina also offers seasonal rentals, a swimming pool, a fire pit, picnic areas, free Wi-Fi, and shower and laundry facilities.

However, Northwest Marine's homey and tranquil atmosphere doesn't mean it's lackluster; Eric Kammerman, Northwest Marine's harbormaster, says the marina is very socially active. Each year, the marina holds a spring fling, as well as an annual picnic. Kammerman says the social committee usually schedules additional events throughout the season.

The marina is near the public beach and playground, and just a short walk to downtown Charlevoix's shops, markets and restaurants — it's the perfect combination of private yet accessible. Although Northwest Marine does not offer any repair services, there are municipal launch ramps and lifts nearby, and the Irish Boat Shop's extensive service department is within a stone's throw.

"We are walking distance to anything you need," Kammerman says.

There are 207 slips at Northwest Marine for boats up to 55 feet. Kammerman says there are roughly 17 transient slips, depending on which members are out on the water for the day. He recommends boaters call the morning of the day they'd like to dock at a transient slip. For more tech-savvy boaters, the marina will be using Dockwa this season, allowing boaters to reserve a slip directly from their smartphone or computer.

So if you need a place with friendly faces to recuperate for a day (or an entire season), Northwest Marine Yacht Club is there.

"It's a great destination," Kammerman says. "Come in and make it your home." ★