



Clam, Torch, Skegemog and Elk Lake Cruise

Water Wonderland Chapter
of the
Antique and Classic Boat Society

11:30 am, Monday, July 24, 2017 (rain-day possible)

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Cruise Information

We have chosen a weekday for the cruise, as Torch Lake and the Restaurant is VERY busy on weekends.

We will start the cruise at 11:30am sharp in front of Dewitt Marine in the Clam Lake “no wake zone”. Even though there is a sign stating “Ramp Closed”, Dewitt Marine’s ramp is available for a fee of \$25. It’s a great 2 boat ramp, just recently rebuilt with very long docks on both sides. **Please arrive early if you need to fuel up (available at Dewitt) or make minor adjustments.** The Cruise Leaders will be present at Dewitt by 10 am, should you need assistance.

Cruising Speed

The cruising speed will be based on the slowest boat. Please inform us of the comfortable cruising speed of your boat. Those wishing to go faster in the lakes, please re-group at the No Wake zone in Clam Lake, the entrance to Torch River and the entrance to Spencer Bay in Elk Lake.

Itinerary

After leaving the No-Wake Zone in front of *Dewitt Marine*, we first will do a loop of **Clam Lake** to make sure that all the boats are working well. Passing through the No-Wake zone again, we will pass the Docksider restaurant out into **Torch Lake**. Depending on the wind direction we will choose the best side of the lake and head to the south end. Passing the “Sand Bar”, we will enter the Torch River single file (No Wake) for several miles. Leaving Torch River we will enter *Skegemog Lake*, make a half loop (again depending on the wind direction) and proceed to The Narrows. Entering **Elk Lake** we will proceed across the lake into the **Spencer Bay**.

Traveling north through Spencer Bay, into another No Wake zone. Ahead will be the ***Riverwalk Grill and Taproom***, our lunch site. Choose a finger dock directly in front of the restaurant. (The painted docks are clearly marked as private docks for the adjacent condo's). If more docking space is required, there are Elk Rapids municipal docks located just past the highway bridge on the starboard side of the river. After a leisurely "off the menu", the route back will be the captains choice. There is a lot of Elk Lake to explore that we will not go through in the morning. If you prefer to accompany the cruise leaders, those of you who want to go with us can decide on our route back to the marina.

Reservations

Reservations are not required but highly suggested, should we have to choose a rain day or you are delayed in arriving. The preferred contact method is by email.

Hope you can attend. It should be another great cruise as everyone who has participated in the past have agreed.

Don't for forget the Boats on the Boardwalk and Hessel the following weekends

Dennis and Barb Hansen