



## 2026 Apostles Islands Cruise August 23<sup>rd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2026

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Catalina 22 Apostles Islands Cruise August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Below is the itinerary for the trip. There is a Plan A and a Plan B. The winds, weather, and group will determine which route we take. But we must remember that on Lake Superior the Lake is the boss! If you are interested or planning to Join us for the cruise, please register online at: <https://forms.gle/26M6D4JwDQ7eWGUFA> so that you can get signed up. You will also need to make reservations at the Madeline Island Marina (link below) as well as the Bayfield City Marina. I would expect the costs for slips to be around \$70 for the night. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [svlakeshark@gmail.com](mailto:svlakeshark@gmail.com). Marina reservations fill up fast and this year they are not allowing me to hold spaces so sign up soon! Cancellations within 24 hours will be issued a full refund for Madeline Island according to their harbor master. If you can't find a slip or would prefer to save the cost, you can always anchor! We hope to see you in the Apostles Islands this year.

### Plan A (if the weather holds)

- **Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> = Launch Day!**
  - With everyone coming from out-of-town boats will be able to rig at their leisure and launch from the Bayfield City Ramp. If you need help or want help raising the mast, please let me know.
  - The cost for Launching is \$15 per boat and parking will be available for your truck & trailer for the week with the marina or at the ramp.
  - After launching you'll move your boat over to the Marina where we will plan to spend the night
  - Once docked feel free to explore Bayfield. I highly recommend the Maritime Museum as it's a fantastic look at the history of the Apostles and the various shipwrecks you may see. There are also a good number of shops and ice cream stores to try (if you like sweets).
    - Please note the closest Chandlery is at Port Superior Marina about a 15 min motor south or a short drive if you need minor items
  - As we get closer, I will send out emails regarding supper plans and preferences for the group. Last time we had a fantastic picnic in the park!
  - After Supper we will meet for a Skippers meeting and Ice Cream social. This will be a time to enjoy watching the sun set over the lake as we discuss our route for the week and turn those dreams of adventure into reality!
    - My Wife and I will provide Ice Cream, toppings, and disposable utensils for all who would like a treat.
- **Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> = Sails up the adventure begins!**

- The plan is to have sails up by 10am to depart the Marina for the Manitou Fish Camp on Manitou Island.
  - On Manitou we will be able to tour the fish camp and enjoy a short break.
  - Depending on weather we may plan to have lunch on the island or head north for our anchorage for the evening.
- Following Lunch, we will head north to Rocky Island (no its not all rock) to anchor for the night.
  - The actual cove or shore we anchor on will be based on wind direction.
  - Supper this evening will be on your own boat or on the beach if you would like.
    - Note: for all beach cooking, these Islands are part of the National Parks and are left in a mostly untouched state. There are no trash, water, or restroom facilities on many of the islands. Please clean up after yourself and be on the lookout for wildlife who may enjoy joining you for a meal.
    - Rocky Island will have no water or restrooms onshore.
    - However, sailing though the islands is a truly magical experience. Just remember that it can be disorienting so make sure you have a good chart or GPS as cell phone coverage can be sparse.
- **Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> = Sea Caves!**
  - Well, there not really sea caves (its fresh water) but they are caves carved by the Lake.
  - The Plan will be to have sails up between 9 and 10am to Sail for Devils Island.
    - We will Anchor on the Eastern side near the lighthouse landing to explore the lighthouse and the caves.
    - This is a great place to practice your cliff jumping and paddling skills. Many of the caves are large enough for your dingy to motor / row through and the water is deep enough to allow for diving. The caves are on the north side of the island, so it is a bit of a paddle if you're not prepared.
      - Note: the water is crystal Clear in the Apostles if you want to swim through the caves, you can as well. All submerged objects are easily seen (along with your anchor). However, be ready to dry off after a few minuets as it can be quite cold at times for swimming.
  - Following Lunch at Devils Island we will sail South to Oak or Raspberry or hermit Islands.
    - Our actual island for the night will be determined by wind speed and distance made south.
  - Oak Island offers no modern facilities but some beautiful anchorages.
  - Raspberry Island has one of the best restored light houses on the Apostle Islands
  - Hermit Island offers amazing cliffs and shorelines but no modern facilities
- **Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> = Hiking!**

- Stockton offers pit toilets on the south side and a dock that can be tied to if there is room (first come first serve).
- On the island there is a diverse array of hiking trails to explore and beaches to walk along
- If the time allows Michigan Island contains 2 additional light houses that are worth a side trip if you want more time on the water
- Regardless of your side quest the plan is to anchor or dock on Stockton for the evening with supper being on your own.
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> = Lets Go Yachting!**
  - Yup you read that right a bunch of trailer sailing Catalina 22s are going to take over a Yacht club for the evening!
  - Sails up at 10 – 11am for a sail south to Madeline Island
    - This is the only Island not part of the National Park in the Apostles
  - We will arrive on the western side and proceed into the Marina at the Madeline Island Yacht club for the night.
    - Cost for your slip this evening will be around \$71 for a 22-foot boat.
      - The marina uses Dockwalla for all reservations. Your reservations must be made online at: <https://www.miy.com> . Reservations are limited and fill up very fast so please book your slip ASAP (even though its only April!). Make sure you note in the special comments “Catalina 22 Cruise” so that they will place you with our group.
      - If you prefer not to be at the marina you can anchor outside the harbor and tie off to the city dock but be advised the end of the dock has a max water depth of 3 feet!
  - Once docked Spend the afternoon / evening exploring the Island. There are several shops, museums, and parks to explore. The Marina should have full services if you want to freshen up a bit.
  - Supper this evening will be on your own at local restaurants, or we could plan a group BBQ if there is interest.
    - Note: This place is on Island time so all restaurants close down by 6pm so plan accordingly.
  - The city beach is a great place to swim and has showers available along with BBQ pits if you want to cook off the boat.
    - Note: Swimming at marinas in fresh water is not allowed. Stray electrical currents in the water from the marina docks could be dangerous. Please do not swim at any of the freshwater marinas or docks along our route.
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> = Heading home or are you thirsty for more?**
  - Friday you choose the route. You must vacate the Yacht Club by 12pm and you can head to Bayfield to haul out for the week or continue the cruise.
    - Bayfield is a mile or so from the marina and the ramp is easily found. If you are tired and want a hotel that’s the place to go. Just keep an eye out for the Car Ferry to Madeline. They are big, fast, and hard to miss but if you get in their way the horn will make your blood run cold.

- If you want a longer cruise sail on down to Long Island for the night.
  - Long Island is a sand spit with a light house and what seems like an endless beach. It makes for a fantastic anchorage and place for a bon fire. It also has some of the warmest water for swimming in all the Apostles (74 deg!).
- If you choose to Sail to Long Island for the night enjoy walking and exploring the island. There is a shipwreck that can be easily explored just south of the light and can even be seen while sailing over it.
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> = All good things come to an end**
  - Again, we will put up sails at your own pace and sail back to Bayfield. While it will be an amazing week filled with memories all good things must come to an end. This will be a bittersweet time of goodbyes to new friends and talks of the next adventures for sure.

If a weeklong cruise is not your speed, please note that there is the option of skipping Madeline on Thursday (though you'll be missing a great time) and heading to Bayfield to head out. Distances are about the same for that leg of the trip. So, this is plan A but you say what if the wind or weather is not favorable for such an adventure? Well, that's where Plan B comes in but we'll have to make that one closer to the event. Ideas include a sail to Raspberry Island, Sand Island, Michigan Island, and Stockton Island. So, we will have to just stay flexible and decide as a group. Please make sure you have a VHF to hear course or destination changes that may need to be made along the way.