



2003 Great Lakes Cruise Sister Bay



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Located along northwestern Lake Michigan is a 75-mile-long peninsula, Door County, separates Lake Michigan from the waters of Green Bay. With its beaches, state parks, orchards, small towns, museums, theaters, lighthouses and natural beauty, Door County is a popular vacation destination. Some refer to Door County as the Cape Cod of the Midwest.

The 2003 Catalina 22 Great Lakes Cruise sailors made Door County their destination in 2003 and 2006, staying at Sister Bay Marina located along the eastern shore of Green Bay.

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Sister Bay Marina is in the heart of Door County and was recently named “best marina in Door County” by Door County magazine. With an on-property launch ramp and 40 transient slips available, the Sister Bay Marina offers an excellent venue for Catalina 22 sailors. The marina also offers electrical hook-ups, water, cable television and wireless internet service. Slip fees are approximately \$40/night for a Catalina 22. The launch fee is approximately \$7 for in/out. Restroom facilities with showers are also on-site and only a few hundred feet away from the docks. Offsite trailer parking is available approximately a mile away from the marina. Sister Bay Marina also has a park that is ideal for enjoying a cook-out along the shores of Green Bay while watching the sun set over the water.

The location of Sister Bay Marina allows Catalina 22 sailors the option of sailing south, west or north, and to do so for a dozen plus miles without tacking. This is a real treat for Catalina 22 owners who are land-locked on small reservoirs and lakes.

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The sailing conditions on Green Bay can change in a matter of hours from glass-like calm to 15+ mph wind with 2–4-foot waves that can make for an exciting sail aboard a Catalina 22.

My favorite time sailing on Green Bay was in the early evening when the combination of wind and wave conditions provided for an excellent ride without excessive pounding of the waves.

There are also many anchorages nearby where the anchor can be dropped, and you can enjoy a dip in the very chilly water.



Located within a 5-minute walk from Sister Bay Marina is my favorite restaurant—Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant. The food is great. The fun part of going to Al's Restaurant is seeing the goats grazing on the restaurant's sod roof.

Located half-way to the North Pole, sleeping aboard a Catalina 22 can be a pleasant experience from late June to mid-August as the evenings are cool and the humidity is practically non-existent. In the morning, you will wake up to cool temperatures and you may need to wear a jacket or sweatshirt.

