

MID-WEST ICE BREAKER CRUISE

Announcing the Lafayette Sailing Club (LSC) Winter Cruise and offered availability to the Catalina 25/250, Capri 25 Association by Randy Carie and Bill Meinert

“It’s time to get the boats off the hard.” The Catalina 25/250, Capri 25 Association along with members in the Lafayette Sailing Club, Indiana (LSC) will host a Winter Cruise for March 16-20, Friday-Tuesday, on Lake Carlyle, IL. Lake Carlyle, IL is the largest man made lake in Illinois, boasts 26,000 acres of water, is home to 3 modern marinas, and 3 Yacht Clubs. We’ll be at the West Access Marina, Carlyle, IL. The marina amenities include a very nice clubhouse, electricity on the docks, marine store, plenty of parking, etc. Slip rental for transient sailors is \$1.00 per foot. Go to www.westaccess.com to learn more about this marina and Lake Carlyle. Contact me at randycariec22@yahoo.com or wmeinert@kconline.com (association members) if you are interested in participating in this adventure.

Itinerary

Friday, March 16, 2007 -- depart from your home at your earliest convenience and set your course to West Access Marina, Illinois. Upon arrival it’s best to walk over to the office and check in. The office staff will assign slips and instruct you where to leave your tow vehicle and trailer. The next step is to get your boat rigged and in the water. Not expecting everybody to arrive at the same time, so plan your day accordingly. Dinner will be at 6pm.

Saturday, March 17, 2007—Early morning breakfast in the clubhouse. The clubhouse has a coffee maker, two full size electric stoves, microwaves, and plenty of seating. We’ll set sail ASAP, and sail to our hearts content. Lunch will be served while sailing or at the Captains discretion. The two marinas at the other end of the lake will have space available for docking and visiting. We’ll rendezvous at the West Access Marina after a long day of sailing and fire up the grill again for supper. The movie night tradition will continue with a showing of Captain Ron after dinner.

Sunday and Monday, March 18-19, 2007 –Captains, discretion. Some will decide to stay for the day; others might decide to prep for travel back home.

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, an early morning breakfast followed by a quick sail, and returning to the marina for preparations to begin traveling back home.

If you think that this might be an ideal cruise for yourself and family, please reply. More than likely this will be the perfect time to use all of that foul weather gear that you have and don’t use. Last year we were sailing in 55-60 degree weather, but then snow did come in on Monday and we had to cut the trip short.

If we can get at least 5 Catalina Association Boats to show up, event money will be made available to host a party. This is a great opportunity to have an entire lake free of power boaters and all to us. Sign up now!

The only thing that will stop the Winter Cruise is snow or ice on the road.