

Segments of America's Great Loop

Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee Rivers

Gulf Coast

Florida Keys

Bahamas

East Coast

Erie Canal

Lake Ontario

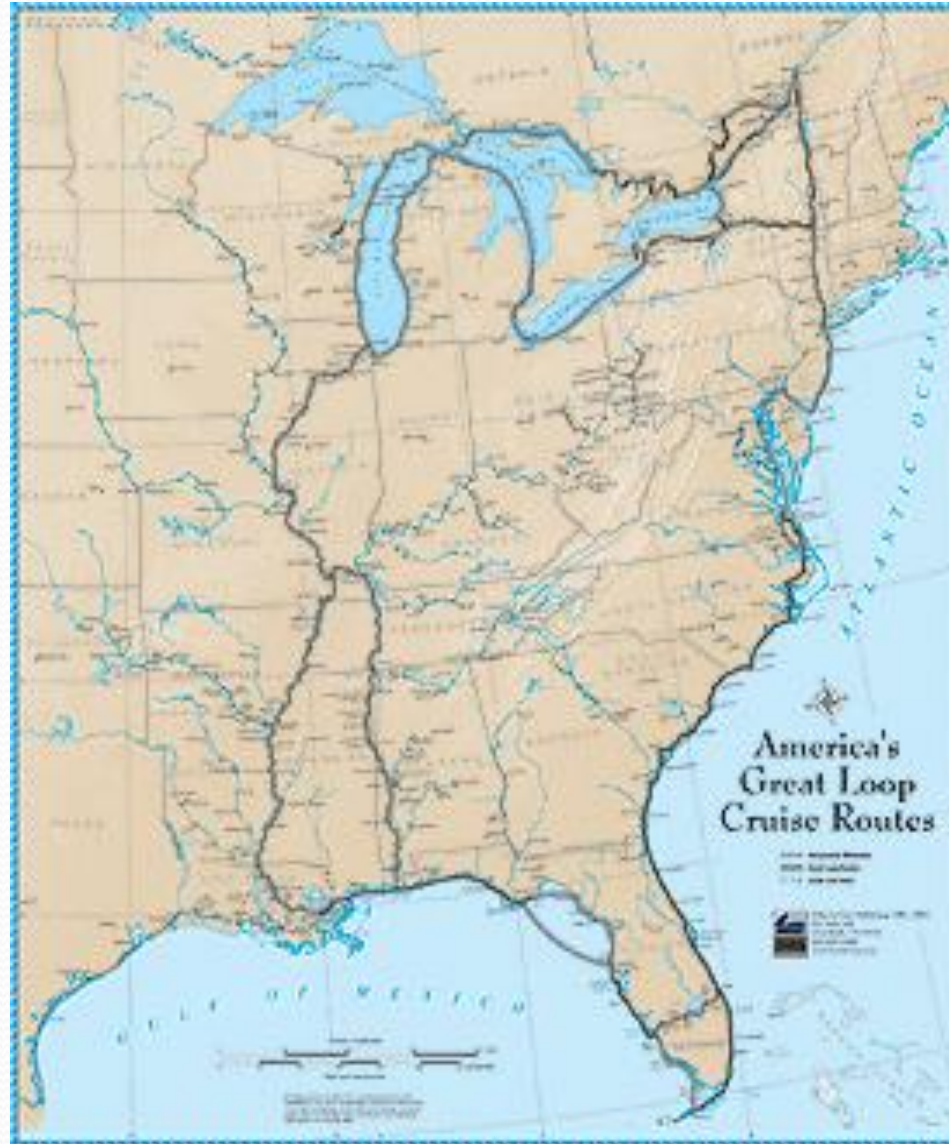
Trent-Severn Waterway

Georgian Bay and the North Channel

Lake Michigan



The Loop Routes



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First decision

Chicago River or Calumet Sanitary Canal?

Chicago River – fixed bridge height 17'

Illinois River – fixed bridge height 19'1"

Pay attention to the bridge heights



That Asian Carp thing – It is True



Looper Basics

Once you determine which river to cruise

Keep the land on your left and your right.

KEEP THE LAND ON YOUR LEFT
AND YOUR RIGHT SIDE.







Yes – Trees Fall into the Rivers

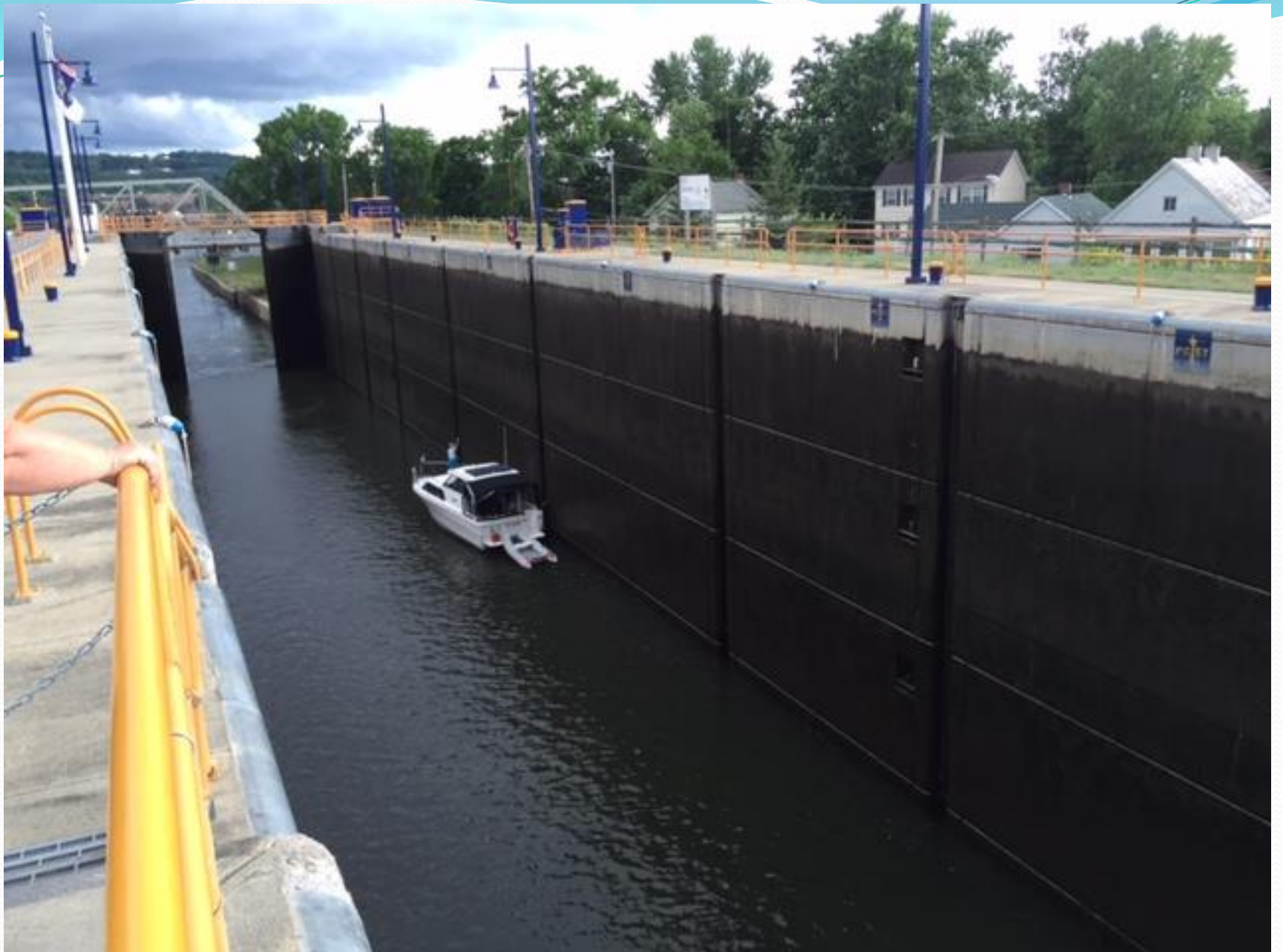


Bring large tear drop fenders



We Transited 121 Locks





Lasso the Ballard



Get Good Advice Along the Way



Not All Docks are Alike



Cruising with the Herd



It's the People You Meet





Looper Boat Cards



Spring and Fall Looper Rendezvous



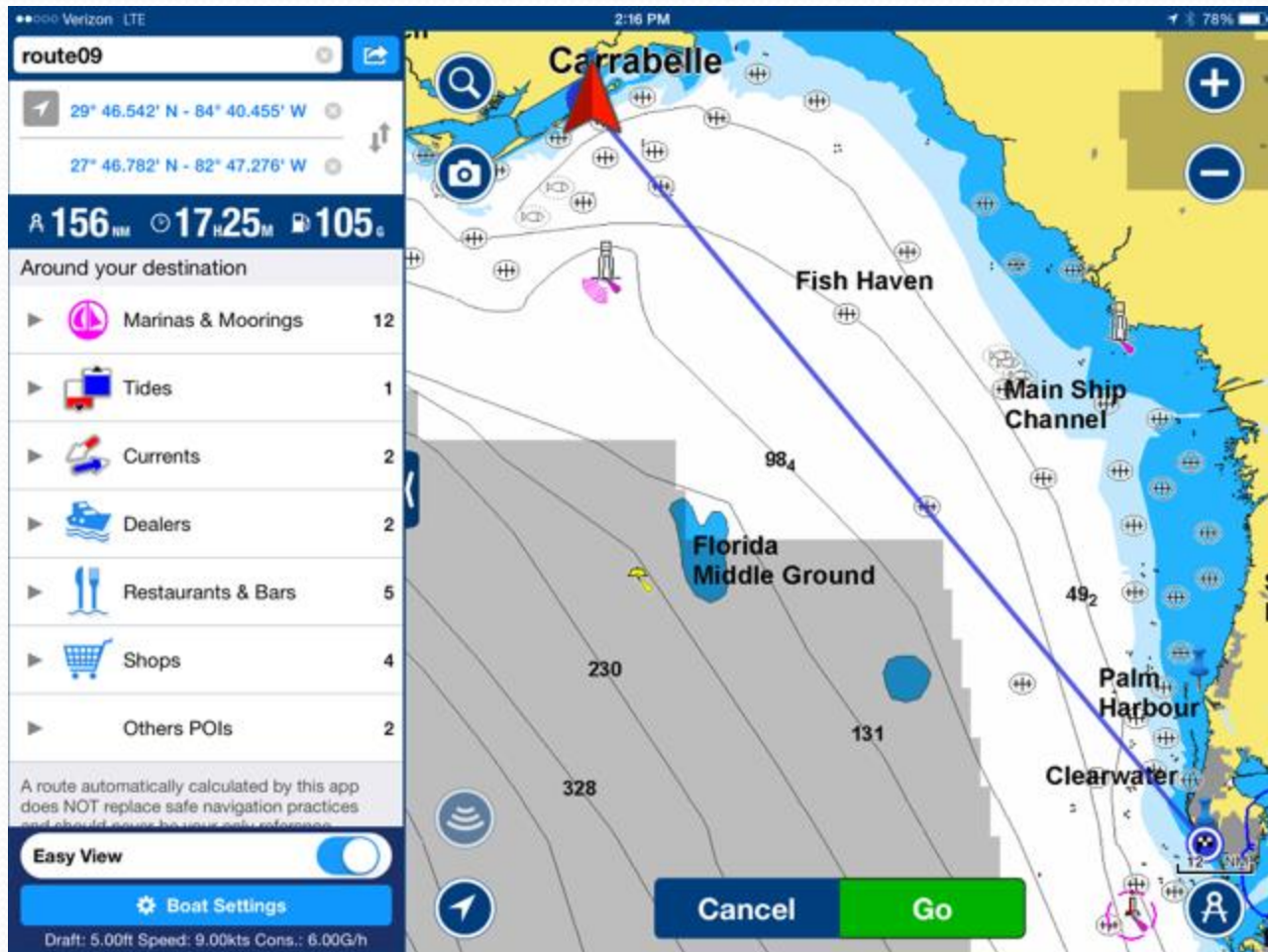
Expect the Unexpected



Looper Adventure



Crossing the Gulf of Mexico



Safety First



Decision Time In Florida

How will we get to the Atlantic Coast?

Three choices

Okeechobee Waterway

Florida Keys – Seven Mile Bridge

Key West





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- **Shopping and Other Services**
- **Provisioning**
- **Transportation Hubs**
- **Local Charm**



Harden, Illinois



Mel's Illinois Riverdock Restaurant – Illinois River



Alton, IL – St. Louis, MO



**Alton Marina, the Clark Bridge to St. Louis,
and the Mississippi River**



Gateway Arch

Counce, Tennessee



Grand Harbor Marina – Pickwick Lake (Tennessee River) & Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway



Shiloh Battlefield National Park



Mobile, Alabama – Mobile Bay





Dog River Marina



Battleship Alabama



Naples, Florida – Gordon Pass



5th Avenue – Shops and More Shops



Naples City Docks

The Florida Keys – Gulf of Mexico



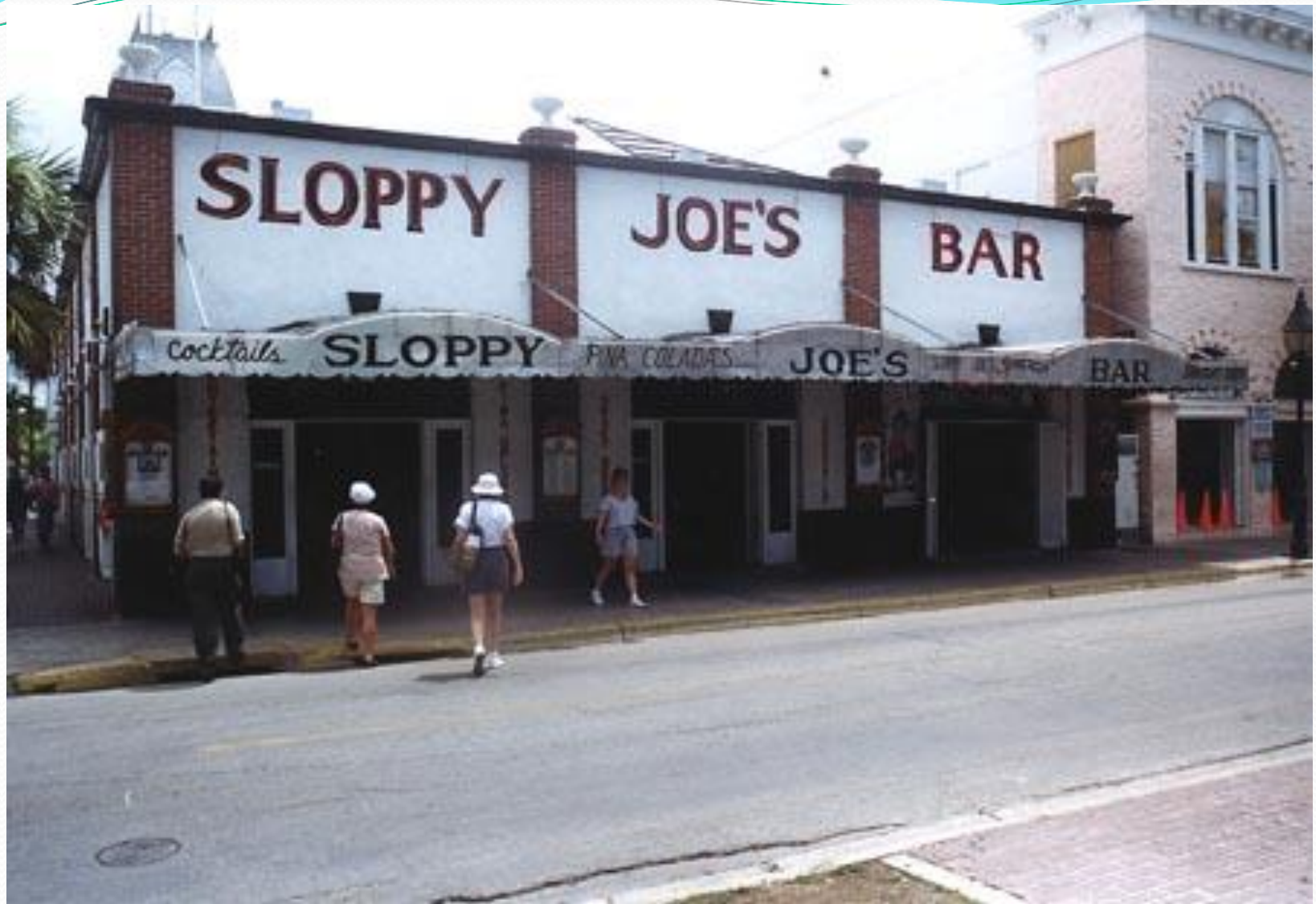
Blue Sky and Emerald Water



Swaying Palms and Tropical Breezes



Only 90 Miles to Cuba from Key West



Famous Key West Bar



Duval Street – Key West



Mallory Square at Sunset

