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## MDOT Director Stands Firm in Bridge Dispute

### Governor: State Will Not Strip MBA Powers

**By Karen Gould**  
Governor Jennifer Granholm promised Thursday, September 1, that Lansing is not about to strip the powers of the Mackinac Bridge Authority. Her State Transportation Director, Gloria Jeff, said she is not grabbing power, just conserv-

ing financial resources in tight times. To do that, she has told the Bridge Authority it cannot buy insurance and is no longer responsible for structural review and large-scale maintenance.

Some of those attending a public forum on the matter last week were left wondering if the two state officials agree or disagree.

The meeting was hastily called for Thursday evening at

Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace by State Senator Jason Allen (R-Traverse City), who sought public opinion on the broken relationship between

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Racers enjoyed cruising past Arch Rock and other Island landmarks in the regatta. (Photograph courtesy of Jeff Dupre)

## Chambers Wins Labor Day Regatta

Islander Mark Chambers won the 11th Annual Horn's Bar Labor Day Regatta around Mackinac Island. The yachting event was held in near-perfect sailing conditions Sunday, September 4, and the finish proved to be exciting, with sailors dodging freighters and ferry boats while jockeying to be first to finish, said David Rowe, one of the race competitors.

Mr. Chambers sailed his winning boat, *Snow Goose*, at a corrected finish of 1 hour, 29 minutes, 34 seconds. His crew included Steve Humphrey and Pope Johnson, both of Columbia, South Carolina.

Coming in second place was Rick Luxon of Atlanta, Michigan, third place went to Bart Huthwaite Sr. of Mackinac Island, and

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## Cohens To Sell 46-Acre, \$21 Million Island Estate

**By Karen Gould**  
Rita Sue and Elliot Cohen say they will sell their 46-acre estate behind Hubbard's Annex and have hired a real estate firm to develop a 61-lot subdivision. They also will consider selling the property in part or whole, said Brad Conkey, of Integra Realty Resources of Birming-

ham, who made the surprise announcement during a Master Planning Committee meeting Wednesday evening, September 7.

The Cohens own the largest, privately-occupied land parcel on the Island, named Hedgecliffe.

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## Back to School

Island Students Begin Classes Sept. 6, story and pictures page 17



Island girls challenged each other to stay on top of a large ball. In front is third grader Kyra Kolatski. From left, fifth grader Ivie Leadens, third grader Dana Rogus, third grader Kati Kattelus, fifth grader Zhane Nash, and fifth grader Onaca Bennett.

## In Waning Days of Season, One Final Summer Ride...



In a portrait that could be from the 1900s, Island riders pause on the West Bluff during their end-of-summer Dress Ride September 3, much like their great-grandparents would have done. From left, they are Penny Barr, Trish Martin, Maryanke Alexander, Michelle Stuck, Brian Dunnigan, Candi Dunnigan, Lin Sheppard, Phil Porter, Kathy Holt, Mary K. McIntire, and Leanne Brodeur. Not pictured are Liz Wade, Cathy Arbib, Pam Chamberlin, and Nicki Croghan. Missing from the ride this year was Lornie Porter. (Story on Page 13)