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Cedar Point show approaching fast

Boating is big in the Lake Erie Islands region (the Ohio counties of Erie, Ottawa and Huron boast some of the highest densities of boats per acre of water in the entire Midwest) and many LEMTA members will try to capitalize on its popularity at the North American In-Water Boat Show presented by Toyota Trucks, Sept. 15-19 at Cedar Point.

The event has grown considerably since it was first held in 1973 and will be the largest in-water boat show on the Great Lakes this year.

All the boats will be tied up on interconnected docks, so visitors will be able to walk out on the water, get a drink at the Party Barge and even use the floating restrooms before returning to land.



Boats lined up under blue skies at last year's North American In-Water Boat Show.

“The timing and location are perfect,” said show manager Ken Alvey. “When the boating season starts to wrap up around here, people like to start looking to make their next big purchases so they can have time to get everything ready before next summer.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to test drive certain models on the Demo Dock and shop for bargains in the Boats Under \$15,000 and Boats \$15,000-25,000 pavilions.

There will even be a chance to win an overnight stay at Sawmill Creek Resort at the Buffalo Wild Wings/WKFM chicken wing eating contest on Saturday.

Admission will be \$9; children 12 and younger will get in free.

The show will be open noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

To learn more about exhibiting, contact the LEMTA office.

Effort underway to document algal blooms online

The Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health (part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is encouraging boaters to report algal blooms online for further studies.

If you see a bloom, you can do your part by reporting it at the [Harmful Algal Bloom Observation site](#).

Another great golf outing/fishing tournament strengthens LEMTA Foundation

No matter if the boating industry is up or down, for the past 10 years LEMTA members have strongly supported the association’s educational foundation by participating in the annual golf outing and fishing tournament.

This year’s event (renamed the Norm Schultz Open to honor LEMTA’s president emeritus) took place July 20 at the Catawba Island Club in Port Clinton.

NORM SCHULTZ OPEN

GOLF OUTING & FISHING TOURNAMENT

A total of 48 players hit the links and 16 others went fishing.

South Shore Marine won its third consecutive fishing tournament championship and the golf team of Ken Alvey (LEMTA), Erik Kyle (Great Lakes Scuttlebutt), Chris Arnold and Zach Arnold (both of Fitzgibbons Arnold & Co.) finished with a winning score of eight under par.



The South Shore team with its boat and catch.

Since 1998, the LEMTA Educational Foundation has given away more than \$90,000 in scholarships to local students interested in the marine industry.

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Upcoming industry events and deadlines

[North American In-Water Boat Show](#)

Sept. 15-19
Cedar Point in Sandusky

[BoatUS Recreational Boating Access Award](#)

Application deadline: Oct. 1

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Nov. 15-17
Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

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Jan. 15-24, 2011
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