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## **Cedar Point show opens next month**

Dealers hoping to close out 2011 with a bang and marina operators looking to fill docks for 2012 will be in luck when the largest in-water show on the Great Lakes opens in one of the region's biggest boating markets this fall.

The North American In-Water Boat Show will return to Cedar Point Sept. 14-18 and feature new powerboats, sailboats, accessories and equipment alongside quality pre-owned product and educational displays.

"It's all about the location," said Show Manager Ken Alvey. "The show is big because it is in the heart of prime boating territory. This area has one of the highest densities of boats per acre of water in the entire Midwest and supports all sorts of on-the-water activities. Whether you like cruising, fishing, sailing or picnicking on a pontoon, we're going to have something for you. There will be a boat for every budget and every pastime."

Off the docks on Friday and Saturday, teen sailor Abby Sunderland -- who in 2010 capsized in the Indian Ocean while attempting to become the youngest person to solo circumnavigate the globe -- will sign copies of her book "Unsinkable" and discuss her two days lost at sea.



*Abby Sunderland*

The WKFM Wing Eating Contest will be held at noon on Saturday, during which local contestants will race to finish T.G.I. Friday's chicken wings to try to win four Cedar Point HalloWeekends passes and an overnight stay at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio.

The North American In-Water Boat 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.

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

Exhibitor contracts and show layouts are available at [cedarpointboatshow.com](http://cedarpointboatshow.com).

## **Space draw for Cleveland show Tuesday**

The Mid-America Boat Show floorplan has been redrawn, necessitating a members-only space draw that will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Ramada Elyria (1825 Lorain Blvd. in Elyria).

All members (active and associate) are invited and the space draw order will be determined by association seniority.

The 55th annual Mid-America Boat Show will be held Jan. 13-22 at the I-X Center in Cleveland. If you have any questions, please contact the LEMTA office.

## **Dredging project at East Harbor underway**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recently began a project that will make the area near East Harbor State Park in Marblehead safer for boaters.

Navigation channels between the entrance to East Harbor and shoreline areas will be dredged, creating a better connection to the park's campground launch ramp.

Approximately 255,000 cubic yards of material will be removed and relocated to a site south of State Route 163.

The project is expected to cost \$1 million and take five years to complete.

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## **Health Dept. marina rules rescinded**

Effective Sept. 29 this year, the Ohio Department of Health will no longer oversee any fees, licenses or assistance for marinas.

The recently-passed state budget bill (House Bill 153) repealed all laws for the department's marina program.

Local health boards will still be in charge of investigating public nuisance violations, but regular inspections and surveys will cease.

The change should not affect the Ohio Clean Marinas Program, which is part of Ohio Sea Grant.

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## **Golf/fish outing a success**

The Catawba Island Club hosted 14 groups of golfers and two fishing teams on July 19 for the annual Norm Schultz Open Golf Outing & Fishing Tournament.

The event raised more than \$5,000 for the LEMTA Educational Foundation, all of which will be put toward a scholarship program that has granted approximately \$90,000 to local students over the past decade.

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*The team of Greg Rowe, Ken Alvey, Zach Arnold and Erik Kyle took first place by one stroke.*

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## Upcoming industry events and deadlines

2012 Mid-America Boat Show exhibitor space draw

Aug. 16

Ramada in Elyria

### [Michigan City In-Water Boat Show](#)

Aug. 25-28

Washington Park in Michigan City, Indiana

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

Sept. 14-18

Cedar Point in Sandusky

### [Marine Dealer Conference & Expo](#)

Nov. 6-9

Orlando, Florida

### [Mid-America Boat Show](#)

Jan. 13-22

I-X Center in Cleveland

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