

BIG CEDAR POINT SHOW SET TO OPEN

The 2016 Progressive North American In-Water Boat Show will dock at Cedar Point for four days, August 25-28, with more than 10,000 boaters expected to look over a fleet of 400 power and sailboats slated for display.

The show at Cedar Point is the oldest and largest in-water show held annually on the Great Lakes attracting boaters from Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario. Appropriately, the show also boasts the largest in-water display of boats.

“We’re excited to have many new 2017 models arriving for the show,” says Bryan Ralston, president of the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association. “We know climbing aboard new boats is the number one reason boaters come to Cedar Point. We’re expanding the show’s footprint because the boating industry is having an up year and dealers need more display space to show more boats.”

Ralston also noted that this show allows many dealers to take attendees on Demo Rides. “No other major in-water show in the country has the demonstration capabilities of our show,” Ralston points out.

While the 400-plus boats on display, ranging from PWC’s to 60-foot motor yachts, are the stars of the show, there will be lots of other features to enjoy this year. For example, a hallmark event for anyone desiring to find out what sailing is like, the show offers a special “Discover Sailing” rides with a professional captain aboard selected sailboats. “Discover Sailing” has been conducted annually by Harbor North. While a professional captain will dock the “Discover Sailing” boat, show visitors can take the helm while underway.

Elsewhere in the show, the adjacent land space will be filled with accessory tents and the display of smaller boats and it has also been expanded this year, too. Moreover, there is a section special land-side section designated where every boat displayed is priced below \$25,000.

“We also want the boat show to be a fun day,” says Ralston. “Our show stage will feature the comedy cooking show of “Mac and The Big Cheese.” There will also be live musical entertainment daily; special educational clinics and seminars; a chance to win a trip to the famous Miami International Boat Show next February; our floating Party Barge; and new food choices for the whole family. It’s all about enjoying time at the show.”

Show hours will be: Thursday & Friday (Aug. 25-26) 12 Noon to 7:30pm; Saturday (Aug. 27) 11:00am to 7:30pm; Sunday (Aug. 28) 11:00am to 6:00pm. Admission: Adults \$10.00, children 12 & under free; Adults 60+ \$8.00; Special deal - get one free adult admission by showing with parking receipt at box office. Don’t like lines? [Buy your tickets online](#)

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