

BOATS, MUSIC, VISITOR DOCK AT SHOW

Whether you're rockin' on the Party Barge or rollin' aboard more than 350 power and sailboats, you'll be having a great day at the 2017 Progressive North America Demo Boat Show at Cedar Point.

Visitors to this year's 45th edition will see boats ranging from PWC's to motor yachts, inflatables to cruising sailboats. In the latter case, one show tradition is the special offer to anyone wanting to find out what sailing is really like.

Special "Discover Sailing" rides with a professional captain aboard selected sailboats are scheduled each day. "Discover Sailing" has been conducted annually by the sailing experts from Harbor North, Huron, and more than 500 people have experienced their first sail since the program began.

While the captain will dock the "Discover Sailing" boat, show visitors will take their turn at the helm while under sail out in Sandusky Bay.

Meanwhile, other visitors will be kicking back on the show's Party Barge that's floating amid all the boats displayed in the water. There will be a distinct "islands mon" flavor with live steel drum music by the popular STEELPAN DUO performing Friday through Sunday.

Getting to this year's has never been easier with the renewal of a Boat Show Ferry Service to a show that's often dubbed the biggest dock party on Lake Erie! "The success of the Ferry idea last year," explained show manager Bryan Ralston, "made it a no brainer to do again this year. People really liked it."

The new Boat Show Ferry will run Friday thru Sunday from Sandusky. It leaves from the popular Barrel House located at 101 E Shoreline Drive where there is adjacent free parking. The Ferry cost just \$2 per person round trip. Afternoon departures from the Barrel House will be at 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. The return trips from the boat show are scheduled for 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Want to come by your boat? The Dinghy Dock for boaters choosing to arrive aboard their own boats is being expanded to accommodate more this year. Basically, larger boats anchor out in the harbor and dinghy in to the Dinghy Dock that will accommodate boats under 25 feet including PWC's and small jet boats.

"We also recognize the majority of our show attendees still arrive by car," said Ralston, "so on all days, attendees who present their same-day Cedar Point parking receipt at the boat show box office will receive one free adult show admission ticket.

"Our goal is to give boaters a great experience at the show," Ralston continued. "Whether it's a ferry ride or a free adult admission that makes it fun for them, we want everyone to come and explore all the show has to offer."

For show information, go to: www.cedarpointshow.com