

CEDAR POINT SHOW FLEET KEEPS GROWING

SANDUSKY, OHIO --- The Great Lakes' largest floating showcase of power and sailboats, the Progressive North American Demo Boat Show, will tie up at Cedar Point Marina, August 23-26, and the fleet of boats continues to grow.

More than 10,000 boaters from Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario are expected to climb aboard more than 325 power and sailboats slated for display.

"We're excited to have many new 2019 models arriving daily for this show," says Bryan Ralston, president of the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association. "Our surveys tell us the number one reason boaters come to this show is to get a look at new brands and next year's models being shown for the first time.

For example, a venerable brand in performance boats that hasn't been displayed or offered in the northern Ohio market in several years is Fountain Powerboats. Two new Fountain models, the 2019 Fountain 38 LS Center Console and the 2019 Fountain 39NX Center Console will be unveiled at the show by Grand Point Marina. Powered with triple Mercury Verado 350's, these boats will get you to the fishing spots at about 70 MPH.

Chris Craft is another storied brand that will be shown at Cedar Point for the first time in a decade. Being shown by South Shore Marine, there will be 5 Chris Craft models including 26' and 30' Calypso models and 26' and 30' Catalina models. All four are outboard-powered while a 5th Chris Craft, the 27' Launch model, will be displayed with I/O power.

Big boats always draw attention and the all-new 2019 Carver Yachts C52 may lead the pack. This triple stateroom model features a full-beam master cabin with head, a large forward guest stateroom with head, and even a third stateroom. The boat will be unveiled by Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales along with the new 2019 Contender 32ST-Stepped Hull powered by twin Yamaha 300's, an open water center console speedster.

There will be many more 2019's from major brands on display by dealers from Ohio and Michigan. One of the unique features of the Cedar Point show is its designed layout that 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 notes.

Overall, the 300-plus boats on display will range from PWC's to 60-foot motor yachts. There are also adjacent displays of marine accessories and equipment. In addition, hands-on activities include the Akron Power Squadron's Kayak Experience where visitors go paddling, as well as a special "Discover Sailing" opportunity with a professional captain aboard selected sailboats from Harbor North that will put visitors the helm while underway.

The boat show runs for four days, Thursday thru Sunday, August 23-26. Show hours will be: Thursday and Friday (Aug. 23-24) – 12 Noon to 7:30 PM; Saturday (Aug. 25) – 11 AM to 7:30 PM; Sunday (Aug. 26) – 11AM to 6:00 PM

For all show information and advance e/tickets go to: www.cedarpointboatshow.com