

## CLEVELAND'S NORTH COAST BOAT SHOW OPENS FRIDAY

Boaters and wannabe's are expected to navigate to downtown Cleveland when the Progressive North Coast Harbor Boat Show returns for 3 days, Friday to Sunday, September 14-16.

After the inaugural show's success last year, it was decided to expand the second edition by including live entertainment, hands-on sailing lessons and especially more boat brands shown by dealers from across northern Ohio, both power and sailboats from 8-foot inflatables to 50-foot cruisers.

New brands and models from dealers that will join dozens of returning exhibitors will include, for example: Regulator and World Cat (displayed by Catawba Moorings); Robalo, Chaparral, Bennington and Crownline (by Boatmasters Marine); Sea Fox (by Beaver Park Marine); Chris Craft, Pursuit, Grady White and Regal (from South Shore Marine); Contender (from Jefferson Beach Yachts); MJM37 (MJM-Vermilion); Rinker (by Boats New 2 U); Brig Inflatables (Sirocco Marine Lake Erie); among others.

While all the boats are displayed in the Rock & Dock Marina, appropriately located in the shadow of Cleveland's iconic Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, additional shoreside displays have been added this year. Some examples include Safe Harbor Marinas, Freedom Boat Club, Spitzer Marinas, Meeco Sullivan Docks, Marblehead Estates, Vepodek Marine Flooring, Drew's Custom Carts, and more.

An exciting new feature will be the "Learn to Sail" exhibit being presented by Cleveland's Riverfront Yacht Sales. This hands-on sailing experience will take adults and children 12 & up out on Lake Erie for a 1-hour lesson on the basics of sailing. It will be offered all three days from the end of Dock B.

Also new this year will be an island atmosphere created by the sound of steel drums. The Found Sounds Steel Pan Duo will be performing live Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The North Coast Harbor is an exceptional location right in the heart of the city," says Bryan Ralston, president of the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association. "The setting is one of energy and activity, not just because of the Rock Hall, but it's surrounded by the Great Lakes Science Center, the floating Steamship William G. Mather Museum, the Nuevo Restaurant, and the city towers up over it all creating a truly unique background."

The show purposely opens on Friday before lunchtime so workers from the many nearby office buildings can stroll down to see the harbor activity. It's also expected to draw boaters from well outside the Cleveland area to experience all the North Coast Harbor offers.

In all, there will be more than 100 boats displayed in the marina. Boat Show Admission is FREE. Boats will be open for boarding: Friday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 12-6 p.m. For more information, go to: [www.northcoastharborboatshow.com](http://www.northcoastharborboatshow.com)