

2018 Antique and Classic International Boat Show



Port Huron, Michigan
September 9-15, 2018

***The Michigan Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society proudly presents Boat the Blue!
The 43rd Annual Meeting & 2018 International Boat Show in Port Huron, Michigan.***

Important Dates

September 9-12, 2018: Pre-Show Events

September 13, 2018: Annual Meeting

September 14-15, 2018: Boat Show

Location - Port Huron, Michigan

The City of Port Huron, stretching for seven miles along the shore of the St. Clair River and the base of Lake Huron, is an international border crossing marked by the spectacular Blue Water Bridge. Port Huron's stunning waterways and diverse annual events make it a year-round tourist destination. Bordering Lake Huron and the St. Clair River, Port Huron offers lots of opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. The Blue Water Bridge provides an important international link between the United States and Canada. With its abundant attractions and convenient location, Port Huron is a great place to live and work...or just visit!

Web Information

Check out activities at www.acbs.org and www.boattheblue.com

Sponsor Opportunities

For information on becoming a sponsor or sponsor opportunities please contact Emily Herbert at ewalker555@gmail.com.

Pre-Show Events – Detailed Schedule

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Kick off the week with a Sunday evening reception at the Doubletree in Port Huron. Be sure to attend this event as we guide you through the week's adventures. Located at the hotel headquarters for the week, you're sure to settle in right!

Monday, September 10, 2018

Join us for a Poker Run on the St. Clair Flats (Venice of Michigan) waterways. Participants will launch in Algonac and run the scenic channels where Chris Smith and Gar Wood designed, tested and raced boats. Lunch will be at the historic Old Club on Harsens Island on the South Channel of the St. Clair River. Best poker hands will be awarded prizes made in Michigan to remember the event.

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Enjoy lunch and a guest speaker at The Voyager, a river front restaurant, as you watch the freighters

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making way on the river. After lunch additional cruising of the area waterways or a direct run back to Port Huron will be an option for each captain.

In the afternoon head to the rooftop of the Vintage Tavern for dinner and drinks from 4-6p.m. This unique historical spot overlooks part of downtown Port Huron and offers wonderful views of the beautiful waterways in the area.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Enjoy being a guest on a large classic cruiser for a "big water" run from the Port Huron River Street Marina up into Lake Huron to the delightful lakefront town of Lexington. There, enjoy the downtown attractions and a catered lunch at the marina. The cruiser captains will depart Lexington in time for their guests to return to Port Huron for the ACBS reception later that evening.

The ACBS portion of the show begins with a reception at the historic Fort Gratiot Light Station at the mouth of the St Clair River.

Thursday, September 13, 2018

A roundtable meeting, followed by the ACBS Board Meeting, will be held at the Port Huron Doubletree.

For those that don't take in the Annual Meeting a couple of optional tours are organized:

1. A half day motor coach trip will depart in the morning from the Double Tree hotel in Port Huron and tour the historic St. Clair River with lunch at the Harbour Club Marina, which is the site of the Algonac Chris Craft Plant. The trip both ways will include several stops at historic sites and museums that will provide an education about the vast maritime and classic boat history of this area.
2. Ladies Day Out. Participants will be transported by a trolley to enjoy a tour of the Art Studio 1219 and the Carnegie Center Museum. The Art Studio 1219 is a local art studio, featuring 6 art galleries full of local handmade art. From there the day will continue to the Port Huron Golf Club for a luncheon and fashion show by Suzanne's Boutique. If time permits a stop at the boutique will be made available for shopping.



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Show Events

Friday, September 14, 2018

Friday is the first day of the two-day boat show at the River Street Marina. Judging of boats will begin on Friday. There will be an area for vendors, a Field of Dreams display, Ship's Store, kids activities and seminars.

Evening, Scholarship Auction at the Bean Dock (See Dinner Events)

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Saturday is the second day of the boat show at the River Street Marina. Free boat rides will be offered.

Evening, Awards Banquet , Convention Center, Doubletree (See Dinner Events)

Dinner Events

Fort Gratiot Light Station Reception Dinner - Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Fort Gratiot Light Station includes the oldest surviving lighthouse in Michigan and marks the entrance to the St. Clair River from Lake Huron. Offering some of the best views of the international bridges and freighter traffic, guests are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse. This combined with great entertainment will complete the evening.

Local Experience – Thursday, September 13, 2018

Enjoy one of the local restaurants and experience the area's offerings first hand. Dining coupons will be available for many of our fabulous dining options.

Historical Bean Dock Dinner & Auction on St. Clair River – Friday, September 14, 2018

Tour the The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps training ship, *Pride of Michigan*, while you dine in the renovated, historical Bean Dock. Situated right on the bank of the St. Clair River, the Seaway Terminal Bean Dock has a picturesque view of the bustling waterway that separates us from our friends to the North in Canada. The bean dock was used to export many materials but most common was the export of Navy beans to England (this is how it became known as "the bean dock"). It was an international port for great lake freighters as well as ocean freighters.

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Awards Dinner at Blue Water Convention Center – Saturday, September 15, 2018

Michigan's premier waterfront convention center will be the setting for the awards dinner Saturday. Placed right near the mouth of the St. Clair River you'll enjoy a view of the Blue Water Bridges and freighters passing by. It is conveniently attached to the headquarters hotel for the event, the Doubletree.

Hotel Accommodations

Headquarters Hotel

Doubletree – Port Huron
800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI
1-810-941-6018 \$149/night

Secondary Hotels

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
1635 Yeager Street
Port Huron, MI
810-982-8500 \$129/night

Quality Inn and Suites

1720 Hancock Street
Port Huron, MI
810-987-5954 \$95/night

