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# **BOAT SHOW NEWS**

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## **ONE-THIRD OF ALL U.S. REGISTERED BOATS CALL GREAT LAKES AREA HOME**

Though the winters are cold and the waters sometimes freeze over, nearly one boat in three registered in the United States is located right here in the Great Lakes region.

The eight-state area consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin has about 4 million registered recreational boats, approximately one-third of the U.S. total.

The Great Lakes border five of the top ten boating states in the nation when determined by the number of registered boats.

The lakes may be popular with boaters because they are lined with major cities on both the U.S. and Canadian sides.

The large fresh-water basins are versatile and can be used for fishing and traveling on both a recreational scale and a commercial scale.

“The popularity of Great Lakes boating is understandable,” said Michigan City In-Water Boat Show manager Ken Alvey. “I’ve been all over this country and there aren’t many other places I’d rather spend a summer than here on the water.”

The boating lifestyle – cruising, sailing and fishing – will be celebrated at the 32nd annual Michigan City In-Water Boat Show, Aug. 25-28, 2011.

It is one of the largest and longest-running in-water boat shows on the Great Lakes and will be held at Washington Park.

Admission is \$10, children 12 and younger get in free. For complete information, visit [www.michigancityboatshow.com](http://www.michigancityboatshow.com).

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