



**August 25-28
Washington Park**

BOAT SHOW NEWS

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BIGGEST IN-WATER SHOW ON LAKE MICHIGAN RETURNS THIS AUGUST

Late-August is when most boaters start winding down their summers and start dreaming about next year.

Those in the Chicagoland region will get a preview of what 2012 holds when the Michigan City In-Water Boat Show returns to the Washington Park waterfront Aug. 25-28.

It will be the largest in-water show on Lake Michigan and will feature new powerboats, sailboats, accessories and equipment alongside quality pre-owned product and educational displays.

“It’s all about the location,” said Show Manager Ken Alvey. “This show is big because it’s in the heart of Lake Michigan boating country. Whether you like cruising, fishing, sailing, or picnicking on a pontoon, we’re going to have something for you. There will be a boat for every budget and every pastime.”

Off the docks on Saturday and Sunday, teen sailor Abby Sunderland -- who in 2010 capsized in the Indian Ocean while attempting to become the youngest person to solo circumnavigate the globe -- will sign copies of her book “Unsinkable” and discuss her two days lost at sea.

Capt’n Willie the Great Lakes Pirate will perform several shows each day to teach kids about boating safety, all LaPorte County residents will receive free admission on opening day, the tall ship Appledore V will be available for public cruises (tickets may be purchased at baycitybaysail.org) and Twiggy the Water Skiing Squirrel will return to the show to entertain audiences of all ages after taking last year off.

The Michigan City In-Water Boat Show will be sponsored by the Northwest Indiana McDonald’s Operators, the Blue Chip Casino Hotel, and NIPSCO.

It will be open noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission will be \$10 for adults; children 12 and younger will get in free.

Abby Sunderland is represented by Odyssey Group of Annapolis, Md.

For more information, visit michigancityboatshow.com.

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