

## NEW AKRON SHOW SET TO LAUNCH

The John S. Knight Center will turn into a “marina” when the new Akron Boat & Water Sports Show drops anchor for 3 days, March 3 – 5, 2017.

The announcement of the new show was made by Jim Armington, owner of Buckeye Sports Center and chairman of the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association that will produce the new event.

“Because the greater Akron area is so rich in lakes and waterways,” explained Armington, ‘water sports of all kinds are major summer activities for thousands of families. As such, we believe this area deserves a major exhibition that focuses on boating and these related activities, and it will be a popular addition to the downtown Akron scene.”

Boats specifically selected to reflect the boating lifestyle on Ohio’s inland lakes will be displayed by dealers from the northeast Ohio region. These include a heavy concentration of family runabouts, pontoon boats, ski and wakeboarding models and applicable fishing boats. The show will also have exhibits of water sports equipment, boating accessories, and service displays.

“Early March is a perfect time for dealers to introduce their newest models just before the use season begins,” said Bryan Ralston, LEMTA’s president, and the show manager, “and the Knight Center is an excellent facility right in the heart of the region.”

Ralston also noted the event will feature a daily lineup of seminars and clinics on subjects ranging from wake surfing to fishing. “Our goal is to make this event a fun experience that leads attendees to get ready for the boating season just ahead,” he said.

LEMTA is no stranger to creating good boat shows. The organization annually stages multiple shows including The Mid–America Boat Show in Cleveland; Catawba Island Boat Show in Port Clinton; North American In–Water Boat Show at Cedar Point; and the Chicagoland Boat Show in northern Indiana.

“We think boaters and wannabes will be excited to have a show in their area focusing on the style of boating activities they enjoy all summer,” Ralston noted,

Show hours will be: Opening Friday (3/3) 12 Noon to 9:00 pm; Saturday (3/4) 10:00 am to 9:00 pm; Sunday (3/5) 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 Adults; Children 12 & under Free.

For the latest show schedules, go to [www.akronboatshow.com](http://www.akronboatshow.com)