

AKRON BOAT SHOW OPENS FRIDAY

The new Akron Boat & Water Sports Show will cruise into the John S. Knight Center for 3 days beginning Friday at 12 noon and runs through Sunday.

The show will feature a wide variety of boats ranging from special designs for popular activities like water skiing, wakeboarding and wake surfing to conventional family runabouts and fishing models. Displays will come from the leading dealers from as far away as the Lake Erie Islands region.

“What makes this show different is that we’re featuring new models that are well suited to the myriad of Ohio inland lakes and rivers instead of Lake Erie,” explains show manager Bryan Ralston, “and we’re holding the show in March because it’s an ideal time for dealers to introduce their latest models before the boating season that’s just around the corner now.”

While the latest designs for water sports activities will be prominent, boats for those avid anglers who fish for everything from Bass to Muskies will also be very evident. Moreover, a wide variety of pontoon boats, which are the boating industry’s top sellers these days, will be ready for boarding.

Show visitors will find a beach party atmosphere on the show floor. It will be augmented by music from steel drums, special foods and beverages. “It’s time to leave winter thoughts in our wake and party like its summer,” says Ralston. “Boating is fun and that’s what we want this boat show to be for all the exhibitors and the visitors who attend.

“With so many popular waterways within easy reach of the greater Akron-Canton area,” Ralston continued, “having a show of this kind in the heart of the market is long overdue, and we believe the boaters, and those who wannabe, will respond to its location and easy access.”

Among the major boat exhibitors are: Buckeye Sports Center, Boat Masters Marine, Clemons Boats, Portage Lakes Marine, Vic’s Sport Center, Ravenna Marine, Atwood Lake Boats, Charles Mill Marina, South Shore Marine, Harbor North, Boat House Marine, among others.

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