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*2018 Progressive Akron Boat and Water Sports Show
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FISHING BOATS & CLINICS IN AKRON SHOW

With about 70 percent of all boats used for fishing at least part of the time, angling will be a prime topic at the Progressive Akron Boat & Water Sports Show, March 2-4, in the Knight Center.

New this year will be a series of on-stage fishing clinics by local experts. They'll be surrounded by dozens of the latest fishing boat models from major brands. While many on display will be boats well-suited to fishing on Ohio's myriad of inland lakes, others, like models from Boston Whaler or NauticStar shown by Clemons Boats, can chase walleye on "big lake" Erie, too.

Expert fishing advice will also come from tournament-tested pros that are manning dealer exhibits and are ready to freely share their tips on fishing for everything from bass to Muskie.

For example, Vic's Sport Center, named the #1 Ranger Boats Dealer in the nation, will showcase not only the extensive Ranger lineup, but StarCraft and Starweld brand fishing boats as well. And, the boats will be manned by angling experts daily who'll enjoy nothing more than to talking about this summer's fishing outlook.

The same will hold true in the Ravenna Marine display that will feature fishing and runabout models from Crestliner. The big news from Ravenna is the introduction of a new line of high quality, all-aluminum fishing boats powered by Mercury outboards. These Thunder Jets range from 18 to 28 feet in Open, Pilot House and even a unique Landing Craft models! Rounding out the Ravenna display will be a selection of Manitou pontoons from 18-23 feet.

Boat Masters Marine (Akron & Lake Milton) joins the fishing group by feature a wide variety of Alumacraft angling models, along with the popular Robalo brand boats, among other major boat brands.

More fishing boat models will be found in the Buckeye Sports Center exhibit featuring Lund and Bayliner boats, along with other boats including pontoons from Apex and Harris that are used as much for fishing as cruising around the lakes.

With the economy in expansion mode and the boat dealers seeing a big increase in demand this year, it's notable that the show dates are critical for boat buyers to be certain that they can order a new boat and get it delivered by the boating season. Any later order may not be met by spring because many manufacturers are already notifying dealers their programmed 2018 production is nearly exhausted.

When show visitors need a break from talking fishing and climbing aboard boats, they'll be able to relax and enjoy some live steel band music and "summer party" food and refreshments. Show hours will be: Opening Friday (3/2) 12 Noon to 9:00 pm; Saturday (3/3) 10:00 am to 9:00 pm; Sunday (3/4) 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 Adults; Children 12 & under Free.

For the latest show schedules, go to: www.akronboatshow.com