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2018 Progressive Akron Boat and Water Sports Show  
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### **PROGRESSIVE AKRON BOAT SHOW BACK MARCH 2-4**

From paddle boards and kayaks to high performance tritoons and personal watercraft, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Progressive Akron Boat & Water Sports Show will again dock in downtown's John S. Knight Center with more boats and the addition of fishing seminars and wakeboarding clinics.

“Whether you want to make waves or ride on them,” says show manager Bryan Ralston, “the variety of water sports being enjoyed by families today keeps increasing, and it’s why we anticipate nautical enthusiasts from through northeast Ohio will converge on our boat show this year.”

The attendance at last year’s first-ever run of this show documented its acceptance by area boaters and anglers. It’s also attributable to the fact that the market for water sports boats and equipment, including fishing, is enjoying double digit growth for the boating industry in Ohio and nationwide.

Specifically, this event will showcase the wide variety of boats well-suited to Ohio’s inland lakes and rivers, ranging from popular pontoons to family runabouts, along with displays of related water sports equipment. The atmosphere will be “summer beach party,” complete with daily steel drum musical entertainment.

Area fishermen aren’t left out, either. A wide variety of fishing boats will be found throughout the show. And this year, clinics on area fishing, for example largemouth bass which is Ohio’s signature fish, have been added to the list of show features.

“It’s a no-brainer to have this show in Akron,” says Ralston, “with so many popular waterways within easy reach of the greater Akron-Canton area, it was long overdue to have a show of this kind in the heart of that market,” said Ralston.

Attendees will enjoy free parking after 6pm Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday at several City Garages. (It’s \$7 for Friday parking during the day)

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) 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](http://www.akronboatshow.com)

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