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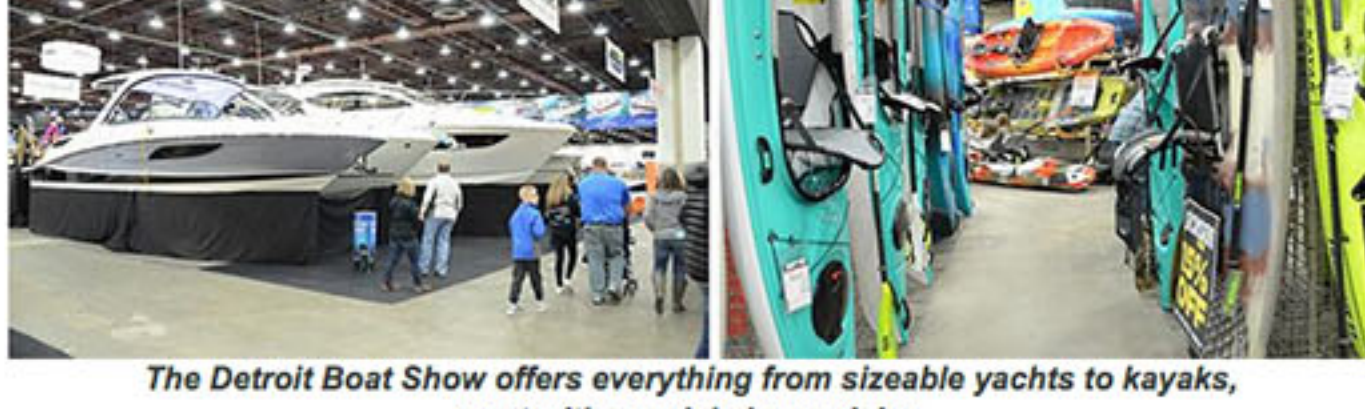
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60th Annual Detroit Boat Show Has Something for Everyone



The Detroit Boat Show offers everything from sizeable yachts to kayaks, most with special show pricing.

Whether your preference is yachting or fishing, kayaking or cruising-this year's Detroit Boat Show has just what you are looking for. And if the exhibit space and attendance is any indicator, this year's 60th Annual Detroit Boat Show pleases on all fronts, as thousands are coming to look at the latest boats, marine equipment, supplies and all-things-nautical.

This year's Detroit Boat Show, which runs through Sunday, February 25, is giving attendees a taste of spring, with near record high temperatures and that "light at the end of the tunnel" view of winter's last hurrah.

According to Detroit Boat Show Manager Nicki Polan, the show has experienced eight consecutive years of growth since 2010, and this year has expanded to nearly 450,000 square feet.

"Michigan is the 3rd largest marine market in the country and we have just finished our 8th consecutive growth year for new boats, motors, trailers and accessories with more than \$835 million spent this past year," she says. "Many new model introductions debut at this event and it would take weeks for someone to see as much product and as many businesses as you can in a day at the Detroit Boat Show." For more information, visit detroitboatshow.net

When Out on the Water, Make Sure Your VHF Radio Can Receive Weather Warnings & Alerts



Larry Rekowski of L&M Marine Services demonstrates a new Garmin marine radio which can receive weather alerts.



National Weather Service forecasting experts, who have a booth at the Detroit Boat Show, are suggesting that boaters set up their VHF marine radios to receive audible storm alerts and warnings while cruising.

We wanted to know more about this, so we talked with Larry Rekowski, owner of L & M Marine Services, which sells, installs and services marine radios and electronics. Larry says all marine radios can receive NOAA marine weather forecasts-but not all include the weather alert function. He notes that Garmin's newer VHF radios have this feature. He also points out that weather modules are available for many multifunction displays using Sirius XM Satellite signals that allows boats with chart plotters to see weather radar in real time as they cruise-and also to receive weather alerts.

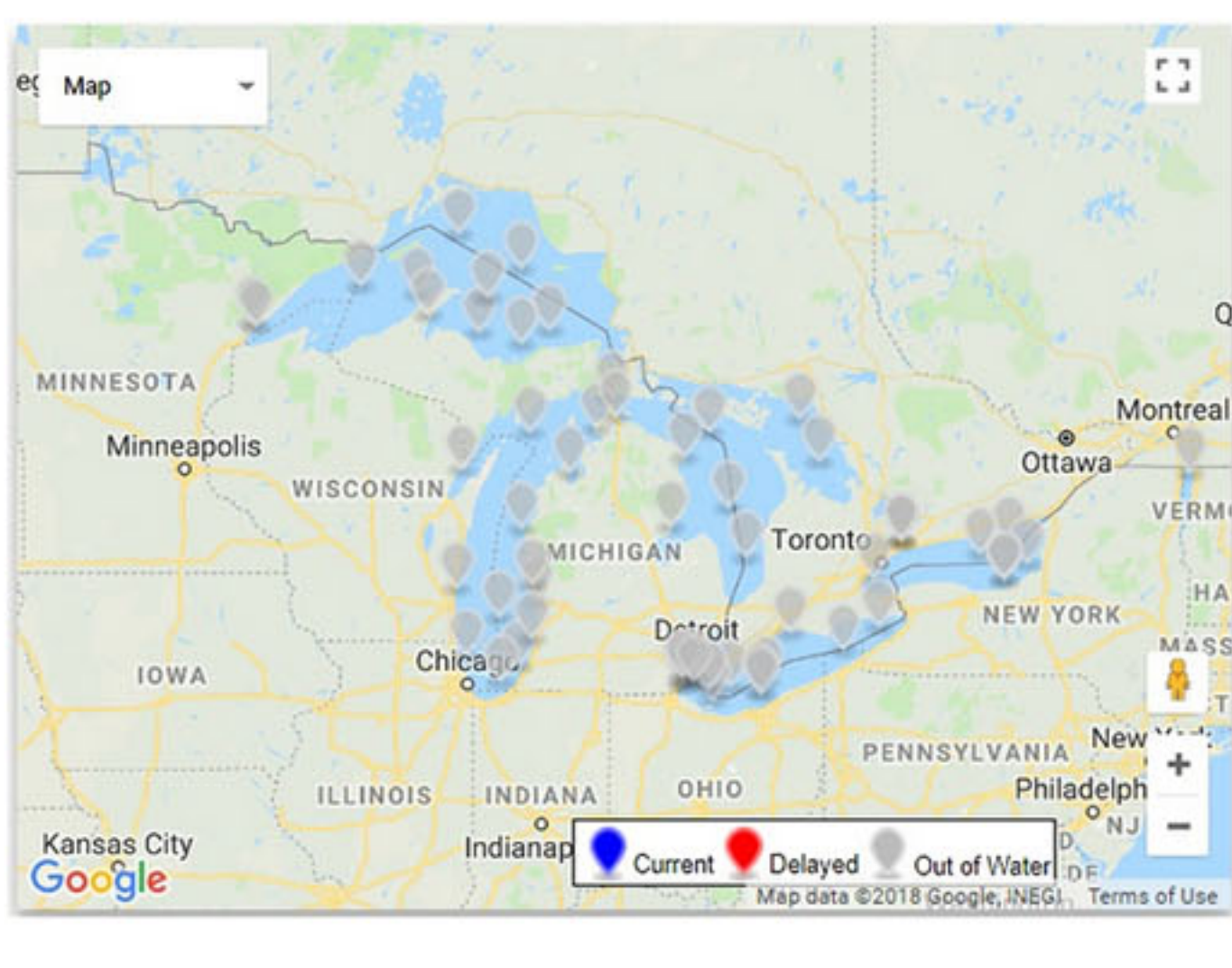
For more information on marine products that are similarly equipped, you can contact Larry at lmmarineinc@yahoo.com or (586) 615-3494.

Want Real Time Weather Data? Visit the Great Lakes Buoy Portal



If you're a weather geek, or want to check the conditions before you take a cruise or trip, you'll want to visit glos.us/glbuoys - the Great Lakes Buoy Portal, which offers near real-time weather, wave, and water quality

conditions observed in the Great Lakes. The portal also allows users to check weather and wave forecasts, and to view hazard information from the National Weather Service. Observations come from both privately- and publicly-owned buoys. Forecasts are from [NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory's Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System](#) and the [National Weather Service](#) are used.



International Cruisers Need to Follow a Few Simple Rules



A great many U.S. boaters would love to travel to Canada, but many are confused by requirements which are not complicated - but are important to know. One of questions asked most is do you need to report even if you don't intend to land. The answer is yes, you do need to report to Canadian Border Services Agency at (888) 226-7277 from your cell phone.

Keeping your documentation up to date is important if you want to travel back and forth with a minimum of hassles:

- **I-68 PERMIT:** this allows boaters to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes with only the need to report to CBP by telephoning in their arrival. The I-68 must be renewed annually.
- **NEXUS CARD:** the NEXUS Trusted Traveler Program allows pre-screened travelers expedited processing by United States and Canadian officials at dedicated processing lanes at designated northern border ports of entry and at marine reporting locations. Approved applicants receive a photo ID card good for five years and may cross the border with a minimum of customs and immigration questioning.

Applications can be submitted using the CBP on-line application system, Global On-Line Enrollment System (GOES), by visiting <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/nexus>

Lake St. Clair Tourism Welcomes New Members for 2018

We are pleased to welcome several members joining the Lake St. Clair Tourism Initiative for 2018. They include the Blossom Heath Inn in St. Clair Shores, a former speakeasy which is now a superb venue to weddings and special events; **Terry's Terrace** in Harrison Twp., a highly rated and always fun eatery specializing in seafood and a wide selection of beer; **Microtel Inn & Suites** in Roseville, a clean and convenient hotel with an array of amenities; **Blue Lagoon Boating Center**, a full service dealer carrying a selection of great brands on display in a new showroom in Harrison Twp., and **Dockside Canvas Co.** of Harrison Twp., a leading supplier of custom marine canvas and enclosures.



2018 Lake St. Clair Circle the Lake Tour Map Now Available

We are pleased to announce that our 10th Anniversary edition of the [2018 Lake St. Clair Circle the Lake Tour Map of the Top 99 Destinations and Attractions](#) has just been printed and is now available. The map is a great way to discover the many riches on and around Lake St. Clair. The map can be found at many of the area businesses, parks, municipal and county offices, Michigan Welcome Centers and Ontario Visitor Centers.

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