

BIGGEST FISHING FLEET IN YEARS

From kayaks to motor yachts, pontoons to ski boats, the 2017 Progressive Mid-America Boat Show will also be loaded with new fishing boats, many getting their first showing in the Ohio market.

While the bigger boats always garner publicity, new designs at this year's show will be found in every size category. And, since fishing is so popular in Ohio waters, new fishing models at the show are bound to get lots of attention.

Like the new Pursuit 325 Offshore that combines a pure fishing cockpit with luxury accommodations below. It will be joined at the show by the new Pursuit 238C and 238DC models, all shown by South Shore Marine.

Grady White has been long recognized for premiere fishing designs. South Shore will bring the Grady White 335 Freedom, 236 Fisherman and 235DC models, among others, to compliment the display of Regal's new 23 OBX and 29 OBX Yamaha-powered models. South shore has also been named a dealer for Back Cove and will have the Back Cove 30 at the show.

Fishing models from Robalo and Alumacraft will also be ready for boarding in the Boat Masters Marine exhibit. Boat Masters, which will also be showing Chaparrals, Benningtons and Hurricanes, will be calling attention to their newest satellite sales center and ships store that has opened in Lake Milton. They've also completed a new 78-slip marina on Portage Lakes and a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to their service and storage facilities at the main Akron location.

More fishing models will be found at Burroughs Marine showing a group of six Starcrafts topped by the 196 Fishmaster model, while Beaver Park Marina will display a variety of Sea Fox center consoles.

No name is bigger in center consoles than Regulator, and Catawba Moorings will be premiering the all-new Regulator 31CC alongside other Regulators, as well as a group of Key West fishing machines. Similarly, Parma Marine will show off a series of Alumacraft Boats, while Vic's Sport Center will be displaying Ranger, Starcraft and Starweld models.

Other fishing models will be found in the exhibits of MarineMax showing Sailfish, and Portage Lakes Marine displaying Polar Kraft boats. MarineMax also features Sea Ray and Azimut yachts, while Portage Lakes will display a series of Regal Boats, too.

The boat show features daily fishing seminars by tournament-winning pros. These sessions cover subjects from Walleye to Bass.

The show will run for 5 days, January 12-16, in the I-X Center. For up-to-date information, go to: www.clevelandboatshow.com