

*For Mid-America Boating program -- Bryan Ralston's Welcoming Letter*

## **WELCOME . . .**

. . . to our 2018 boat show, the largest edition we've assembled in more than a decade. If you're spending the day with us, I'm confident you and your family will enjoy all we have to offer.

We know boaters fish and fisherman boat! So, this year we've expanded by adding our Fish NOW Expo, offering a significant increase in fishing activities, seminars and exhibits, all built around the first-ever appearance of a giant 5,000-gallon aquarium, the Berkley Tank.

From the island's entertainers like Ray Fogg and Westside Steve Simmons jamming on stage on "Put-In-Bay Night" to the unique DEMA "Scuba Now Pool," not an hour will go by that there isn't some special event or hands-on activity going on.

We planned the show to have a boating festival atmosphere surrounded by more than 400 gleaming boats of all sizes. Plus, we're featuring more than 100 accessory and service displays of everything from electronics to nautical wear.

So, on behalf of all the exhibitors, we're glad you're here, if only for a few hours, re-living the joys of summer we Ohio boaters know so well.

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