42nd Annual
Ohio Charter Captains Conference
March 4, 2023 at the Cedar Point Conference Center
BGSU Firelands Campus, Huron, Ohio

Agenda

8:00-9:00 AM  Registration, Continental Breakfast, & Conversation

9:00-9:05 AM  Welcome & Program Overview
Tory Gabriel, Extension Program Leader & Fisheries Educator, Ohio Sea Grant

9:05-9:15 AM  Welcoming Remarks & ODNR Lake Erie Perspectives
Kendra Wecker, Chief, ODNR, Division of Wildlife

9:15-9:45 AM  Status of Lake Erie Fisheries & 2023 Fishing Outlook
Eric Weimer, Supervisor, Sandusky Fisheries Research Unit, ODNR, Division of Wildlife

9:45-10:05 AM  Lake Erie Law Enforcement
Matthew Leibengood, Supervisor, Lake Erie Law Enforcement Unit, ODNR, Division of Wildlife

10:05-10:10 AM  Introduction to Conference Vendors

10:10-10:20 AM  Break, Door Prizes

10:20-10:40 AM  Fueling & Boating
Jim Ehrman, Great Lakes Cruising Club

10:40-11:05 AM  U.S. Coast Guard News and 2023 Requirements
Presented by MSU Toledo and District 9, Cleveland

11:05-11:20 AM  Border Crossing Requirements
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

11:20-Noon  Using Sailing Drones to Sample Lake Erie: What Captains Should Know
SeaTrac: Monitoring Water Quality
Reagan Errera, PhD, Research Ecologist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Saildrone: Monitoring Fish Stocks
Mark DuFour, PhD, Fisheries Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey

Noon-12:45 PM  Catered Lunch, Door Prizes

12:45-2:00 PM  Erie PrOH Fishing Guide Certification Program Kickoff: A New Tool to Market Your Business, Increase Your Knowledge, and Boost Customer Confidence
Angela Greene, Education Specialist, Ohio Sea Grant
Tory Gabriel, Extension Program Leader & Fisheries Educator, Ohio Sea Grant
Travis Hartman, Lake Erie Fisheries Program Administrator, ODNR, Division of Wildlife
Matthew Leibengood, Supervisor, Lake Erie Law Enforcement Unit, ODNR, Division of Wildlife
Eric Weimer, Supervisor, Sandusky Fisheries Research Unit, ODNR, Division of Wildlife

This conference will be held in-person only. Register by February 28, 2023 at go.osu.edu/occc. Registration is $50. For more information contact Tory Gabriel at gabriel.78@osu.edu or 419-819-3141.

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