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The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a voluntary certification program that recognizes Ohio marinas, marine retailers, yacht & boat clubs for adopting best practices to improve air and water quality.

Interested in becoming a certified Ohio Clean Marina?

Contact our staff to learn more.

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OHIO MARINA CONFERENCE



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Catawba Island Club*



Congratulations to our Ohio Clean Marinas Awardees!



2019 Certified Ohio Clean Marinas

The Boardwalk (GOLD)

The Keys (GOLD)

Park Place Boat Club (GOLD)

2019 Recertified Ohio Clean Marinas

Sandusky Yacht Club (GOLD)

Salt Fork State Park (GOLD)

Dillon State Park (GOLD)

Delaware State Park (GOLD)

Burr Oak State Park (GOLD)

2019 10 Year Anniversary Clean Marinas

Blue Water Condominiums & Marina

Gem Beach Marina

Presenters

Daniel Rutherford

Dan Rutherford is Director of Claims and Risk Management for Maritime Program Group, a One80 Intermediaries Company. MPG is a specialty marine insurance program company with over 20 years of in-house underwriting experience. MPG's core business segments include Recreational Marine, Inland Marine, Ocean Marine, and Private Client Services. He is based out of the Manchester, NH office. He has been engaged in the business of marine investigation since 1982, and is a licensed New Hampshire State Police Private Investigator, Ocean Marine Adjuster and holds the designation of Certified Marine Investigator.

Dana Downes

Dana Downes is Vice President of Recreational Marine with Maritime Program Group, a One80 Intermediaries Company. Assisted in the establishment of the current Boat Dealer/Marina program written through Swiss Re Group. Prior to his tenure with Maritime Program Group, he was employed by Hanover Insurance, Northbrook Insurance Group and American International Group. He is based out the Manchester, NH office.

Charles Skinner

Charles Skinner is the Executive Vice President of Wade S. Dunbar Insurance Agency and specializes in the marine insurance field with emphasis on working with marinas, yacht clubs, slip owners associations and boatyards. This work encompasses all lines of coverage including Workers Compensation and federal Statutory coverage.

Travis Hartman

Travis Hartman is the Lake Erie Program Administrator for the Division of Wildlife's fisheries management and research section. I received my bachelor's and Master's degrees in fisheries from the Ohio State University, and have been at the Sandusky Fisheries Research Station since 2003. I served as a fisheries biologist and was responsible for harvest assessment for 14 years prior to moving into my current position in 2017. I enjoy attempting to catch Lake Erie walleye, bass, and perch, and occasionally panfish in the harbors.

Presenters

Amanda Sines

Amanda Sines works as the lobbyist for the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association. In this roll she represents LEMTA's interests and perspective before the Ohio Legislature and Statewide Elected office holders. She assists in LEMTA working proactively with Ohio legislators to pursue legislation to benefit and promote Ohio's recreational boating.

Tamara Girard

Tamara is an environmental specialist with Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) in the Northeast District Office. In this role she assists small business in understanding and complying with Ohio EPA regulatory programs. Tamara holds a Master of Public Health in environmental health and toxicology from Albany State University and brings over 20 years of experience in environmental compliance from both the public and private sectors.

Thomas Cikotte

Tom is a graduate of the University of Findlay's environmental program with experience in both the private and public sectors. Tom started at Ohio EPA 15 years ago working with the EPA's air pollution program in the Cleveland area and Northwest Ohio. Most recently Tom has been serving as a representative of the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention assisting businesses with all of Ohio EPA's regulatory programs.

Sarah Lowe

Sarah joined NOAA in 2009 through the Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship. Following the fellowship, she continued her work with the NOAA Marine Debris Program and has been serving as the Great Lakes Regional Coordinator for the past ten years. Her current duties include working with partners around the region on marine debris projects, developing, implementing, and monitoring prevention strategies and action plans, as well as education and outreach to communities and partners.

Session Summaries

Recreational Boating and Fishing Update

A legislative update regarding initiative of interests to Ohio's recreational boating and marine businesses, focusing on discuss proactive legislation regarding abandoned boats and the applicability of Ohio's use tax. This will also include a brief update on the status of Lake Erie's walleye and yellow perch sport fishery focusing on trawl survey and angler creel survey results.

Compliance Assistance Breakout Session

This will be a Q&A style breakout session where the Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention staff will be able to discuss general marina issues and answer facility specific questions pertaining to EPA related matters.

Marine Debris/Shrink Wrap Breakout Session

Ohio Sea Grant, The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory, Ohio Clean Marinas Program, and NOAA Marine Debris Program will share information about the causes of marine debris (trash in water environments), impacts of marine debris, and simple solutions for individuals and businesses to take to reduce impacts and the economic benefits associated with less marine debris in our coastal areas. Current Ohio projects will be highlighted and related to certification through the Ohio Clean Marinas Program certification process.

Recreational Tourism/Marketing Breakout Session

The Recreational Tourism/Marketing Breakout Session will focus on the economic impact of Lake Erie and what a healthy lake means to our region's and Ohio's tourism economy, and important boating and marinas are as an asset for the region and state. Finally, this will cover how marinas can better market themselves and what Lake Erie Shores & Islands, Tourism Ohio, and other resources can do to help.

Session Summaries

Water Levels and Forecasts

The NWS Cleveland has warning responsibility for the weather-driven lake level surges causing lakeshore flooding with the issuance of Lakeshore Flood Warnings. The NWS Cleveland is also the source for various other marine forecasts and warnings for most of Lake Erie including Special Marine Warnings, Gale Warnings, Small Craft Advisories, Beach Hazard Statements and the Nearshore and Open Waters Forecasts. NWS Cleveland's area of responsibility runs from Maumee Bay to Ripley, NY. More information can be found at: www.weather.gov/cle/marine.

Stormwater BMPs and Maintenance

Stormwater best management practices (BMPs) help clean and improve stormwater discharges from sites before that water runs off into nearby streams or lakes. ODOT maintains design and maintenance guidance for BMPs used in roadway environments, many of which are applicable to marinas. This presentation introduces common types of BMPs and includes various siting and maintenance considerations to help with successful implementation.

Wastewater and OCAPP

In this session we'll discuss environmental requirements surrounding boat washing activities, you'll gain better understanding of your boat wash water management options, and you'll be encouraged to attend the afternoon breakout session to assist Ohio EPA's efforts to carve out an exemption for the industry.

Insurance Panel Discussion: The True Cost of Marina/Boatyard Insurance

What to know about policies, the underwriting process, liability assessment and claims. The class will focus on how to better your understanding marina/boatyard insurance policies, coverages available, the steps you can take to affect rate, how to best avoid risk and what to do (or not do) in any claims scenario. Our panel includes experts from the agency side of the house, underwriting and claims. We are here to answer your questions.

Presenters

Sue Bixler

Susan Bixler is a veteran of formal education in the Michigan science classroom for 33 years prior to joining the Stone Lab Education Team staff as an Education and Outreach Specialist. She frequently speaks in classrooms on the Marine Debris PSA Competition, as well as a week of interaction with students at Cedar Points Math and Science Week specifically targeting Marine Debris activities.

Jill Bartolotta

Jill Bartolotta is the Ohio Sea Grant College Program Extension Educator for Lake and Ashtabula Counties. She works with communities to conduct outreach and education about Lake Erie, identify community needs in regards to research, funding, or scientific expertise, develop partnerships to foster a collaborative approach to management of natural resource issues, and bring science into the decision-making process at the individual and community level.

Bryan Edwards

Bryan Edwards is the Director of Marketing & Communications for Ohio's Lake Erie Shores & Islands. Edwards is a lifelong resident of the region, having been born and raised in Marblehead, Ohio, before attending and graduating from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in Business, with a minor in English. Edwards oversees the marketing and advertising functions at Lake Erie Shores & Islands and currently lives in Huron with his wife and four children.

Larry Fletcher

Larry Fletcher is the Director of Marketing & Communications for Lake Erie Shores & Islands, the destination marketing organization for Erie and Ottawa Counties in Ohio. Has held current position for four years and prior spent more than 20 years in PR, marketing, and other roles at Cedar Point.

Ohio Marina Conference

2020 Agenda

- 8:15 a.m.** Check-in and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m.** Welcome!
- Morning Session**
- 9:00 a.m.** Water Levels and Forecasts
-Karen Oudeman, National Weather Service
-Keith Koralewski, US Army Corps of Engineers
- 9:30 a.m.** Stormwater BMPs & Maintenance
-John Prier, Ohio Department of Transportation
- 10:00 a.m.** Wastewater and Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
-Dan Sowry, Ohio EPA
- 10:30 a.m.** Break and Raffle Drawing
- 11:00 a.m.** Insurance Discussion Panel
-Daniel Rutherford, Maritime Program Group
-Dana Downes, Maritime Program Group
-Charles Skinner, Wade S. Dunbar Insurance Agency
- Noon** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Award Ceremony

- 1:15 p.m.** Recreational Boating and Fishing Update
-Travis Hartman, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
-Natalie Pirvu, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Watercraft
-Amanda Sines, Lake Erie Marine Trades Association
- 2:00 p.m.** Break
- 2:30 p.m.** Breakout Session Options:
- Compliance Assistance (Chart Room)
-Tamara Girard, Ohio EPA
-Thomas Cikotte, Ohio EPA
-Sarah Orlando, Ohio Clean Marinas Program
- Marine Debris/Shrink Wrap (Cliff Room)
-Sarah Lowe, NOAA Marine Debris Program
-Jill Bartolotta, Ohio Sea Grant
-Sue Bixler, Ohio Sea Grant
-Paul Dravillas, Ohio Clean Marinas Program
- Recreational Tourism/Marketing (Lounge Room)
-Larry Fletcher, Lake Erie Shores & Islands
-Bryan Edwards, Lake Erie Shores & Islands
-Heather Sheets, Ohio Clean Marinas Program
- 3:30 p.m.** Clean Marinas Updates
- 4:00 p.m.** Raffle Drawing and Adjourn