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**ONE-THIRD OF ALL U.S. REGISTERED BOATS CALL GREAT LAKES AREA HOME**

CLEVELAND – Though the winters are cold and the waters sometimes freeze over, nearly one boat in three registered in the United States is located right here in the Great Lakes region.

The eight-state area consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin has about 4 million registered recreational boats, approximately one-third of the U.S. total.

The Great Lakes border five of the top ten boating states in the nation when determined by the number of registered boats.

Michigan ranks second (California is first) with more than 1 million registered boats; Minnesota is fourth, Wisconsin is sixth, New York is seventh and Ohio is eighth.

The lakes may be popular with boaters because they are lined with major cities on both the U.S. and Canadian sides.

The large fresh-water basins are versatile and can be used for fishing and traveling on both a recreational scale and a commercial scale.

“The popularity of Great Lakes boating is understandable,” said North American In-Water Boat Show Manager Ken Alvey. “I’ve been all over this country and there aren’t many other places I’d rather spend a summer than here on the water.”

The boating lifestyle – cruising, sailing and fishing – will be celebrated at the Mid-America Boat & Fishing Show, Jan. 15-24 at the I-X Center in Cleveland.

It is the region’s largest indoor boat show and will feature presentations from the area’s top anglers, a canned food drive for free admission on Jan. 19 and other features and promotions throughout the week.

Admission is \$12, children 12 and under get in free. For complete information, visit [www.clevelandboatshow.com](http://www.clevelandboatshow.com).

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