



**Antique and Classic Boat Society  
43rd Annual Meeting and  
International Boat Show  
Port Huron, Michigan  
September 14-15, 2018**

The Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of historic, antique and classic boats and provides education about their heritage. The ACBS has about 8,000 members organized in 58 local Chapters in the USA and Canada and one Chapter each in France and Sweden. Each year the ACBS convenes an International Boat Show in a different place. The local Chapter, the Michigan Chapter is hosting the International Boat Show in 2018 in Port Huron, Michigan September 14 and 15.

The show is titled "Boat the Blue", because of the really blue water in the area. Many of these shows are held on inland lakes where the water is any thing but blue. The theme of the show is "Bring your boat home ". This area has such great boat building history.

Within the ACBS the majority of boats were either built or designed by companies in the area, such as Chris Craft, Hacker, Garwood, Dodge and Belle Isle Bearcats.

This is the premium boat show of the season and will attract antique and classic boats from all over the USA and Canada from as far away as California and British Columbia. More than 150 boats will grace the docks at the River Street Marina. Because this is the top show of the year, some very rare and unique boats will attend. Antique and Classic boats is a title that does not just apply to the woodies, it also includes Classic fiberglass and metal boats.

The show will be held at the River Street Marina on the Black River in downtown Port Huron. This is a terrific facility for viewing these beautiful boats. Also at the River Street Marina there will be assorted nautical, food and other vendors, activities for kids and classic cars. Another feature of the show will be free boat rides for the general public.

This is something that was pioneered at the Port Huron show 3 years ago to help generate interest in the hobby. This past September over 400 rides were given.

One nice feature of the show is the location on the protected but open waters of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. We still have many of the classic

cruisers in the 30' to 60' length. It is expected that more than 30 of these beauties will show up.

Boat Show viewing hours are from 10am to 4pm. There is free parking in the St. Clair Community College parking lot, 323 Erie St., Port Huron, conveniently located right at the River Street Marina. There is no admission charge for the show.

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The website for the show is [www.boattheblue.com](http://www.boattheblue.com) and

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