

Lake Macatawa Rendezvous
Friday, July 17 (Rain Date Saturday, July 18) 2009

Plan to enjoy a day and evening of boating on beautiful Lake Macatawa, Lake Michigan, and visit Saugatuck. Lake levels are up and there is plenty of water for you to explore.

LAUNCH: Holland has completed a new, enlarged boat launch/boardwalk at the west end of Kollen Park, 250 Kollen Park Drive, Holland 49423 that we encourage you to use. Kollen Park is adjacent to the Boatwerks Restaurant on the south side of Lake Macatawa.

If you prefer to use the same launch site as last year, it is at Dunton Park, 290 Howard Avenue, Holland, 49424 on the north side of Lake Macatawa.

LUNCH: A no-host lunch at a waterfront restaurant with docking will be at the Boatwerks Restaurant, 216 Van Raalte Ave, Holland, 49423 at 12:00 noon. Be sure to check the inside of the restaurant, which displays full sized boats, models, and pictures.

Other options include picnic tables at nearby Kollen Park, or, in Saugatuck, at the Red Dock (at the stern of the passenger liner "Kawatin" - follow markers) or the Elbow Room; both have docks for transients. Take out food from any of the many restaurants is another option.

AFTERNOON: The Wolterink/Buller home is open for rest stops, refreshments, and as a departure point for giving rides, see below. There is plenty of dock space; look for Chris Smith's old boathouse and go east and pick any of the four docks.

Jim Jurries has agreed to give rides in his Van Dan built boat "Whiplash" (Stogie). Howard Veneklasen will also be giving rides in his Grand Craft built boat "Music". Tommy Holmes is still trying to win a race and is looking for someone to handicap. If you were willing to share your boat with others, all would appreciate it.

COCKTAILS/SUPPER: Cocktails will start around 4:30, and a light supper at about 6:00 at the Wolterink/Buller home, 690 North Shore Drive, Holland 49424, phone 616-293-2270. Please sign up by July 9th, using the tear sheet below so we can get a tally of attendees for the caterer.

SUNSET CRUISE: Evenings are the best time for boating as Lake Michigan often calms down and we encourage you to keep your boat in the water for this treat, departing from the Wolterink/Buller home.

If you wish to make this a multiple day event, we encourage you to enjoy the downtown street performers Thursday night, 6:00-8:00, free. On Friday night will be a free concert at Kollen Park. On Saturday morning is a great Farmers Market, also within walking distance from the Boatwerks. A cool new hotel downtown is City Flats, 61 E. 7th Street, corner of 7th and College Ave, Holland 49423.

Names attending Cocktails/Supper _____ @ \$15.00 enclosed. Please reply on or before July 9th making checks payable to ACBS/Water Wonderland Chapter and mail to:

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