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**June 11-12**  
**Voinovich Park and North Coast Harbor**  
**Downtown Cleveland**

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## **FREE BOATING FESTIVAL TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND WATERFRONT**

For the 12th consecutive summer, Voinovich Park in downtown Cleveland will host a boating weekend unlike any other in northeast Ohio.

The North Coast Harbor Boating & Fishing Fest, to be held June 11-12 next to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, will offer free powerboat rides, sailboat rides and fishing trips to visitors of all ages.

There will be no charge for admission and attendees will have the opportunity to help paddle a 48-foot, 20-person dragon boat provided by the Cleveland Dragon Boat Association.

Last year's festival drew thousands to the waterfront, requiring the boats to run continuously from open to close to get everyone out on the water.

In addition to the dragon boat, featured watercraft in 2011 will include the 65-foot schooner Journey, operated by B-About Sail Ministries, and the Holiday, a longtime city charter boat.

On land, there will be giveaways, food, live music, educational exhibits and appearances by Capt'n Willie the Great Lakes Pirate.

It will be funded through grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft and National Water Safety Congress; and donations from the ODNR Division of Wildlife, Greater Cleveland Safety Council, Woods and Waters Club of Cleveland and others.

Volunteer organizations that have been working on the project include the Greater Cleveland Boating Association, North Coast Black Bass Anglers Association, Samsel Marine Supply, U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Cleveland Treatment Center, Spirit of America Foundation, Sea Scouts, Lake Erie Marine Trades Association and various U.S. Power Squadrons.

For more information, visit [boatingfest.com](http://boatingfest.com).

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