



# NEWS

## Anchor Bay Yachting Association

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 1, 2011

**EVENT:** Pride of Michigan Open House

**DATE:** Saturday, May 7, 2011

**LOCATION:** Pride of Michigan

**COST:** No Charge

(West Side of North Star Sail Club – 32041 South River Road – Harrison Twp.)

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The Anchor Bay Yachting Association and the Great Lakes Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets will co-host an open house on the 80 foot vessel the *Pride of Michigan* (former Navy ship) on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The *Pride of Michigan* ship provides a base for the Sea Cadet Program, a non-profit youth organization for young American males and females, ages 11 to 17 years of age and is docked on the Clinton River next to North Star Sail Club on 32021 South River Road in Harrison Township. The event will allow visitors to explore the 68 ton ship and view presentations on former and current projects performed by the cadets. The Great Lakes Division Sea Cadet program provides real life experience in maritime and underwater exploration and training. With highly qualified staff aboard the Research / Training Vessel, *Pride of Michigan* and support craft, professionally led missions are conducted throughout the Great Lakes system. Each season, they produce a documentary science film which combines science, history or natural history and features those who train and staff this remarkable program. The ship carries a crew of 6 officers and 18 cadets and has a range of 750 nautical miles with a fuel capacity of 1980 gallons. The mission of the cadet program is to provide education in ship handling, navigation, communications and engineering along with Great Lakes research and underwater exploration. DVD's of the eight documentary films will be available for sale for sale and a free lunch will be provided to visitors. Additional information is available on the Sea Cadet website: [www.greatlakesdivision.org](http://www.greatlakesdivision.org).

### About Anchor Bay Yachting Association

The Anchor Bay Yachting Association is a charitable organization founded in 1967. Its primary goals are to educate boaters, encourage clean and safe boating on our lakes, to assist the local sheriff marine divisions in their education and safety efforts, to support water clean-up, and to encourage and support youth organizations that promote and encourage education and safety on the water. The group consists of 32 member clubs and over 7,000 members. At monthly meetings, members discuss problems relating to boaters, are updated on community events, and listen to speaker's talk about boating related issues. For more information, please visit us on the web [www.abya.org](http://www.abya.org).

# Pride of Michigan

## Open House



Sponsored By

*Anchor Bay Yachting Association*

*WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 2011*

*TIME: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*PLACE: Pride of Michigan Dock*

*(on the Clinton River)*

*(West Side of North Star Sail Club – 32041 South River Road – Harrison Twp.)*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



*TOUR THE SHIP WHICH INCLUDES A PRESENTATION OF  
THE RESEARCH BEING DONE ON THE GREAT LAKES BY  
THE SEA CADETS*

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY ABYA  
COST: DONATION TO THE SEA CADETS PROGRAM