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Anchor Bay Yachting Association

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

EVENT: Celebrate the Lake Day

DATE: Friday – Sunday
June 10 - 12, 2011

LOCATION: MacRay Harbor
30675 North River Rd
Harrison Township, MI 48045

COST: No Charge
Open to the Public

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HARRISON TOWNSHIP, MI – Three area non-profit organizations with strong ties and commitments to Lake St. Clair are hosting a major celebration of the lake and its assets Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-12, with activities to take place at MacRay Harbor on North River Road in Harrison Township.

This year will feature an expanded list of events and activities—all of which are free and open to the public.

The celebration kicks off Friday with exhibitors featuring their educational, informative and how-to presentations at an Exhibit Tent from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on the south side of the MacRay Banquet and Events Facility.

Here, participants with any questions about the lake or activities on it or in it can get those questions answered by the experts. These exhibits will promote clean recreational boating practices, clean marina programs, green products you can use on the boat or at home, marine safety statutes, local watercraft controls, administrative laws and the scientific research being done by the Sea Cadets through the Great Lakes system.

The exhibits will be open again Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The event also marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of the Lake St. Clair Tourism Initiative, a nonprofit organization formed solely to promote the Lake, its assets and resources to the 8 million people who live within an hour's drive of its shores.

The Lake St. Clair Tourism Initiative also features a news and information website, Tourlakestclair.com, to acquaint new and returning visitors with the treasures of our freshwater gem.

The Lake St. Clair Event coincides with CRWC's annual River Day event, as well as National Marina Day.

On Saturday evening, the Anchor Bay Yachting Association will host a Charity Spaghetti Dinner between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the MacRay Banquet Center, with proceeds donated to the tri-county Marine Sheriff Divisions and the Sea Cadets. Cost of the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. A cash bar will be available.

Advance tickets are available, contact Matt Barrells at treasurer@abya.org

Tickets also will be available at the door.

Sunday, from 9 to 10 a.m., events continue with the ABYA Annual Rubber Band Boat Race, at the MacRay Swimming Pool on the east side of the Banquet Center.

These boats are entered by many of ABYA's member boat/yacht clubs with the winner having bragging rights for the next year.

This is not an event for the timid, as these hydroplanes reach incredible speeds (their operators must wear protective gear), despite their means of propulsion.

Attendance at this event is limited to space availability; please contact MacRay Member Services at (586) 468-1900, ext. 443, for more information.

About Anchor Bay Yachting Association

The Anchor Bay Yachting Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1967. Its primary goals are to educate boaters and encourage clean and safe boating on our lakes, to form liaisons with government units to influence regulation, and to promote camaraderie and fellowship within its 31 member clubs. This organization currently represents over 4,000 members. At monthly meetings, members discuss problems relating to boaters, are updated on pending legislation, and listen to guest speakers talk about boating related issues. For more information, please visit us on the web www.abya.org