

## Look for LEF at These Events This Summer

We're excited to finally have warm weather and see people using and enjoying Lake Erie. This season, we are going to be participating in more of our community events. It's our mission to engage and educate about the challenges Lake Erie is facing and how we can all work towards improving it! Stop by our booth at these events and say hi, get updates on our impact, and get involved.

July 22-23 Summer Market in Lorain  
July 22-24 Walleye and Wine Festival in Ashtabula  
July 23 All Washed Up in Vermilion  
August 11 Lake Erie Day in Put-in-Bay

Please contact us at [info@lakeeriefoundation.org](mailto:info@lakeeriefoundation.org) if you are interested in volunteering or would like to support our efforts.



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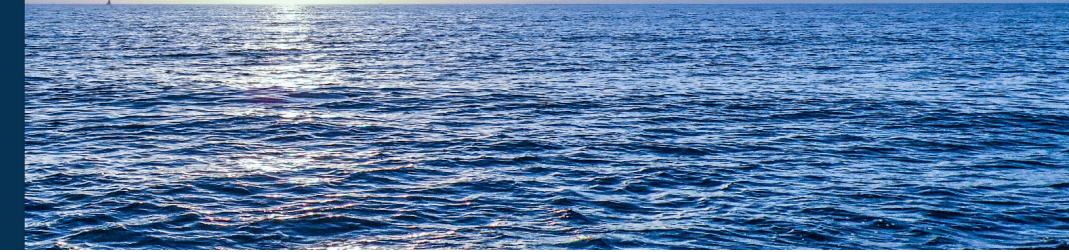
## Join LEF Today

Become a member of Lake Erie Foundation (LEF) and help us restore and protect Lake Erie for generations to come. Your tax-deductible contribution will help LEF work to ensure that Lake Erie's waters are safe for drinking, fishing and swimming. Your support makes our efforts for advocating, educating, supporting innovative technology development, and legal defense a possibility. For more information regarding membership, visit LEF's website at [www.LakeErieFoundation.org](http://www.LakeErieFoundation.org) or call 419-301-3743.



# LAKE ERIE WAVES

NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKE ERIE FOUNDATION



## From the President

It looks to be the best of summers on Lake Erie as many are enjoying a very busy time across the lakeshore. Hopefully, we will also realize an increase in the number of people who want to learn about Lake Erie's challenges, and with us, become inspired to be part of our ongoing efforts to protect this incredible natural resource!

It was a pleasure for Lake Erie Foundation to participate in the Progressive Cleveland Boat Show and Catawba Island Club boat show. Our appreciation to Lake Erie Marine Trade Association for working so diligently to host these events. At the Catawba Island Boat show upwards of 6,000 people attended the show which was held April 29 – May 1. Dozens of boat dealers filled dock slips while a full complement of marine vendors lined the marina perimeter for three days of celebrating being able to gather together again to share the love of boating and Lake Erie.

Lake Erie Foundation (LEF) was there with a display focusing on the dangers of microplastic contamination in the lake. We received several new members and business sponsors from these interactions and some strategic partnerships with other organizations were also formed.

LEF has selected plastic pollution in the lake as a major focus area for 2022. Several recent articles about the dangers it can pose along with an informational video and tips on how you can help have been posted to our website. Visit [LakeErieFoundation.org](http://LakeErieFoundation.org) and select "Plastic Contamination" from the list of challenges under the "Lake Erie Issues" menu.

This focus on plastic does not mean that LEF will reduce our attention regarding the challenges that algal blooms bring to the lake. We continue to support the H2Ohio programs of the DeWine Administration and advocate for the additional work and collaboration we feel is necessary to adequately address the problem.

NOAA will be releasing its early projection for the anticipated severity of this year's algal bloom in mid-

June. Lake Erie Foundation will send an email blast with the projections once they are released. We know that we must not let up on our efforts to affect the changes in agricultural practices and other actions that will result in a permanent solution. We continue to meet with entities that can help us to continue to work for the ultimate goal of a 40% reduction in phosphorus runoff.

We also continue to monitor the Icebreaker project. We're watching the lawsuits that are in the Ohio Supreme Court and the Federal Court in the District of Columbia and will update our supporters when new information is available. There is an overwhelming concern regarding wind turbines in Lake Erie and LEF firmly believes all environmental studies must be completed before the project moves forward.

A very special thank you to our friends and long-time supporters, Clemons Boats in Sandusky, for again designating LEF the charity of choice during their Customer Appreciation event this August. There will be a fun-filled day of boating events followed by a party with food, entertainment, raffles, and a chance to win a grand prize package worth over \$10,000. All proceeds will benefit Lake Erie Foundation. More details and tickets at [ClemonsBoats.com](http://ClemonsBoats.com).

As always, thank you to our members and donors for your support and confidence in our work. I and all of the LEF Board and staff team members will continue to work hard to be good stewards of your contributions. We're always interested in hearing from you so reach out with your comments and suggestions to [info@LakeErieFoundation.org](mailto:info@LakeErieFoundation.org).



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Thank you for attending our **2022 Annual Meeting** on April 21, 2022 at the Catawba Island Club. It was the first, in-person meeting since the pandemic. Some of our members attended and were able to hear and ask questions about our impact to our top three issues – [Harmful Algal Blooms, Plastics and Microplastics, and Wind Turbines in Lake Erie aka The Icebreaker Project](#).

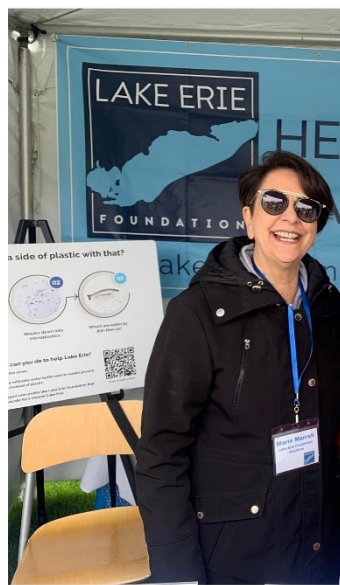
An important part of the meeting is the election of Directors. Per Article II Section 2, Election and Term of Lake Erie Foundation's Code of Regulations called for an election of Directors. The Directors that were up for reelection are:

- Len Partin
- Matt Fisher
- Al Nickles
- Ron Wyss
- John Lipaj
- Larry Fletcher

The vote was unanimous and these Board Directors will be leading and supporting the Lake Erie Foundation for the next two years. [You can read about their background and love of Lake Erie on our website](#). Thank you to each of them for their dedication to our mission and to the success of Lake Erie Foundation in improving the health of Lake Erie.

We did record the meeting for those unable to join us and you can view here: [LakeErieFoundation.org/2022-annual-meeting](http://LakeErieFoundation.org/2022-annual-meeting).

### Spotlight on Marie Marrali, volunteer for Lake Erie Foundation



It has been a busy spring so far for Lake Erie Foundation staff, board, and volunteers with two boat shows nearly back-to-back! The Cleveland Boat Show was rescheduled for March 17-20 at the IX Center due to the last stages of the pandemic. And then the Catawba Island Club Boat Show was April 29 – May 1. Each show saw record crowds and Lake Erie Foundation connected with new and current business sponsors, while introducing our role in saving Lake Erie to new members and donors.

We also are so grateful to our volunteers and especially Marie Marrali, a retired bank executive who resides in Westlake. She has been a stalwart supporter who is passionate about engaging with people and raising awareness of the critical issues facing Lake Erie. She volunteered at both boat shows, greeting our visitors while highlighting the problems of plastics and microplastics to a new audience.

Thank you, Marie, for being a friend of Lake Erie Foundation!

## Clemons Boats is Doing it Again!

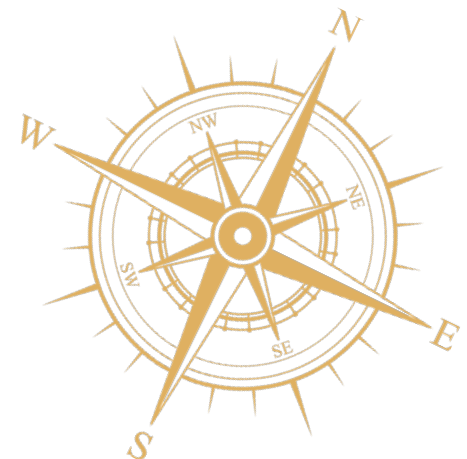
Jason Clemons has announced that this year's Clemons Boats customer appreciation day and charity event will once again raise funds to support Lake Erie Foundation. Please support Clemons Boats and the event which will be held in August, by buying a ticket for just \$25. They provide food, drinks, music and fun – all going to support our work. They also give you a chance to win a grand prize valued at over \$10,000.



## Celebrate The Lake — Lake Erie Foundation's Inaugural Event!

Join us on August 26th from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Catawba Island Club pavilion for Lake Erie Foundation's inaugural fundraiser – Celebrate the Lake. This is going to be the event of the season and a truly fun time in a spectacular setting and perfect for a warm summer evening. There will be delicious hors d'oeuvres and libations for you to enjoy while you mingle and meet with amazing people who love Lake Erie and recognize it as a tremendous asset and resource to our communities.

You will have the opportunity to hear about our efforts while also getting a chance to chat with our Board of Directors, staff, business sponsors, members, and donors. There will be a short presentation by Dr. Chris Winslow, Director of Ohio Sea Grant, to hear what is happening with some of the Lake Erie initiatives and programs that are underway.



## Thank You! We couldn't do this without the incredible support of our event sponsors:



Tickets are available now online. You can go to our website at [LakeErieFoundation.org/Celebrate-The-Lake](http://LakeErieFoundation.org/Celebrate-The-Lake) or by scanning this link: If your business is interested in sponsoring, please contact Kate Burke, Director of Development at [kburke@lakeeriefoundation.org](mailto:kburke@lakeeriefoundation.org). We can make it happen!

