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Mission:

The Division of Watercraft shall provide the finest boating services, facilities, protection, and education for users of Ohio's waterways through the innovative and wise use of our resources.



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Message from the Chief

With the close of the 2012 boating season, Ohioans have enjoyed a fabulous year for boating. Whether you boat on Lake Erie, the Ohio River or any of our great waterways in between, boating got off to an early start and the weather made for a great season of boating. I myself enjoyed boating this past summer both at work and with my family on my personal boat. I am very proud of all Division of Watercraft employees for their continued commitment to providing Ohio's boaters with quality customer service and programs.



With a record number of 432,817 registered boats in 2012, Ohio continues to rank 9th in the country with regard to registered vessels. Ohio offers a wide variety of beautiful boating venues that provide diverse recreational opportunities. Nationally, Ohio ranks 6th in the country in relation to safety and accidents involving vessels; this is something that all boaters and boating safety partners should be very proud of.

I would like to challenge every boater in Ohio for the upcoming boating season to take someone boating. What a great way to introduce someone to the sport of boating. Whether it is paddling, power boating, sailing, or simply fishing, let's get them on the water. Ohio has so many opportunities for boating and there is something for everyone. Maybe all they need is a simple invitation to join you for an outing. So please take time and take someone boating. Let them catch the thrill that we all have about boating here in Ohio.

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2013 boating season. Please be assured that the Division of Watercraft will be working diligently to ensure Ohio's waterways are enjoyed by all.

I hope to see you on the water!

Sincerely,
Rodger M. Norcross, Chief
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Watercraft

Administrative Updates

The Division of Watercraft has 153 full-time, 13 part-time, and 17 intermittent employees. Commissioned staff focus on the public safety aspect of boating, while remaining staff provide updated boating facilities, programming, regulatory, and administrative services such as registration, titling, and grant program oversights. Agency staff oversee all field operations and administrative functions of the Division.

Law enforcement staff include 14 supervisors, 70 full-time watercraft officers/officer specialists/cadets, and seven watercraft investigators who enforce Ohio's boating laws, provide education programs, and investigate boating-related accidents.

Significant personnel changes within the Division of Watercraft during 2012:

- Accounts Receivable Supervisor Kemmeth Kirk was promoted to Registration and Titling Section Manager replacing Rick Barrera who was promoted.
- Officer Jason Latchic was promoted to Cambridge Area Supervisor replacing Cathy Janosko who retired.
- Law Enforcement Administrator Todd Doncyson retired.
- Alum Creek Area Supervisor Andy Hollenback was promoted to Central/Southern Regional Manager replacing Todd Doncyson who retired.

Waterways Safety Council

The Waterways Safety Council is an important advocate for recreational boating. The council includes five members who are appointed by the Governor to five-year terms to act in an advisory capacity to the Division of Watercraft Chief and represent industry, educational, and recreational aspects of boating. There is currently one vacant position.



Current members are (left to right) Doug McClarnan of Gambier, J. Thomas Pascoe (Chairman) of Sandusky, Chad Taylor of Wilmington, and John Onacila Jr. (Vice Chair) of Cleveland.

Waterways Safety Fund

The Division of Watercraft is funded through the Waterways Safety Fund. The fund represents boating dollars and was created by the 101st General Assembly in 1955. The Waterways Safety Fund is the sole mechanism used to finance Division operations, payrolls, grant programs, and other state boating programs. The fund is comprised of a share of the state motor vehicle fuel tax (0.875 percent), watercraft registration and titling fees, account interest, fines, and federal grants.

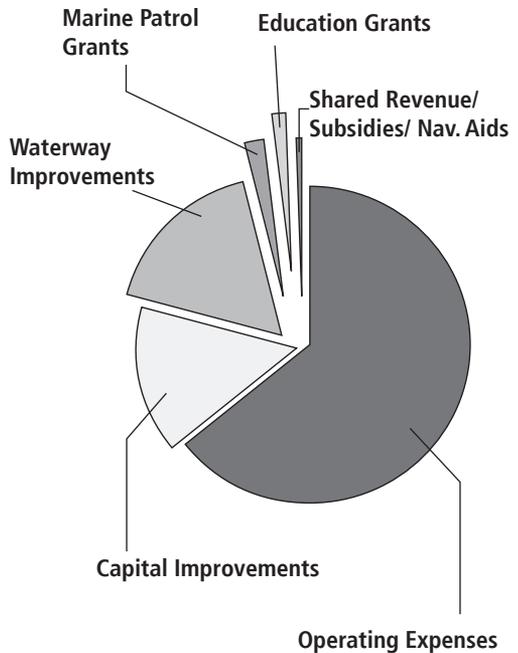
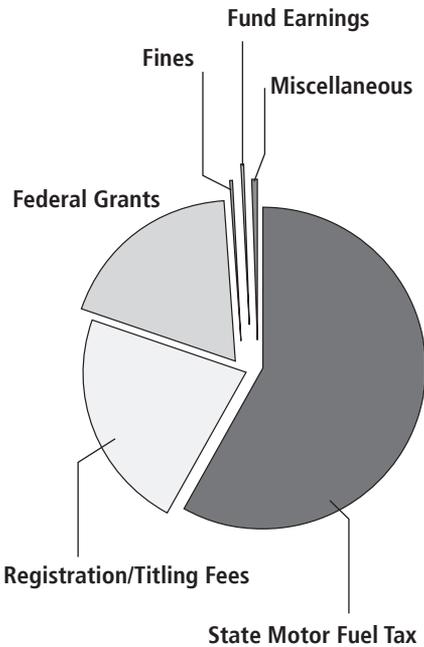
Revenues:

State Motor Fuel Tax	\$14,878,943
Registration/Titling Fees	5,683,903
Federal Grants	4,800,488
Fund Earnings	51,088
Fines	75,498
Miscellaneous	108,531
Total Revenue	\$25,598,451

Expenditures:

Operating Expenses	\$17,062,547
Capital Improvements	4,000,000
Waterway Improvements*	4,457,075
Marine Patrol Grants	571,653
Education Grants	356,943
Shared Revenue/Subsidies/ Navigational Aids	102,511
Total Expenditures	\$26,550,729

**Dredging support to Division of Parks & Recreation*



Registration and Titling

The Registration and Titling section serves as Ohio's repository and historic reference for all boat registrations issued since 1960. It provides boat information to the general public, registration agents, boat owners, boat dealers, and law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio and the United States, including private businesses, U. S. Coast Guard, Ohio Clerk of Courts title offices, and other states.

Registration/Accounts Receivable functions include overseeing registration sales; monetary data entry, auditing, and posting of all watercraft registrations statewide (i.e. mail renewals, Internet renewals, traditional, historical, documented, temporary, and alternative registrations for hand-powered vessels). This section also is responsible for the issuance of temporary registrations, veteran registrations, and dealer and livery licenses; collection of revenue from registration sales; and coordination and training of registration agents who sell watercraft registrations.

Registration/Titling functions include downloading the Watercraft Information System (WIS) Remote program which allows for the web-based sale of boat registrations. Currently, most of the contracted independent registration agents throughout Ohio use this new program. WIS Remote allows agents to search for vessel information more efficiently. In addition, WIS Remote improves customer service, allows for quicker corrections and updates to boat and motor titles, and expedites the scheduling of Vessel Inspections and assigning Hull Identification Numbers.

The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) lapsed vessel registration program was a success for the second year. The Division registered 670 lapsed vessels by using this program. The Division will again work together for the third year with the RBFF to market a boat renewal registration program for motorized boat registrations that have not been renewed and will expire March 1, 2013.

Boaters paid \$5.6 million in boat registration and title fees in 2012

Accomplishments

- Renewed a record 19,570 registrations via the Internet.
- Renewed 33,124 registrations via mail renewal.
- Maintained a two- to four-day turnaround for processing Internet and mail renewals.
- Issued 2,267 Hull Identification Numbers.
- Nine new watercraft registration agents added statewide including:

Columbiana County	Lisbon License Bureau, Lisbon
Darke County	Darke County License Bureau, Greenville
Hancock County	Hancock County License Bureau, Findlay
Lake County	Great Lakes Boat Works, Fairport Harbor
Licking County	Johnstown Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Johnstown
Miami County	EFR License Agency, Troy
Putnam County	Putnam County License Bureau, Ottawa
Ross County	Ross County Title Office, Chillicothe
Trumbull County	Rattlesnake Hill Sporting Goods, Newton Falls

Registration and Titling Statistics

Total Registered Boats	432,817
Total Registered Livery Boats	6,976
Telephone Calls Handled	43,699
Hull Identification Numbers Issued	2,267
Registrations Entered	80,273
Alternative Registrations Entered	32,401
Mail Renewals Processed	33,124
E-Renewals Processed	16,635 
Titles Entered	8,638
Titles Audited	71,324

Canoe/Kayak Registrations

Paddlesports remain among the fastest growing of all outdoor recreation activities. The number of registered canoes and kayaks in Ohio increased tremendously from 2003 to 2012. Statistics show 60,065 canoes and kayaks were Ohio-registered in 2003 compared to a preliminary 106,620 registered in 2012, or an increase of 77.5%.

Resource Planning

Water Trails

In 2012, the Mohican and Mahoning rivers were designated and officially dedicated as Ohio's eighth and ninth State Water Trails. These rivers add an additional 51 miles for a total of 499 miles of designated Water Trails throughout the State. These trails offer biking access, historical covered bridge viewing, fishing, bird and wildlife viewing opportunities through scenic river, rural, and urban settings. These projects were a coordinated effort between ODNR, Knox County Park District, Trumbull County Metro Parks, and several other local partners. The Water Trails Program partners with local sponsors to establish a network of waterway trails to improve access as well as increase safety, awareness, and participation in paddlesports.

Clean Vessel Act Grant (CVA)

Eligible CVA grant activities encompass the construction and renovation of pump-out and sanitary dump stations, including floating restrooms or other structures that are not connected to land. Eligible grant activities also include processes necessary to hold and transport sewage to treatment plants such as holding tanks, plumbing, and bleed-ion facilities.

<i>Current CVA Projects</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Battery Park Marina.....	\$10,104.00
Bay View Yacht Club	10,571.10
Caesar Creek.....	112,130.00
Mosquito Lake Marina.....	50,000.00
Piedmont Lake Marina.....	83,671.00
Seaway Marina, Lake Erie.....	9,000.00
Skipper Bud's Marina.....	11,307.60
Total.....	\$286,783.70

Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program

The Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program Grant provides up to 100% reimbursement assistance to eligible political subdivisions and state/federal agencies for dredging on the Ohio River, Lake Erie, and their tributaries.

2012 Completed Projects

Cullen Park Boat Launch Ramp Project, Toledo \$400,000

Awarded Projects

Fairport Harbor Launch Ramp Project, Fairport Harbor \$40,875

Cooperative Boating Facility Grants

The Division of Watercraft works with local, state, and federal agencies and conservancy districts to provide funding assistance through the Waterways Safety Fund for recreational boating public access projects statewide. Ohio boaters enjoy free parking and boat launching access at hundreds of public sites statewide including most of Ohio's 75 state parks. From 1998 through 2012, the Division of Watercraft awarded to local communities a total of nearly \$45 million in funding assistance through the Cooperative Boating Facilities Grant Program to renovate, repair, and construct public boating access facilities statewide.

2012 Completed Projects

<i>County</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Auglaize	Grand Lake St. Marys State Park East Bank Marina Ramp.....	\$133,000
Delaware	Alum Creek State Park Hollenback Launch Ramp.....	825,000
Delaware	Alum Creek State Park New Galena Launch Ramp.....	1,436,597
Delaware	Delaware State Park Main Launch Design Phase.....	100,000
Erie	Vermilion Port Authority Waterworks Marina Bulkhead.....	237,000
Medina	Medina County Park District Chippewa Lake Launch Ramp.....	439,000
Muskingum	City of Zanesville Zane Landing Dock Upgrade	116,000
Ottawa	Middle Bass Island State Park Harbor Master Facility	1,000,000
Portage	Kent Parks & Recreation Cuyahoga River Canoe Access	250,000
Ross	Paint Creek State Park Deer Park Launch Ramp.....	150,000
Washington	City of Marietta Harmar Village Access.....	200,000
	Total	\$4,886,597

Navigational Aids Grants

Buoys and signs to mark Ohio's waterways are provided to political subdivisions at no charge through the Division of Watercraft Navigational Aids Grants Program.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Columbus Division of Watershed Management	\$258
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District	4,644
ODNR Division of Parks & Recreation	18,418
City of Rossford	774
City of Sandusky	8,400
City of Toledo	4,020
Total.....	\$37,804

Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)

The BIG program is offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and administered by the Division of Watercraft to construct, renovate, and maintain transient docking facilities for use by recreational boats 26 feet and longer, and to produce and distribute information about the program.

In 2012, the Division continued to work on projects across Ohio including these projects currently in the engineering design or construction phases:

Cleveland, North Coast Transient Harbor	\$1,450,000
Put-In-Bay Transient Marina	2,200,000
Geneva Transient Docks	4,300,000
Total.....	\$7,950,000

The Division of Watercraft has returned more than \$51 million in funding support through the Waterways Safety Fund for community boating safety education programs, marine law enforcement programs, and boating access facility projects from 1998 - 2012.

Scenic Rivers

The Scenic Rivers Program facilitates the protection of 14 designated wild, scenic, and recreational river systems across the State of Ohio. This includes 24 different stream segments totaling 800 river miles. The most recent river system designated was the Ashtabula River in October 2008. The Scenic Rivers Program is also responsible for the management of 2,314 acres of ODNR owned and protected "Scenic River Lands" as well as 3,650 acres of private land protected under conservation easements.

Program Highlights for 2012:

A local grassroots organization, the Scenic Mad River Committee (SMRC) in conjunction with Rivers Unlimited (RU) and Wittenberg University has facilitated the completion of a draft scenic/recreational river designation study for the section of the Mad River in Clark County. This project has been led by SMRC and RU with both organizations working on public outreach and education, local support building and fundraising to pay Wittenberg to complete the study based on the Scenic Rivers Program's scenic, and recreational river designation criteria. Scenic Rivers staff began reviewing the designation study in late 2012.

The Central Ohio Assistant Regional Scenic Rivers Program Manager began working with the Department's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee in 2012 and will be serving as the Division of Watercraft's appointed liaison to that committee. Work will include bringing the latest technical and scientific information pertaining to AIS to the division and working with other division staff in the Public Information and Education Section to determine how to best disseminate that information to other division staff and Ohio's recreational boating community.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 1547.81 and 1547.82 the Director of the Department of Natural Resources has approval authority over publicly funded projects within 1,000 feet of a state designated wild, scenic, and recreational river system. Scenic Rivers Program staff review and facilitate the approval of such projects. Major projects reviewed in 2012 that continue to be reviewed into 2013 include the following:

- Harpersfield Dam Repair, Grand River, Lake County – While the Scenic Rivers Program typically advocates for dam removal, the Harpersfield Dam is proposed to be replaced or repaired at or very near to its present location. Maintaining this structure will prevent the upstream migration and spawning of sea lampreys above the dam and eliminate the future need to treat these upstream sections of the river with lampricide.

- Scenic Rivers Program staff worked cooperatively with the Columbiana County Engineer's office and ODOT to develop an alternative bridge structure for the Sprucevale Road Bridge over the Little Beaver Creek that will clear span the stream channel. This was a challenge due to topographical and other physical constraints created by the narrow Little Beaver Creek river valley along this section of the stream.
- State Route 315 Slippage/Slope Failure, Olentangy River, Delaware County – In order to stabilize a slipping slope bearing State Route 315 along the Olentangy River, ODOT is proposing the hard armoring of up to one mile of the Olentangy's river bank. Staff continues to work with ODOT to create a "bioengineered" approach for this project to protect the natural character of the Olentangy Scenic River.
- Scenic Rivers Program staff worked with ODOT in the development of a "bioengineered" stream bank stabilization project to protect a section of State Route 13 adjacent to the North Fork of the Kokosing State Scenic River. An actively eroding outside bend in the river had worked to the point of threatening the stability of the road embankment.
- Hamilton Deerfield Interconnecting Waterline, Little Miami River, Warren County – Warren County is proposing to install a waterline under the Little Miami just upstream of the State Route 48 bridge crossing. This crossing will involve a potential "open cut" of the river bed and crossing some small protected parcels. Scenic Rivers Program staff is working with the Warren County Sanitary Engineer's office and other representatives to facilitate the removal of building remnants from a scenic river property in the Deerfield Gorge area. Removal of these structures will help restore the floodplain of the Little Miami River in this section to more natural conditions.
- West Milton Dam Removal, Stillwater River, Miami County – Southwest Ohio Regional Scenic Rivers Program staff continue to work with the Ohio River Federation, the Village of West Milton, the Ohio EPA, and other ODNR divisions to facilitate the removal of the West Milton Dam from the Stillwater Scenic River. The structure is deteriorating and in need of repair to eliminate the risk of possible failure. In 2002, the Scenic Rivers Program worked with West Milton to secure permission to remove the structure as mitigation for a waterline crossing of the Stillwater River. Since then the Ohio River Federation has taken the lead with regard to facilitating the various steps necessary to complete the removal. The Village of West Milton has tentatively been awarded a \$1.3 million Water Resource Restoration Sponsorship Program grant to complete the project. Some opposition to the project has been generated primarily by landowners living along the existing impoundment behind the dam and others wishing to retain the lake for recreation.

Stream Quality Monitoring volunteers helped teach workshops and collect scenic river data. Data provides baseline river health information and is tracked long-term in a database shared with the Ohio EPA. Ohio was the first state to use volunteer data in state 305(b) water quality reports.

Scenic Rivers Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM)

	<i>Workshops</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Monitored Sites</i>	<i>SQM Samples</i>	<i>Reference Sites</i>
Central	12	1500	45	190	32
Northeast	6	1312	47	196	30
Northwest *	6	250	14	65	15
Southwest *	0	0	12	70	10

* SQM workshop, participant, and monitored site numbers were very low this year for the northwest and southwest Ohio regions due to vacancies within Stream Quality Monitoring Coordinator positions for both regions. The Northwest Ohio Assistant Regional Scenic Rivers Manager Position was also vacant for much of the year. Filling these positions should return workshop and participant numbers to normal levels for next year.

This year, more than 3,000 volunteers monitored about 150 designated stations on Ohio’s scenic rivers.



Public Information & Education

Boating Education and Events

The Division of Watercraft enjoyed participation in various community events including safety fairs, marine industry trade shows, education programs, dedications, community forums, and much more.

Courses Taught by Watercraft Officers

	<i>Courses</i>	<i>Audience</i>
Boating Safety Presentations	182	13,493
Ohio Boating Education Course (OBEC)	143	1,940
Assisted US Power Squadrons and USGA	91	1,063
Canoeing	27	656
Kayaking	33	4,068
Sailing	3	31
Other Certified Courses	8	83
Powerboating	24	133
PWC	4	167
Water Rescue/Survival	14	1,070

Number of Boater Safety Education Certificates Issued

Classroom

Division of Watercraft	1,505
OBEC Taught by Others (non-ODNR)	1,069
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	414
U.S. Power Squadrons	374

Online

BoatED	5,399
BoaterExam	917
BoatUS Foundation	1,284

Home Study

1,323

Total.....12,285

Replacement Cards.....870

2012 Boating Safety Education Grants

The Waterways Safety Fund provides financial assistance to support community boating safety education and boating skills programs. In 2012, a total of \$366,528 in grants was awarded to 30 program recipients statewide. The Division of Watercraft has provided more than \$3.9 million over the past decade to support diverse boating education programs in dozens of Ohio communities.

<i>County</i>	<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Award</i>
Allen	Lima Power Squadron	\$4,805.00
Ashtabula	Ashtabula County Educational Services	22,054.00
Clinton	ODNR - Division of Parks & Recreation-SWORD	9,585.00
Cuyahoga	Cleveland Metroparks	13,999.00
Cuyahoga	Bay Village Schools.....	2,239.71
Cuyahoga	Greater Cleveland Safety Council.....	19,412.00
Darke	Darke County Park District.....	5,942.00
Franklin	Big Brothers Big Sisters Assoc of Central Ohio	13,542.10
Franklin	Disability Resource Network Inc.....	23,023.25
Franklin	Westerville Parks & Recreation.....	10,434.43
Greene	Wright State University	18,495.03
Hamilton	Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America.....	11,302.19
Hamilton	Team River Runner Inc.....	9,759.40
Hamilton	Ohio River Way, Inc.....	12,669.98
Lake	Lake Metroparks.....	8,290.00
Lake	City of Mentor	17,135.00
Lake	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 76	4,870.28
Lake	Spirit of America Foundation	19,600.00
Licking	Licking County SWCD	19,856.60
Licking	Granville Recreation District.....	7,554.59
Logan	YMCA of Central Ohio.....	6,753.39
Lorain	Educational Service Center of Lorain County.....	14,676.96
Montgomery	Five Rivers MetroPark.....	17,575.00
Morrow	Flying Horse Farms	15,218.00
Portage	Kent State University.....	11,386.00
Richland	Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors Inc	6,952.44
Richland	Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.....	5,585.67
Stark	Malone University	12,954.00
Summit	Barberton Parks & Recreation Commission	5,383.00
Van Wert	YMCA of Van Wert County	15,474.00
	Total	\$366,528.02

Courses Taught by Education Grant Recipients

	<i>Courses</i>	<i>Audience</i>
Adaptive Paddling.....	2	7
Advanced Courses	62	1,142
Canoeing	137	1,808
Kayaking.....	480	6,308
Ohio Boater Education Course.....	41	605
Power Boating	16	209
Presentations	21	4,723
PWC.....	26	354
Sailing.....	75	743
Small Craft.....	19	380
Stand Up Paddleboard	81	616
Canoeing Instructor	1	10
Kayaking Instructor.....	2	28
Sailing Instructor.....	1	8

Volunteer Program

Volunteers are an integral part of the Division of Watercraft and contributed 4,986 hours in 2012. They taught sailing, canoeing, and river rescue. They also performed Stream Quality Monitoring on Ohio's State Scenic Rivers and assisted with various fairs and festivals, including boat shows and the Division's Natural Resources Park kayak pond at the Ohio State Fair. There were 121 contractual statewide volunteers.

Media Outreach

The Division of Watercraft aired a series of public boating safety messages on selected broadcast stations around Ohio. These safety awareness messages focused attention on the importance of properly wearing a life jacket and staying sober while boating. The Division produced and distributed over 100 news releases, weekly boating reports and media advisories in addition to conducting over 300 media interviews statewide sharing information on various boating topics.

Wear It Ohio!

Ohio participated in the Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day and had 892 life jackets worn during the May 19, 2012 event. Eighty-five people from around the state wore inflatable life jackets while 808 wore inherently buoyant life jackets. Ohio was second highest in the number of registered events with 24, and had the highest number of participants with 892. The Miami County Park District hosted the event with the most participants with 315. Worldwide, there were 3,993 participants in 146 events in six countries, surpassing last year's world record.

Ohio State Fair

A total of 3,877 state fair patrons participated July 25 - August 5 at the Division's kayak pond for a daily average of 323 participants. With 17 sessions each day, Monday, July 30 saw the largest number of participants, young and old, with 406 paddlers.

The kayak pond measures over 7,000 square feet with approximately 52,000 gallons of water. The 2013 Ohio State Fair will be held July 24 - August 4 and again feature the kayak pond for the sixth consecutive year. For many fairgoers, the kayak pond has served as their first on-water paddling experience.

*An estimated 3 million Ohioans,
or nearly 1 in 4,
go boating each year.*

Law Enforcement/Search and Rescue

The Division of Watercraft continues to protect our Lake Erie international northern border working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Additional law enforcement responsibilities include addressing security concerns on Lake Erie, the Ohio River, and inland waterways during Presidential, Vice Presidential, and diplomatic visits to Ohio. Watercraft officers and their supervisors worked with the Department of Homeland Security and other state and local enforcement agencies to participate in tactical security exercises to enhance public safety.

The Division continued to aggressively enforce laws to remove alcohol and drug impaired boaters from state waterways and participated in state and national media campaigns such as "Get On Board With A Sober Boater" and "Operation Dry Water." These programs help educate boaters on the dangers of alcohol and drugs while boating and guide enforcement agencies on state waterways to unify patrol efforts. In 2012, state watercraft officers contacted more than 80,000 boaters resulting in 103 arrests for boating while intoxicated. Also included were more than 300 citations for other alcohol and drug-related violations.

2012 State Watercraft Officer Statistics (9/25/11 - 9/22/12)

Number of Officers	70
Contacts Made	80,595
Property Saved	\$8,048
Lives Saved.....	6
OUI Arrests	103
Accidents Investigated	192
Written Inspections	13,586
Abbreviated Inspections	2,504
Spot Inspections	5,960
Visual Inspections.....	1,891
Livery Checks.....	27
Assists	660
Fatalities	14

Operation Dry Water

The Division of Watercraft was among a number of enforcement agencies that participated in a nationwide crackdown on drunk boating known as Operation Dry Water, a coordinated marine enforcement effort developed and promoted by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Ohio watercraft officers contact 3,101 boaters and made 11 arrests for boating while intoxicated during this special enforcement weekend June 22 - 24. A total of 85 other alcohol and boating-related citations were issued in addition to 828 warnings.

2012 Marine Patrol Assistance Grants

Annually, the Division of Watercraft provides financial assistance from the Waterways Safety Fund in support of community marine law enforcement programs to help enhance waterways safety. In 2012, a total of \$575,629 was distributed to 25 local law enforcement agencies in support of their marine patrol units. The Division has provided more than \$6 million in boating dollars over the past decade to support marine law enforcement activities in dozens of Ohio communities.

<i>County</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Butler	Butler County Sheriff's Office.....	\$20,106.38
Cuyahoga	Rocky River Police Marine Patrol	25,021.28
Erie	Huron Police Harbor Patrol	22,586.25
Erie	Kelley's Island Police Marine Patrol.....	16,957.50
Erie	Vermilion Police Marine Patrol.....	24,127.66
Franklin	Columbus Police, Marine Park Unit.....	25,468.09
Hamilton	Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol	14,679.95
Knox	Knox County Sheriff's Office	19,751.25
Lake	Lake County Sheriff Marine Patrol	31,276.60
Lawrence	Lawrence County Sheriff's Office	19,882.98
Lorain	Lorain Port Authority.....	32,000.00
Lucas	Lucas County Sheriff's Office	26,940.00
Mahoning	Berlin Lake Marine Patrol.....	22,213.66
Montgomery	Five Rivers Metro Parks.....	15,798.41
Ottawa	Ottawa County Sheriff's Office	32,000.00
Ottawa	Port Clinton Harbor Patrol.....	18,542.55
Ottawa	Put-In-Bay Police Department.....	25,691.49
Pickaway	Pickaway County Sheriff's Office	13,518.00
Portage	Portage County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit.....	19,860.00
Richland	City of Mansfield, Clear Fork Reservoir Police.....	22,340.43
Ross	Ross County Sheriff's Marine Patrol.....	20,106.38
Sandusky	Sandusky County Sheriff's Marine Patrol	24,127.66
Scioto	Scioto County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol	19,882.98
Summit	Summit County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol.....	30,750.00
Tuscarawas	Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.....	32,000.00
	Total	\$575,629.50

Awards

The following recognitions were received in 2012 for exceptional achievement and dedication:

- The Division of Watercraft and staff of the Williams and Heintz Map Corporation, of Capital Heights, Maryland, were recognized in 2012 for their combined efforts in producing the new Little Miami Scenic Rivers map. Williams and Heintz Corp., which last year had been awarded the printing project by the State of Ohio, submitted the newly produced scenic rivers map and won the Printing and Graphics Association Mid-Atlantic Best of Category Award of Excellence for Folders and Brochures.
- The Cleveland Metroparks paddlesports program won first place in the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association's "Community Wellness Programs" category. A boating education grant recipient, Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors (IGO) serves as a mobile outdoor recreation unit that travels to communities providing kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboard classes, and paddling opportunities extending far beyond the physical boundaries of Cleveland Metroparks.
- Dana Smith, of the Cleveland Metroparks, Institute of the Great Outdoors was honored as the Northern Region Boating Educator of the Year by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Regional Reports

North Region

Division of Watercraft staff in the North Region (27 counties) face unique challenges as this is the state's busiest region. About one-third of all Ohio boating activity occurs on Lake Erie, which also has the largest concentration of sport fishing activity. The region shares an international border with Canada and state borders with Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

The Division has five area offices in the region (Ashtabula, Akron, Cleveland, Sandusky, Maumee Bay). Within this region there are five supervisors, three investigators, 15 officers, 11 cadets, 11 clerical, five scenic rivers employees, and four natural resources specialists.

Region highlights in 2012

Participated in the 1st Annual “Take Me Boating Toledo” event held at the Toledo Skyway Marina, May 19. In coordination, a Ready, Set, Wear It event was also held. The event was the third largest single event held in Ohio in 2012 with 108 participants.

The Mahoning River Water Trail, located in Trumbull County, was dedicated August 17, 2012.

Central Region

The Central Region (34 counties) features some of Ohio’s busiest inland boating waterways and serves the capital city of Columbus, which includes the Governor’s office, the state’s Emergency Operations Center, and ODNR’s administrative headquarters.

The Division has three area offices in the region (Alum Creek, Cambridge, Wapakoneta). Within this region there are three supervisors, two investigators, 15 officers, six cadets, six clerical, two scenic rivers employees, and one natural resources specialist.

Region highlights in 2012

The New Galena Launch Ramp located in Alum Creek State Park in Delaware County was dedicated June 8, 2012.

The Mohican River Water Trail located in Ashland, Coshocton, Holmes, and Knox counties was dedicated September 26, 2012.

South Region

The South Region (27 counties) includes one of the nation’s busiest commercial and recreational river corridors as nearly half of the 981-mile Ohio River serves as a state border between Ohio and West Virginia, or Kentucky. The region also includes major urban centers that include the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield metro areas.

The Division has three area offices in the region (East Fork, Scioto County, Springfield). Within this region there are three supervisors, two investigators, thirteen officers, seven cadets, five clerical, two scenic river employees, and three natural resources specialists.

Region highlights in 2012

Staff participated in the bi-annual Peterloo Disaster Day Event sponsored by The Boy Scouts of America. There were 5,600 Boy Scout members in attendance completing several worst case scenarios throughout the day.



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