

## Lake Michigan “Get into Your Sanctuary” Celebration – June 24 - 26, 2016



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### Who We Are

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments.

Within these protected waters, majestic whales feed and migrate, coral reefs flourish, and shipwrecks reveal secrets of our maritime history. And it's YOURS to enjoy, because the vast majority of national marine sanctuary waters are open to recreational fishing, birding, wildlife watching, diving, surfing, kayaking and many more activities that are compatible with conservation goals.

### How to get involved...

- Plan a visit so you can get into the waters of *your* sanctuary!
- Take photos (and leave only bubbles!) while enjoying your favorite sanctuary experiences.
- Share with [#ILoveMySanctuary](#)
- Enter your best shots in the **photo contest**: June 1-July 15; Categories include sanctuary views, life and portraits. Visit the website for additional details and contest rules:

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/earthisblue/photo-contest.html>



### You're Invited!

As a travel destination, few places on the planet can compete with the diversity of the National Marine Sanctuary System. So, we're going to celebrate ALL of them at the same time, and we want YOU to join us!

This June marks our second National "Get into Your Sanctuary" celebration, when sanctuaries across the system will be hosting concurrent public events to help you personally experience, enjoy and protect these special places. There will be guided tours, gear demonstrations, giveaways, photo opportunities, and educational activities for the whole family. On this weekend, NOAA, in partnership with Lake Michigan coastal communities and the State of Wisconsin, welcomes you to visit your "proposed" national marine sanctuary.

Check our website and social media channels for updates throughout the month of June, and don't forget to enter the [Get into Your Sanctuary photo contest](#)! Please help us spread the word by sharing your favorite sanctuary stories with the hashtag, [#ILoveMySanctuary](#).

### A Proposed National Marine Sanctuary in Wisconsin

In October 2015, NOAA started the process to designate a national marine sanctuary for 875 square miles of Lake Michigan waters. In partnership with the State of Wisconsin and local communities, this sanctuary would protect and interpret a nationally significant collection of 38 historic shipwrecks.

NOAA is currently drafting the proposal documents. When these are published, the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback. Upon final publication of the documents, the national marine sanctuary would be designated. This process typically takes several years. More information is available at, <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/wisconsin>.

**Learn more about Wisconsin's shipwrecks and maritime heritage by attending the events listed on the back!**

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## Summary of Activities

**Geocaching!** Learn about Wisconsin shipwrecks and maritime heritage with a geocache tour. Instructions can be picked up at most locations listed below or go to <https://www.geocaching.com>, keyword: WiscMaritime.



### Two Rivers - [www.manitowoc.info](http://www.manitowoc.info)

- Attend the **Cool City Classic Car Cruise and Show** (Friday night), [http://www.tworiversmainstreet.com/car\\_show/](http://www.tworiversmainstreet.com/car_show/)
- Take a 30-minute narrated tour of Two Rivers' harbor and lakefront to learn about maritime heritage (Saturday)
- Explore shallow water shipwrecks from **Point Beach State Forest**. Bring your own kayak. (Saturday)
- Watch a free movie (*Zootopia*) on **Neshotah Beach** (Saturday night)

### Sheboygan - [www.visitsheboygan.com](http://www.visitsheboygan.com)

- Visit **Spaceport Sheboygan** to attend the grand opening of *Science on a Sphere*™ (ribbon-cutting Friday at noon; open all weekend) and learn about Great Lakes shipwrecks from Steve Radovan (11 am Saturday). *Free admission!* <http://spaceportsheboygan.com/>
- Watch the **Lightning sailing regattas** from South Pier (Saturday and Sunday), <http://seasheboygan.org>

### Manitowoc - [www.manitowoc.info](http://www.manitowoc.info)

- Visit the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** exhibits and tour the *SS Cobia* (\$) or start a geocache trail (all weekend), <http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/>
- Bike the **Maritime Trail** between Manitowoc and Two Rivers and visit the information booth near the historic marker for the *Francis Hinton* shipwreck (Saturday)
- Kayak to the *Francis Hinton* shipwreck from the **Manitowoc Marina** (\$) for kayak rental <http://www.manitowoc-marina.com/activities/rental-kayak-sup>

### Port Washington - [www.visitportwashington.com](http://www.visitportwashington.com)

- Sail aboard the *Denis Sullivan* (\$) (Thursday-Sunday) <http://www.portexploreum.com/parties-rentals/denis-sullivan-bookings/>
- Visit the **Port Exploreum** (\$) (Saturday and Sunday), <http://www.portexploreum.com/>
- Learn about diving and area shipwrecks at **Port Deco Divers**, the new dive shop (Saturday), <https://portdecodivers.com/>
- *Shipwrecks of the Sanctuary* film screening (Thursday, 6-8 pm)

### Mequon

- Family Fun Before the Fourth (Saturday), <http://familyfunbeforethefourth.com/>