

## LEC Boats

The fleet of the Lake Erie Center consists of the following vessels:

The R/V May flier- is a 25-foot SPORTCRAFT Center Console-type offshore boat. It has twin 150 hp outboard motors, a 140 gal fuel tank, and a capacity of 9 persons. On calm days it is capable of speeds over 40 mph and can be used to sample many miles offshore. The May flier is currently docked at Meinke's Marina, about 9 miles east of the LEC. A first aid kit, tool kit, safety kit, GPS, depth sounder, and life vests are either on board or are required equipment for sampling trips.

The R/V Pisces- is a new, 15-foot, inflatable Zodiac boat. It has a fiberglass hull and rigid deck along with a bench seat and console. It is powered by a 40 hp outboard motor with a five-gallon fuel can, which needs to be checked and filled prior to each sampling trip. It has a capacity of 4 – 5 persons depending on gear and should be used inshore, up river, or within 5 to 10 miles offshore. The Pisces is equipped with first aid, tool, and safety kits as well as oars and an anchor. It is currently housed at the Lake Erie Center in the wet-lab and can be trailered to and launched from the public ramp near the Toledo Edison Power Plant 1 ½ miles west on Bayshore Rd.

The R/V Mudpuppy- is a 14 foot, flat bottomed, aluminum Johnboat. It has a 25 hp short-shafted outboard motor. It also has a five-gallon fuel can that must be checked/filled before each trip. A box containing tools, first aid items, and safety gear should be brought along on each trip as well as oars, an anchor, and life vests. It has a capacity of 3 – 4 persons, depending on gear and is strictly for inshore trips. It is also housed at the LEC, in the back parking area and can also be trailered to and launched from the public ramp near the Toledo Edison Power Plant 1 ½ miles west on Bayshore Rd.

Non-motor craft include a 2-person fiberglass canoe, a 2-person kayak, and a 1-person kayak. These are all housed in the LEC wet-lab. These can either be launched across the street or taken by vehicle to other sites for shallow water sampling, i.e. wetlands.

Familiarity with boating, trailering, navigational rules of the road, and local conditions are required for anyone wishing to use the Lake Erie Center's smaller boats. Use of the larger vessels require much greater experience and may not be permitted without the addition of an experienced LEC staff person or other as deemed qualified.

The rates of use are as follows:

May flier - \$150 half day (up to 3 hours), \$225 full day (3-7 hours), with an additional fee if pilot is provided by the LEC.

Pisces - \$75 half day (up to 3 hours), \$125 full day (3-7 hours), with an additional fee if pilot is provided by the LEC.

Mudpuppy - \$50 half day (up to 3 hours), \$75 full day (3-7 hours)

The non-motor craft are available for a flat rate of \$25 each

Reservation forms may be downloaded here and turned in to the facility manager when completed. Reservations are first-come, first-served but are subject to a \$25 fee for last minute cancellations not brought about by weather.

The boating qualifications of each user will be determined by the facility manager and a LEC pilot will be assigned if necessary. The pilot's fee will be based on an hourly rate (\$12-\$30 per hour) and will be determined in advance.

Also, to use an LEC vehicle to transport a vessel will require a separate reservation and fee.

The above rates apply to Lake Erie Center related individuals and projects. Outside groups and projects will be assessed at double the rates.