

LAKE ERIE CENTER USE POLICIES

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 1/2 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 1/2 miles west on Bayshore Rd.

Policies:

Boats are for Lake Erie Center use only. **A boating safety course is required for everyone who operates or rides on an LEC boat.** Users must provide a grant number against which fuel charges can be made. Contact Chris Bloomfield or Tom Bridgeman to arrange for boat use.

The boats are not available for rent by other groups or agencies. Outside people are permitted on the boats with Lake Erie Center researchers only.