



Boyne Thunder Bits

1. The 2017 Boyne Thunder POKER RUN is set for its 14th year. Boyne Thunder is an event created by Main Street of Boyne City to raise funds for three beneficiaries: the Boyne City Main Street program, Camp Quality, and Challenge Mountain.
2. Boyne Thunder is a poker run, not a race. The winner is decided by the best poker hand at the end of the run and not who is first to complete the course or turn in their card hands.
3. Participants will pick up one sealed envelope containing a playing card at 5 different stops along the course which is approximately 150 miles long.
4. The fleet will leave the Boyne City marina at approximately 10:00 a.m. to start the parade lap at 10:15 a.m. before heading west to Charlevoix.
5. The fleet will pass through Charlevoix at 10:35 before heading to the first card stop in Elk Rapids. The second card stop is in Northport and then back to Charlevoix for lunch where the boats will dock until 1:35. The third card stop is in Bay Harbor and the fourth card stop is in Harbor Springs. The fleet will pick up their fifth card in Horton Bay before turning in the card hands during a reception at the Summerset Yacht Club near Boyne City.
6. The poker hands are revealed after a dinner and auction on Saturday night in the Poker Run Village back at the Boyne City marina and the winners are determined.
7. The prizes for the best poker hand are as follows: 1st place, \$3,000; 2nd place, \$2,000; 3rd place, \$1,000
8. The helicopter that can be seen is provided by the event to take both still photographs of boats on the course as well as a video recording that once edited, is provided to participants.
9. The boats range in size from 22 feet to 53 feet with horsepower ranging from 425 hp. to 3,600 + hp and are capable of speeds above 150 mph.
10. While the majority of the participants comes from the Great Lakes Region, this year's event has drawn participants from as far away as Florida.
11. For more information, please visit our website at [Boyne Thunder.com](http://BoyneThunder.com)

