



Boyne Thunder Bits

- Boyne Thunder is a power boat event that began in 2004 to raise funds for three beneficiaries: Camp Quality, Challenge Mountain and BC Main Street. Since the inception, close to \$1.5 million has been raised.
- The boats range in size from 22 to 55 feet in length with horsepower ranging from 425 to 3600. Some boats are capable of speeds over 150 mph.
- Boyne Thunder is a poker run, not a race. This means the winner is decided by the best poker hand collected along a specified route, and not who is first to complete the course. Participants will pick up one sealed envelope containing a playing card at each of five different stops along the route.
- The course is approximately 150 miles long, traversing both Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan.
- The fleet will leave the Boyne City Marina at approximately 10:00 am and begin the parade laps around 10:15 am. The boats will form four distinct groups according to their cruising speed and boat length. Each group will pass in front of the marina following their group's pace boat before heading west to Charlevoix.
- The fleet will pass through Charlevoix at approximately 10:30am before heading to the first card stop near the marina in Elk Rapids. The second card stop is near the marina in Northport and then the boats go back to Charlevoix for lunch, arriving at the marina in Round Lake around noon. At approximately 1:35 pm, the fleet will leave Charlevoix and head to the third card stop in Bay Harbor, and then on to the fourth card stop at the docks in Harbor Springs. The boats will pick up their fifth card in Horton Bay before turning in their cards in Boyne City.
- The poker hands are revealed after a participant dinner and auction Saturday evening in the Poker Run Village located near the Boyne City Marina.
- The prizes for the best poker hand are: 1st place, \$5,000; 2nd place, \$3,000; 3rd place, \$1,500. There is a \$500 prize for the last place hand as well.
- The helicopter flying over all parts of the event is there to assist in taking photographs as well as a video recording. Follow us on social media for updates.
- Those watching Boyne Thunder from out on the water may notice boats and sea-doo's along the course flying orange flags. These are official Boyne Thunder Marshall watercrafts and are there to keep the area clear of non-participant boat traffic along the course, for everyone's safety, as well as offer assistance to participants with mechanical issues.
- While the majority of the participants come from the Great Lakes region, this event has drawn participants from as far away as Florida, California, Washington and Canada!



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Spectator Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JULY 11

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Stroll the Streets in Boyne City

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse - donations accepted

10:15 am - 10:45 am Boat Parade Laps, Boyne City (approximate times)

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch in Charlevoix at the Charlevoix City Marina

1:35 pm Boats depart Charlevoix

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Boaters turn in cards in Boyne City

7:30 pm Movie: Finding Nemo in Downtown Boyne City



Boyne Thunder Route

Boyne City through Charlevoix to Elk Rapids then Northport and return to Charlevoix (depart 1:30 pm)

Bay Harbor to Harbor Springs to Horton Bay and return to Boyne City

Recommended Viewing Locations

Boyne City

Grant Moore Municipal Marina
Open Space (across from Family Fare)
Sunset Park
Peninsula Beach
Tannery Beach
Young State Park

Charlevoix

walkways at Pine River Channel and Bridge Park
South Pier Lighthouse & Michigan Beach Park
Area around Charlevoix Marina
Mt. McSauba Beach

Elk Rapids

public marina

Petoskey

East Park (US31 south of Petoskey)

Harbor Springs

marina area

2023 Boyne Thunder Merchandise

Boyne City: Friday from 9 am - 9 pm and Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm
Poker Run Village

Charlevoix: Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm near the tent on Bridge Street