



**Lake Erie Waterkeeper Invites Boaters, Elected Officials, Farmers
To Seek Help for Lake Erie
After 10 Year Toledo Water Crisis Failed to Produce Results**



**August 4 - 3 pm Toledo Yacht Club
Jet will lead boats in Maumee and at
Toledo Intake for moment to
Sound Off for Lake Erie**

**Elected Officials, Farmers, Media and Others Speaking on Jet Express
3:00 Jet Leaves Toledo Yacht Club – Boats meet in Maumee River by Coast Guard
3-3:45 Boats can follow Jet Express to Toledo intake
3:45 Boats at Toledo Intake To ‘Sound off(Honk) for Lake Erie/ Boats Radio 68 info**

Boaters & Fishermen, Lake Erie Lovers.... Tired of :

- *Will there be algae?* *Where is the algae?*
- *Don't let the dog in the algae water?* *Don't want to fish in green water?*
- *Don't want to swim in green water?*
- *Don't want to get sick from contact with & breathing green water algae air?*

Promises made not kept. Federal & state governments spent over \$1 billion - yet lake still green.

- Large-scale industrial operations (that are too massive to be called farms) raise tens of thousands of unpermitted cattle each year in the Maumee watershed producing manure land applied untreated manure close to barns.
- These animal factories manure came in the late 1990's which is when Lake Erie started turning green making manure the change that is responsible for too much phosphorus as the key source of harmful algae.
- Government has bowed to the world's largest meat and dairy companies, the Farm Bureau and other pro-agriculture lobbying groups who have developed no meaningful strategy to regulate or mediate the manure pollution problem.
- The result is that the lake is back to its former status of toxic green algae that is the only source of drinking water to more than a million people.
- We must demand relevant action to control industrial meat and dairy operations manure runoff (often owned by overseas companies)

Make Lake Erie Blue not Green

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