

## Proposed 2017 Calendar of Events

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#### **\*BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual blessing of boats and aircraft servicing the Bass Islands will be held at 11 a.m. off Fox's Dock, adjacent to the Jet Express Dock downtown. Local clergy will bless the vessels, a centuries old tradition in ports worldwide. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies served on the dock.

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#### **VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND**

Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial, commemorating two centuries of peace between the United States, Canada and Great Britain, opens for the season today. The memorial and the visitor center are open 10 am to 5 pm daily through October.

Downtown Retail Merchants and island home owners join together for one big **Island Wide Garage Sale** on Saturday. Map with locations for garage sales will be distributed the day of the event. Don't miss the big bargains at the **Heritage Resale Shop** at the Historical Museum.

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#### **Memorial Day Weekend**

Memorial Day ceremony honoring our veterans is held at Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial on Saturday, May 27.

### J U N E

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#### **43<sup>rd</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY**

Celebrate the founding of Put-in-Bay by Hispanic merchant Jose DeRivera. Kids' games from noon to 2 pm, sandwiches, hot dogs, strawberry shortcake, festival vendors, great bargains, live music and lots of fun in DeRivera Park downtown, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

16-19

#### **PUT-IN-BAY MARITIME CELEBRATION**

See what makes Put-in-Bay such a fun port of call for the entire family as we welcome the US Brig Niagara in celebration of the Lake Erie Islands' maritime heritage. Also this weekend is the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Put-in-Bay Pyrate Fest. Lots of activities planned for the kids too. Captain Jack Sparrow and crew will teach sword fighting techniques and lead a treasure hunt. There's also a kids costume contest and games. The Cayman Islands Visitor & Convention Bureau will provide a 4-night vacation for the winner of the annual Adult Costume Contest.

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#### **PUT-IN-BAY PYRATE FEST IX:**

Put-in-Bay's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Pyrate Fest sees the return of the Pyrate King for 4 days to find his stolen treasure. Friday the pyrates invade the downtown harbor by boat. Saturday fun activities for the entire family, including Kids Costume Contest, and an Adult Costume Contest with the winner headed to the Cayman Islands. Sunday is the annual Kids Fest, and Monday the island businesses paddle their vessels around the downtown

harbor in the annual Cardboard Boat Races. Sunday is the second annual 5K Pyrate Run & Fun Walk benefiting Stein Hospice. Pyrate Village with Pyrate Marketplace, Faire Wynds Circus, historic displays in cooking, medicine, weapons, and navigation. Lots of re-enactors in pyrate gear. Dress as a pyrate and join the fun. Find more info at [pyratefest.co](http://pyratefest.co).

## **J U L Y**

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### **Fourth of July!**

Fireworks program at dark presented by the Put-in-Bay Business Owners & Friends of the Bay. Shot off a barge in the downtown harbor, the aerial display is best viewed anywhere along the downtown waterfront and from the Perry Memorial grounds.

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### **FREEDOM CONCERT**

The Central Ohio Symphony will once again perform Put-in-Bay's Freedom Concert as part of the island's Independence Day celebration at Perry's Victory at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Put-in-Bay Arts Council and the National Park Service.

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### **Christmas in July**

Ohio Magazine voted Put-in-Bay as the "Best Place for Christmas in July." Some downtown businesses decorate for Christmas.

## **A U G U S T**

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### **FIVE-IRON GOLF CLASSIC**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament held at Saunders Resort Golf Course is fun for all skill levels. Players use just a five-iron and a putter to play nine holes. A chance at a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize included. Other hole-in-one prizes include a set of golf clubs, a Bose Stereo and \$500 gift card. Entry is \$130 per team and includes greens fee, picnic lunch, soft drinks, water, etc. First tee time is 10 a.m. and final tee time is 5:30 p.m. Hole prize packages include golf bags, clubs, golf balls, apparel and more. Chipping Contest for a new set of clubs, and great raffle prizes.

## **S E P T E M B E R**

### **PERRY'S VICTORY HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

The 204<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie is a celebration of history, art and music and also a celebration of Perry's naval victory and two centuries of peace shared by the United States, Canada and Great Britain. A War of 1812 Military encampment all weekend and 1,200 Boy Scouts camp on the memorial's east lawn for their annual camporee.

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### **Grand Parade**

Local and regional dignitaries join 1,200 scouts, classic cars, and regional high school marching bands, the captain of the USS Lake Erie, area veterans, and 1812 re-enactors for the annual Grand Parade.

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### **ART IN THE PARK**

Area and regional arts and craftspeople display and sell their original works in photography, watercolor, acrylic, pottery, glass, stained glass, fabric, wood and paper. Live demonstrations and silent auction that benefits the Put-in-Bay Arts Council. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in DeRivera Park.

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### **NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE BAY**

Island businesses celebrate New Year's Eve with Monte Carlo street games from 6 to 11 p.m. and many establishments hand out traditional party hats and accessories.

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### **HALF-WAY TO ST. PATTY'S DAY**

Celebrate the half-way mark to St. Patrick's Day with a parade at 1:45 p.m. Hooligan's Irish Pub sponsors a Drum and Bagpipe Marching Band for the parade. Island restaurants serve Irish food and beverages.

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### **TAILGATE WEEKEND**

Dress in your favorite team's colors, jerseys and gear and join us for Tailgate Weekend at the Bay. You'll find your favorite team playing on one of the many big screens on the island. Join the Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers at their annual tailgate.

## **OCTOBER**

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### **ISLAND WINE FESTIVAL**

Sample more than 200 foreign and domestic wines, including island wines from Heineman Winery and Put-in-Bay Winery, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of good food, and excellent wine. Admission is \$6 and includes a souvenir wine glass. Sample tickets are \$1 and most samples are in the \$2-\$5 range. Purchase a full bottle to take home. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doller Estate on Bay View Avenue downtown. Winery tours and a large silent auction that benefits the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society are some of the activities.

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### **OKTOBERFEST**

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual German-style festival features German food, hot spiced wine, and cold beer. Oktoberfest is Put-in-Bay's Homecoming Weekend. Open Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Fantastic food, including brats, potato pancakes, apple dumplings, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, cabbage and noodles, schnitzel, pies, and German Chocolate cake provided by Put-in-Bay Chamber member restaurants. Live polka and German music, and German dancers entertain both days. Souvenir apparel, souvenir beer glasses for sale. Great raffle items.

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### **ZOMBIE FEST**

Give your Halloween costume a trial run at our island Zombie Fest and Pub Crawl. This new event gives weekend revelers a second weekend to enjoy the Halloween season.

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### **Halloween at the Bay**

Downtown taverns decorate with a theme for Halloween. Hundreds of people in costume flood the streets for Put-in-Bay's final weekend of the season. Some establishments have costume contests and give cash prizes.

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