

**THE AYC PRESENTS:**

***“WHAT EVERY BOATER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT  
MARITIME LAW ON LAKE ERIE”***

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**ABOUT THE PRESENTER:**

David graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York with a third mate's license for any ocean and any gross tonnage, a commission in the United States Navy Reserve, and a B.S. degree in Nautical Science. In 1975, He graduated with honors from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

David went to work for Cleveland's largest maritime law firm. He worked on admiralty cases on the Great Lakes and other locations. He became a partner in the firm and was transferred to the firm's Chicago office, where he handled cases involving marine casualties on Lake Michigan and Inland rivers. He is also admitted to the Illinois Bar.

He returned to Cleveland in 1987 and purchased property in Ashtabula, Ohio on Lake Erie's South Shore, where he maintains his office. He handles a variety of maritime and civil cases, and defends Coast Guard Licenses.

**TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:**

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