

Good News...

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Fifty Years of Cruising Cleveland 50th Anniversary Discount Days

CLEVELAND — 2008 marks the 50th Anniversary of Goodtime Cruises. This milestone is special to the owner, Jim Fryan who has been at the helm of the Company since buying the company from his Father and Uncle in 1984. Jim has happily announced that as a Thank You to Clevelanders' he will roll back the prices for Children to 1958 pricing!

These 50th Anniversary Discount Days are Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. The discounted price is **\$.50 Cents** for Children 2-11 years old as long as they are accompanied by a Parent or legal guardian.

"This discount will certainly help the families that have patronized the Goodtime over the years", Fryan said.



GOODTIME III at Dock in North Coast Harbor.

photo Samantha Landgraf

Parking on the Pier

This story continues to be HUGE for customers of the GOODTIME III. After five years of NO Close-in Pier Parking, the City of Cleveland granted the request of Citizens, Customers and GOODTIME III Management. Goodtime Cruise Line, Inc. and ALL those Customers that voiced their wishes to the City made this amenity happen. Captains Jim & Rick Fryan graciously Thank Customers, the City Council and City Hall for granting this request. The Pier Lot is operated by Ampco System parking and the rate is \$8.00 per car. Ampco System Parking was established in 1966 and is an industry leader in the operation of Parking facilities. There are a few special events at North Coast Harbor that make parking not available at this lot. In these few cases—the Port Authority Lot and the Burke Lakefront Parking lot are great parking alternatives.

See Page 2 for TICKET Info

Tickets are now on the Web

www.goodtimeiii.com

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Host an Event like;

- *Awards Dinners*
- *Birthday Parties*
- *Business Meetings*
- *Clambakes*
- *Company Celebrations*
- *Dinner & Lunch Cruises*
- *Narrated Tours*
- *Panorama Package*
- *School Field Trips*
- *Weddings & Receptions*

50 Years of Changes

In the early years of the Goodtime, the late 50's and all through the 60's, the lower part of the ship's hull had to be repainted twice during the season to keep the water line looking white due to the pollution in the water. Now the Cuyahoga River is clean year round!

The wildlife seen on the river today is plentiful. "From fish and turtles to blue heron, the eco-system is much healthier than our beginning", says Captain Hudec.

The number of large ships has decreased going in and out of the Cuyahoga River over time. There used to be as many as eight tugs to help with

these ships. Today, the ships that travel up and down the river are much larger (capacity wise) and have bow and stern thruster devices that eliminates the need for many of the tugs.

In the early years of the Goodtime, the crew consisted of mostly family members working the various positions on the ships. The entire

crew consisted of about five or seven members. Today's larger ship; GOODTIME III requires as many as thirty crew members to fill the many positions.

Change is good—it makes life interesting and keeps passengers coming back year after year, says Hudec.

We all benefit from that! We hope to see you onboard soon. *"If I don't see you in the future—I'll see you in the pasture"*



Captain Bruce Hudec, Serving since 1971—reflects on changes on the Cuyahoga over the Past 50 years.

On-Line Reservations & Ticket Sales



Beginning in late April, on-line reservations and ticket sales will be available for the convenience of customers that want 24-hour access to tickets. Captain Rick Fryan says that web-based business inquiries have grown over 2,000% in just the past 3 years. NOW is the time to offer this service to our Customers says Maryann, Office Manager since 1990. She has seen the change from customer telephone calls to e-mails and says this will be a great feature to our website. GOODTIME III has hosted a Website since 1995. We look at our website as a 24-hour sales person that can answer and assist a more sophisticated customer in the 21st Century. Now, not only can we offer the information—we can also do business 24/7, says Captain Fryan. Visit www.goodtimeiii.com to make your reservations, order cruise tickets and Gift Certificates too.

The Recovery of the Cuyahoga River

By Jane Goodman, Outreach & Communications Director—Cuyahoga River RAP

Since the infamous 1969 fire the Cuyahoga River has undergone amazing recovery.

In 1969 there were only two known fish species found - now there over fifty.

Fish eating waterfowl are found throughout the valley. Eagles now nest in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Community involvement in caring for the river and its streams has grown. Local

“Goodtime Cruises are partially responsible for the clean-up of the Cuyahoga by simply showing it to the many who have seen & experienced the River aboard her decks—How clean would the Cuyahoga River be without the GOODTIME?” Comment of a Cleveland

groups, supported by the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan, are now at work in nine of twelve tributaries to promote and protect their local stream and watershed. Restoration plans are underdevelopment throughout the watershed.

The ship channel, the part of the river most visitors to Cleveland see - the flats and the industrial valley - is a big

challenge to fish migration, and it is where the testing of prototype “Green Bulkheads” will begin this summer. The steel bulkhead walls that separate the river and bank, and keeps the channel deep enough for freighters to travel, do not provide needed shelter and food for infant fish as they migrate down the river from their spawning beds to the lake.

A team of designers, engineers and biologists has developed new habitat-holding wall

systems for this part of the shoreline. The locally-developed and-manufactured habitats can also improve the region’s economic health. The project is led by the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization, with support from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and local businesses. You can learn more by visiting www.CRCPO.org

Celebration Cruise Dates

Have your Cake and Eat it too! That’s the mantra for the Luncheon Cruise on Friday, June 13, 2008. An Anniversary Cake will be the dessert for those that book a Luncheon Cruise on this special date.

As a “Thank You” to commemorate the 50th Year—Celebration Cruise



Dates will be;

Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July Weekend and Labor Day Weekend the Admission for Children, ages 2-11 will be turned back to **1958 Pricing! Yes, a Child will ride for \$.50 as long as they are accompanied by a Parent or legal Guardian.** Grandparents can take advantage of these significant savings as well—bring the grandkids

for a cruise! Tell your friends too!

GOODTIME III is proud to offer this to families who have patronized the business over the years and feel this is a way to give back to a wonderful community that Greater Cleveland is. These specials are only available by purchasing the tickets in-person the day(s) of the Cruises. **This offer is NOT available on-line. Call for more details.**

Groups Love our Cruises... and We LOVE Groups!

Group Outings on the GOODTIME III are an excellent way to get together. To promote the 50th ANNIVERSARY and attract more Groups a \$50.00 Gift Certificate will be sent to Groups* that Cruise during the 2008 50th Anniversary Season.

This Certificate is a “Thank You” to the Group Leader and will be sent out after the Cruise. It can be used toward any future cruise for the Group Leader. GOODTIME III offers 15

Public Cruises weekly during the summer season. Cruises are also available in September.

*This offer applies to groups of 20 or more PAID. Call 216-861-5110 or Toll-Free @ 888-916-7447.

This Program does **NOT** apply to School Field Trip Groups.



The GOODTIME III is a Unique Group Event Site that is VERY Affordable & totally FUN and extremely “CLEVELAND”.
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GOODTIME III

GOODTIME CRUISE LINE is a Family Owned & Operated Business which started service in the Spring of 1958 with the "GOODTIME" and expanded twice with GOODTIME II in 1960, then the GOODTIME III in 1991. This Company enthusiastically promotes Cleveland, the Cuyahoga River and Lakefront of Cleveland. A Balanced mixture of Education & Entertainment make this Attraction an ICON and TRADITION in the City of Cleveland.

Many families, companies and organizations choose the GOODTIME III for annual events and gatherings—Call to plan yours!

Message from the President

Looking back over the years I remember some highlights... Like the first Goodtime taking City Officials to greet the first Ship to come through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The OHIO EPA Cruise to show the mighty Cuyahoga to Robert Redford during an Environmental Summit in Cleveland. And the year Willard Scott broadcasted 2 Hours Live from the 3rd Deck of the GOODTIME II for the Today Show. He was so down to earth and had one voracious appetite.

Many Celebrities have cruised aboard the Goodtime over the years including; Chuck Norris, Drew Carey, Halle Berry and even the late Peter Jennings broadcasted from the

decks twice in the past Decade. Some of our most memorable passengers are Clevelanders that come each and every year like Gary & Suzanne who have been coming on Dinner Cruises since the early 1990's and now favor the Fireworks Cruise.

Retired teacher Terri H. from Royalview Elementary in Willowick—She has been bringing her classes since the early 1960's.

Our passengers come from all over North East Ohio and beyond. Many are surprised by how nice a City Cleveland actually is.

We are not—for Cleveland is; ***the Best Location in the Nation.***



Captain Jim Fryan

We are so proud and thankful to celebrate 50 Consecutive Years offering cruises here—***Our Home ... Cleveland.***

Thank You! and have a "Good Time"

Jim Fryan, Pres.& CEO