

Great Lakes Trivia

Get Ready...



Q - Before European settlement, the Great Lakes were characterized by productivity described as:

a) mesotrophic,

b) eutrophic,

c) oligotrophic

d) anoxic

Q - What is the name of the largest island in Lake Superior?

A- Isle Royale

Q - Name the state(s) that border Lake Huron

A - Michigan

Q - When did the first people come to the Great Lakes Region:

a) 13,000 B.C.,

b) 3,000 B.C.,

c) 200 A.D.,

d) 1300 A.D.

Q - Name the first large sailing vessel to serve the Great Lakes:

A - the *Griffin* (1679)

Q - Which of the Great Lakes is most likely to be affected by storm surges?

A - Lake Erie

**Q - How many miles does a ship travel from
Duluth, MN to the Atlantic Ocean?:**

a) 1,572,

b) 1,815,

c) 2,150,

d) 2,342

Q - What freshwater lake has the largest surface area and the third largest volume in the world?

A - Lake Superior

Q - What percentage of the world's fresh surface water is contained in the Great Lakes?

A - 20%

Q - What was the name of Commodore Perry's flagship at the Battle of Lake Erie

A - the *Lawrence*

Q - What Great Lakes regional Native American confederacy was known as the "Five Nations?"

A - the Iroquois

Q - This Great Lake has over 30,000 islands

A - Lake Huron

Q - What states border the Great Lakes

**A - Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois,
Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania**

**About how many gallons of water are in
Lake Superior:**

- a) 1 quadrillion,**
- b) 2 quadrillion,**
- c) 3 quadrillion,**
- d) 4 quadrillion**

Q - The St. Lawrence Seaway opened in what year?

A - 1959

Q - Which river once flowed into Lake Michigan, but was rerouted and now flows out of Lake Michigan?

A - Chicago River

Q - Which lake was last to be discovered by Europeans?

A - Lake Erie

Q - When was the *Edmund Fitzgerald* lost?

A - November, 1975

Q - What would the phrase "Black Friday" mean to a sailor on Lake Erie?

A - October 20, 1916 - "Black Friday" four ships sank that night in a fierce gale.

Q - Which of the Great Lakes has the smallest volume?

A - Lake Erie

Q - Where were Lifesaver candies invented?

A - Cleveland, Ohio

Q - The 1972 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement emphasized a reduction in what chemical to reduce eutrophication?

- a) nitrogen,**
- b) phosphorus,**
- c) sulfur,**
- d) mercury**

Q - Is Lake Superior larger or smaller than the State of Maine?

A - Smaller - 31,800 sq mi compared to 33,215 sq mi

Q - If the water of the Great Lakes were spread out evenly over North America, the continent would be covered to a depth of:

- a) less than 6 inches,**
- b) one foot,**
- c) two feet,**
- d) more than 3 feet.**

Q - Name the 2 National Estuarine Research Reserves located on the Great Lakes:

A - Old Woman Creek (Huron, Ohio); Lake Superior (Superior, Wisconsin)

Q - Name the only Great Lake located entirely within the United States.

A - Lake Michigan

Q - What Dr. Seuss book makes reference to the Great Lakes?

A - The Lorax

Q - What is the biggest part of the Great Lakes in Canada?

A – The Canadian portion of Lake Huron, with a surface area of 36,000 sq. km (13,900 sq. mi.), out of a total of 59,600 sq. km. (23,012 sq. mi.)

Q - What is the largest island in any freshwater lake on Earth?

A – Manitoulin Island in the Canadian waters of Lake Huron. It has an area of 2,765 sq. km. (1,068 sq. mi.)

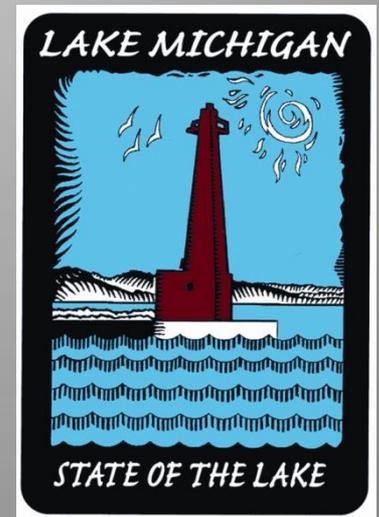
Q - What is the world's longest inland waterway open to ocean shipping?

A – The St. Lawrence Seaway - Great Lakes Waterway, completed in 1959. It stretches for 3,790 km (2,355 mi) from Anticosti Island to the head of Lake Superior

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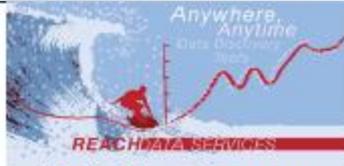
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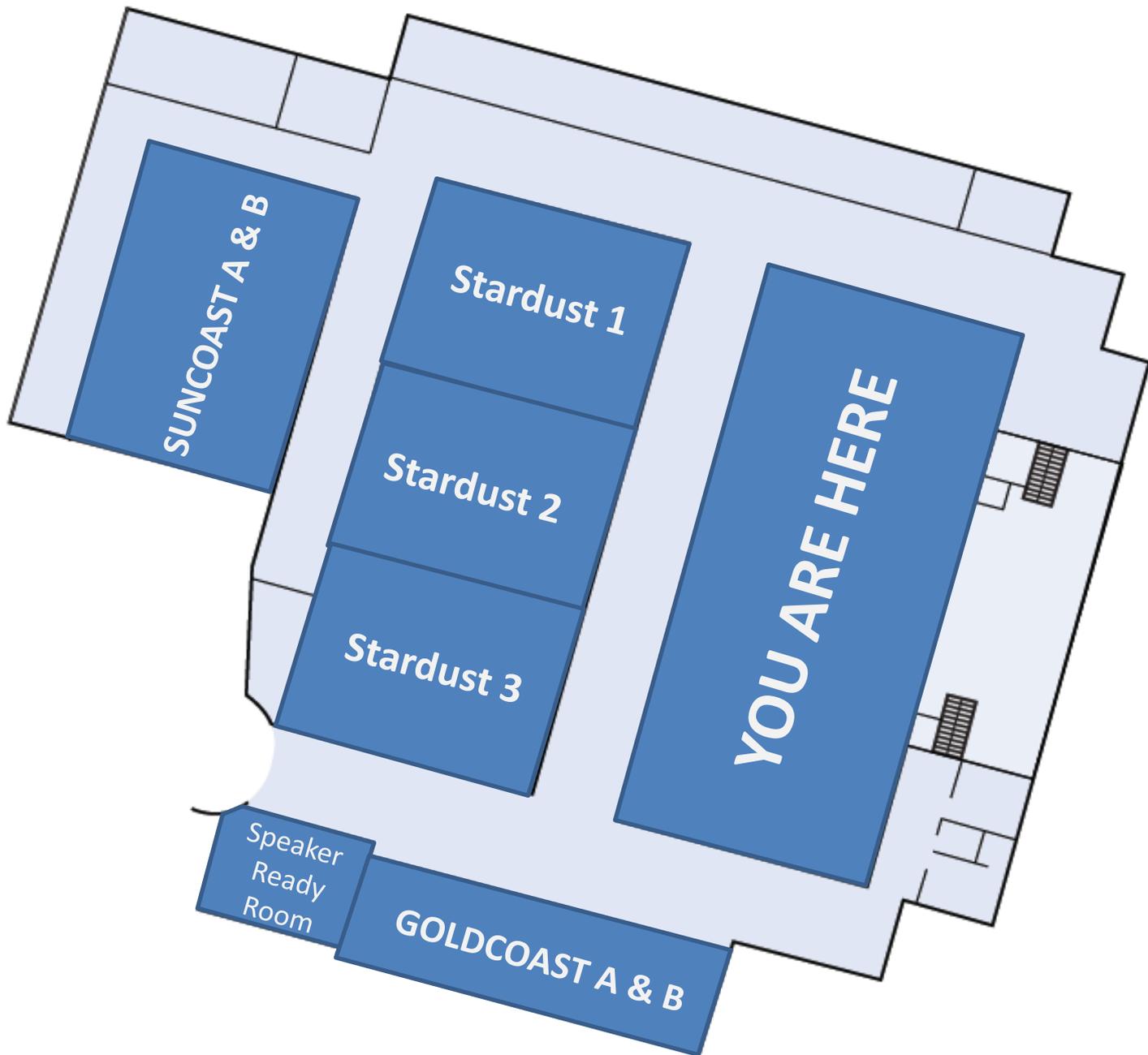
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