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## **Get Out & Boat Fest Splashes onto South Lake Union June 24th**

**FREE Boat Rides, Hands-On Clinics, Seminars, Plus Live Music, Kids' Zone, Info Booths and Food at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SLU Event**

SEATTLE – The Northwest Yacht Brokers Association is excited to host the second round of their Get Out & Boat Fest, to be held in Chandler's Cove on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm. This event was so popular last year the fleet has nearly doubled, offering 50 boat rides throughout the day. Completely FREE to the public, the Fest aims to demonstrate the joy and feasibility of boating by getting people out on the water. Attendees of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to 'Seas the Day – Get Out & Boat!' at this South Lake Union event.

Fest-goers can experience the thrill of gliding across the water by taking a 45-minute boat ride around Lake Union. Sailboats, power boats under 30', cruisers and fishing trawlers will be available for rides, allowing attendees to tryout which boat best suits their lifestyle. Participants can learn new skills at hands-on docking, anchoring, technology, rigging and knot tying clinics with the guidance of industry professionals. Boating seminars offered by marine experts will cover topics such as how to buy a boat, insider tips on boating safety, chartering a boat and salmon fishing in the San Juan Islands. Fest attendees can stroll the docks and visit booths that provide information on what it takes to get into boating, whether it be obtaining a WA State Boaters Card, learning how to finance and insure a boat, or the ins-and-outs of chartering and boat share.

This family-friendly event will also include a fun kids' zone with toy boat building offered by the Center for Wooden Boats. Enjoy live music provided by local musician and Jimmy Buffet-cover artist Dave Calhoun while grabbing a snack from a number of food carts.

The second annual Get Out & Boat Fest aims to increase public awareness of boating by offering opportunities for people to get out on the water, experience boating firsthand, and educate and inform non-boaters so they can learn all about the boating lifestyle.