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## **It's the Year of More at 2018 Seattle Boat Show ; More Locations, More Boats, More New Seminars, More Parking**

SEATTLE – January 2018 marks a sea change for the Seattle Boat Show. For the first time in the show's 71-year history, there will be three locations – indoors at CenturyLink Field Event Center and afloat at South Lake Union and the newly added Bell Harbor Marina. What this means for attendees is that there will be more to see and do at what was already the west coast's largest boat show and the third largest in North America. The 2018 show will have more boats on display and more free shuttles conveniently transporting attendees between all three locations. Additionally, there are more hotels offering special packages for out-of-town attendees to choose from and more new seminar topics and presenters. The show opens Friday, Jan. 26 and runs through Saturday, Feb 3, 2018.

### **More boats**

The addition of Bell Harbor Marina to the mix provides attendees with not only more locations but also more boats to check out. At press time, show applications were still flooding in, but all indications are that there will be a record number of boats on display for the 2018 show.

### **More new seminars**

One of the most popular features year in and year out at the Seattle Boat Show is the extensive line-up of free boating and fishing seminars and the advanced training classes for a fee through Boat Show University. No other show in North America matches the Seattle seminar schedule in terms of the quality, variety and number of seminars offered. Regular seminar attendees will be pleased to note the number of new speakers and seminars for 2018. There are 25 new presenters, more panels and more new seminars focused on technology, electronics, communications and navigation. On the fishing stage alone there will be 19 new topics. Boat Show University will have more classes on weather, maintenance and cruising the Inside Passage.

### **More parking**

With the addition of Bell Harbor marina comes convenient access to the Bell Street Parking Garage across the street. Even better, parking there will be free – all nine days of the show – with the purchase of an e-ticket. There will also be free weekend parking at South Lake Union at the 300 Yale Street garage.

**More hotels.**

For 2018 the Seattle Boat Show is partnering with six local hotels – Courtyard Pioneer Square; Crowne Plaza Seattle; Silver Cloud Hotel Stadium; Marriott Residence Inn; Marriott Courtyard; and the Silver Cloud Lake Union– offering more choices than ever before for out-of-town showgoers. Visit <http://www.seattleboatshow.com/official-hotels> for special rates and discount codes.

**About the Seattle Boat Show**

The show features three locations, 1,000 recreational vessels and more than 400 exhibitors. There are more than three acres of the latest innovations in accessories, technology and boating gear on display indoors, plus hundreds of world-class yachts on the water at South Lake Union and Bell Harbor Marina. There are approximately 200 free seminars during the nine days of the show and advanced training classes for a fee through Boat Show University. A free shuttle runs continuously between all three locations.

For a complete list of exhibitors, seminars, travel package and ticket prices, please visit [www.SeattleBoatShow.com](http://www.SeattleBoatShow.com) E-tickets go on sale Dec. 1, 2017.

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