



## Seattle Boat Show Announces Seminar Line Up for January Show

***New unlimited pass offers great value for attending seminars on any or all  
show days***

SEATTLE – November 30, 2017– One of the most popular features 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. This year's show offers something for everyone – hundreds of topics for those who have never attended a seminar and dozens of new presenters and topics for those who are looking for new content.

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 10 new topics out of the 55 seminars. Boat Show University will have more classes on weather, maintenance and cruising the Inside Passage. New this year on the show's website is the ability to search the seminar schedule by type, topic, date, stage and key word, making it easier for attendees to research and plan their show visits.

Of interest and great value to those considering attending numerous seminars on multiple days will be the new Unlimited Pass. The \$40 e-ticket includes admission on all nine show days as well as free parking on any or all days at Bell Street Pier Garage or on weekends at the Yale Avenue Garage at South Lake Union. (A single-day ticket is \$15.) Alternatively, a walk-up only, multi-day ticket is \$30 and does not include any free parking. A free shuttle runs continuously between all three show locations.

The show, now with three locations — indoors at CenturyLink Field Event Center and afloat at Bell Harbor Marina and South Lake Union — opens Friday, Jan. 26 and runs through Saturday, Feb 3, 2018.

All seminars take place at CenturyLink Field Event Center. The complete schedule of seminars can be viewed at [www.SeattleBoatShow.com/seminars](http://www.SeattleBoatShow.com/seminars).

### **New seminars for 2018 include:**

#### **Technology, Electronics, Communication and Navigation seminars**

- New Technologies and Gadgets for Safer Boating and Better Living

- WiFi in the Wilderness - Connected Cruising
- Flying Drones from Boats
- Marine Heating
- Electric Propulsion 2.0
- Using the 'Navionics' App to Learn How to Navigate
- Controlling Your Marine Device Data
- Using Smart Phones and Tablets Underway
- Intro to Electronic Navigation
- Do You Copy? Radios Aboard a Private Cruising Yacht
- Know Before You Go: Using Networked Ocean Observing Data to Plan a Safe Trip
- OpenCPN - A Powerful Open-Source Chartplotting Software

### **Cruising seminars**

- The Caribbean Islands: Puerto Rico to Grenada in 3 Months.
- Sea Trials: Around the World with Duct Tape and Bailing Wire
- Celiacs at Sea and other Provisioning Gems
- Tips and Traps: Cruising the West Coast, Mexico, and South Pacific
- Cruising the Abacos in the Bahamas
- Slipless in Seattle - Full time cruising on Puget Sound!

### **Miscellaneous seminars**

- Rod, Wire and Fibre Standing Rigging
- Designing the Proper Solar System for Your Boat
- Gates of the Inside Passage
- Boats on Boats: choosing the right human powered watercraft for your vessel
- How to Transit the Ballard Locks Using a No-Mayhem Approach
- Inboard Cruiser Fuel Usage, Fix It or Not
- Preparing your boat for a problem free trip to Alaska; How to avoid the ten most common problems
- Racing Around the World. The Story of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race
- Boating Safety in The Puget Sound Region, A Q&A Session with a Panel of Experts. including the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Local Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue, and WA State Parks Department)
- Mechanical Inspections and Why You Should Have One

### **Free Fishing and Crabbing Seminars**

On the fishing and crabbing stage there will be 55 free fishing seminars and 10 new topics with the best experts in their field such as Tom Nelson, host of ESPN 710's Outdoor Line and Puget Sound expert fishing guides Keith Robbins, Gary Krein and Nick Kester. New to the show this year are Dave Graybill, a noted central Washington writer and radio show host, Brad Hole, kayak fishing guide and founder of Kayak Fishing Washington and Austin Moser, owner of Austin's

Northwest Adventures. There is no better way for an angler to improve his or her success on the water than investing in an hour or two at one of the show's seminars.

### **Boat Show University**

The popular Boat Show U. programs feature well-known nautical experts such as Mike Beemer, Mark Bunzel, Nigel Calder, Lee Chesneau, Linda Lewis, Kevin Monahan, Margaret Pommert and others. The 3-hour programs are priced at \$39 each. Day-long expert training sessions during the week cost \$100 and cover comprehensive topics such as Troubleshooting Marine Systems While Cruising, Docking and Anchoring, Starting the Trek North through Southern BC and What to Do When the Going Gets Tough, as well as many courses on cruising in the San Juans, British Columbia and Alaska.

New for 2018 at Boat Show U is an all-day interactive, hands-on workshop on Women's Day, Monday January 29, taught by women, for women who will share techniques from their experiences on how to cruise alone, with a crew, or as a cruising couple.

Also new is the two-day comprehensive marine weather training program for \$200 taught by noted marine meteorologist Lee Chesneau.

All Seattle Boat Show U. courses are available for advanced registration on the Seattle Boat Show website.

### **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, hours, seminars, travel packages and ticket prices, please visit [www.SeattleBoatShow.com](http://www.SeattleBoatShow.com)

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