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## **Kids Zone at Seattle Boat Show: Oceans of Nautical Fun for Little Mariners**

***Complimentary activities include toy boat building, boat show bingo, test trampoline and little skipper's activity center***

SEATTLE – From stand up paddleboards to superyachts and everything in between, there's lots to take in at the Seattle Boat Show (Indoors +Afloat) for all the boaters in the family. There's also a special Kids Zone at the indoor location at CenturyLink Field Event Center with tons of free activities for kids of all ages. The show drops anchor on Friday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and sails on through Sunday Feb. 1, 2015. Going to the show won't break the family piggy bank. Kids under 11 are free, youth 11-17 get in for \$5, and there are lots of online ticket packages with bonuses such as free parking and magazine subscriptions at [www.SeattleBoatShow.com](http://www.SeattleBoatShow.com)

### **Kids Zone Highlights**

#### **Aqua Paddlers – Daily**

Fun for the little boaters, kids can enjoy time on the water using the Aqua Paddlers paddle boats. Life jackets will be provided. Aqua Paddlers will be available for use each day of the show, and are located in the East Hall at CenturyLink Field.

#### **Toy Boat Building – Daily (Weekdays 3pm – close; Saturdays and Sundays all day)**

Kids will use traditional tools provided by the Center for Wooden Boats to build and decorate their own wooden boat.

#### **Wakeboard trampoline tricks and demos**

Members of the Central Washington University wakeboard team will be demonstrating tricks on a 13x13 Springtree trampoline which is what they train on in the off season to perfect their tricks. Showgoers can watch them do whirlybirds, 720s, grabs, glides and other impressive moves. When not being used for demos, kids and adults alike can test jump the world's safest trampoline. Demos will be on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of the Show at 2pm.

#### **Boat Show Bingo – Daily**

Kids can pick up a bingo card in the Kids Zone and then follow the clues and get their cards stamped at booths around the show. Completed cards win them fun, nautical-themed prizes.

#### **Little Skipper's Activity Center - Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays**

Representatives from Lake Union Charters and Sound Experience will be on hand to help kids discover the world of wind, waves and water through a variety of hands on entertaining and educational activities, including:

- **Buoyancy Table:** kids will learn what floats and why
- **Plankton Races:** kids can look at plankton under a microscope and learn about marine organisms

- **Tug o' War:** it's not just brute strength that counts. Kids will learn about mechanical advantage, how to use it and how it's used on boats
- **Rain Gutter Regatta:** kids will have fun racing model boats in a gutter using human wind power
- **Wind Table:** kids will learn how a sail works
- **Monkey Fist:** kids will learn what a monkey fist is and get a souvenir key chain takeaway

See <http://www.seattleboatshow.com/kidszone> for a complete schedule of activities.

## South Lake Union

### Free Boat Rides for Parents and Kids on an All Electric Boat

The 20-minute guided tours in all electric 21' enclosed, heated Duffy boats will point out fun facts about South Lake Union and the unique qualities of the spectacular yachts in the show. It's a great way to see the show from a new perspective. Blankets are provided for an added snuggle factor.

<http://boatsafloatshow.com/free-boat-rides.htm>

### Know Before You Go

The 68<sup>th</sup> annual Seattle Boat Show opens Jan. 23 and runs through Feb.1, 2015. It features 430+ exhibitors at CenturyLink Field Event Center and at South Lake Union with a free shuttle running continuously between both locations. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for youth (11-17). No charge for kids 10 and under. A 5-day pass is \$24.

CenturyLink Field Event Center hours: Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 8 pm, Fridays: 11 am - 9 pm, Saturdays: 10 am - 8 pm, Sundays: 10 am – 6pm\*

South Lake Union hours: Weekdays: 11 a.m. - 5 pm. Weekends: 10 am - 5 pm

\* The show will close at 3pm on Sunday, February 1st

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