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Seattle Boat Show Drops Anchor January 29, 2016

Lineup of fun includes wine and beer tastings, chowder contest, 3D street artist, free boat rides and tons of kids activities

SEATTLE – From stand up paddleboards to superyachts and everything in between, there's lots to take in at the [Seattle Boat Show \(Indoors +Afloat\)](#). The 2016 show drops anchor on Friday Jan. 29 and sails on through Feb. 6. The largest show on the West Coast, it features some 1,000 boats and yachts in two locations, more than three acres of the latest and greatest gadgets and gear, 430+ exhibitors, 200+ free seminars and advanced training classes for a fee. There's also tons of fun to be had at the show. Highlights this year include:

3D Street Painting

Award-winning 3D Street painting artist Melanie Stimmell—the only woman to ever hold the prestigious title of “maestra madonnara” (master street painter) in Italy and Germany—and former lead technical director on the iconic series South Park, will be painting a 20 x 23 foot, 3D waterski pyramid. Come watch Melanie at work as she creates this anamorphic masterpiece and position yourself atop the pyramid for the perfect trompe l'oeil photo opp. (At CenturyLink Field Event Center)

Chowder Chomp

Six of Seattle's elite seafood restaurants will be coming together Saturday and Sunday Jan. 30 and 31 to battle it out for the title of Best Boat Show Chowder. Showgoers will enjoy free samples of delicious chowders from Chandler's Crabhouse, Duke's Chowder House, Flying Fish, Ivar's, Pike Place Chowder and Seattle Fish Company and then can vote for their favorite. The Seattle Boat Show will donate \$2,500 on behalf of the winning restaurant to the non-profit, [Salmon for Soldiers](#). (At South Lake Union)

Kids Zone

Kids can enjoy time on the water using the Aqua Paddler boats, build a wooden or clay toy boat and test its buoyancy, rig a sailing dinghy, build a sea lion or create a jellyfish in the arts and crafts activity area, have fun in the marine-themed photo booth and more. Additionally award-winning underwater photographer and author Ocean Annie Crawley will be giving stunning presentations via movies and slideshows about myths and monsters of the deep. (At CenturyLink Field Event Center)

See the floating portion of the show from the water with complimentary boat rides

The 20-minute guided tours are in all-electric 21-foot enclosed, heated Duffy boats. It's a great way to see the show from a new perspective. Blankets are provided for an added snuggle factor. (At South Lake Union)

Boatless in Seattle – Free admission Monday – Thursday after 5pm

No boat, no cover! Don't own a boat but would like to learn more about how to get into boating? Simply show up any weeknight of the show after 5pm and you'll be admitted for free. (At CenturyLink Field Event Center)

Uncorked— Opening Night, Friday Jan. 29, 5pm – 9pm

Showgoers can sniff, swirl and sip their way through the show, tasting a variety of award-winning Washington wines, while shopping for the boat of their dreams. (At CenturyLink Field Event Center)

Women's Day - Monday, Feb. 1

Women can attend the show for free and enjoy a slate of seminars designed specifically for women, by women boaters, including Effortless Onboard Entertaining and What Every Woman Should Know Before Getting on a Boat. It's the perfect opportunity to meet, learn and get inspired by some of the most experienced and talented women boaters around. Visit [Seattle Boat Show](#) to print the complimentary pass. (Women are free at both locations. Seminars are at CenturyLink Field Event Center)

Sails & Ales – Friday Feb. 5, 5pm – 9pm

What better combination than hops and props? That's what's on tap for Sails & Ales, the craft beer night. Attendees will be able to cruise the show with ale in hand and enjoy the best of NW brews and boats. (At CenturyLink Field Event Center)

Show Details:

When: Friday, Jan. 29 – Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016

Where: CenturyLink Field Event Center South Lake Union
800 Occidental Avenue South, Seattle 901 Fairview Avenue N, Seattle
Free shuttle running continuously between both locations

Hours:

CenturyLink Field Event Center	South Lake Union
Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 8 pm	Weekdays: 11 a.m. - 5 pm
Fridays: 11 am - 9 pm	Weekends: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturdays: 10 am - 8 pm	
Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm	

Tickets: Adults: \$12; Youth (11-17): \$5
5-Day BIG Pass \$24
Monday – Thursday after 5pm: \$8 (And \$5 parking after 5pm)
Kids 10 & under: Free
NEW FOR 2016: Purchase tickets online and receive \$2 weekend parking at the [Union Station Garage](#) compliments of [BECU](#).
Tickets to Sails & Ales and Uncorked are \$27 per night and include show admission, tasting tokens and a souvenir glass.

For a complete list of exhibitors, seminars, travel packages and ticket prices, please visit www.SeattleBoatShow.com.

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