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Seattle Boat Show Announces Seminar Line Up for January Show

Includes 35 new topics for 2016 — from How to Toss a Line to Celestial Navigation and everything in between

SEATTLE – 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. Indeed many out-of-town attendees plan their travel arrangements around the seminar schedule. Others buy a 5-day pass in order to fit in all the seminars they want to attend. No other show in North America matches the Seattle seminar schedule in terms of the quality, variety and number of seminars offered.

The show, with two locations — indoors at CenturyLink Field Event Center and afloat at South Lake Union — opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 6, 2016. The complete schedule of seminars can be viewed at www.SeattleBoatShow.com/seminars.

Free Boating Seminars

The information ranges from entertaining (*Race to Alaska* and *Myth & Monster: What Lurks under Your Boat*) to enlightening (*Getting and Understanding National Weather Service Marine Forecast Products*). Some of the seminars can even save your life (*Unraveling the Mysteries of Your First Aid Kit*.) They run the gamut from beginner topics (*What is the Process for Buying a New or Used Boat?*), to advanced topics (*Tips on Preparing You and Your Boat to Cruise Alaska*).

Technology: Keeping up with technology is hard to do. Not just what's new with the latest in marine electronics but what about all those apps? Many of the seminars will help boaters sort through these issues, including:

- *Using Your Mobile Device with Your Onboard Electronics*
- *Ten Tips For Using AIS on Your Boat*
- *Using the iPad and Tablets for Marine Navigation and Information*
- *Satellite Communication and Entertainment: How to Get Internet Onboard*
- *Drones and Boating*
- *Communications for Cruisers from the Dock to the Ocean*

Cruising: There's no shortage of advice and seminars to choose from for those planning a cruise, whether in our local waters, to Alaska or as far afield as New Zealand. New for 2016 include:

- *Cruising with Kids in the Pacific Northwest*
- *Cruising beyond Cape Caution to explore Northern B.C. waters*
- *Boating Beyond Cape Spencer*
- *Want to Cruise Alaska? Tips on Preparing You and Your Boat*
- *An Introduction to America's Great Loop*

Women's Day: Not only are the seminars free, but women get in for free on Women's Day, Monday, Feb. 1 and the seminars are designed with women in mind. (Visit www.SeattleBoatShow.com for details on where to get the coupon.)

New for Women's Day for 2016 include:

- *What Every Woman Should Know Before Getting on a Boat*
- *Changing Your Engine Oil Can Be a Pink Job*
- *What's Your Boating Dream? Find Inspiration from a Panel of Amazing Women*

Safety

No matter how much experience you have, there are always new skills to learn or refresh.

Safety-related seminars include:

- *What if the GPS System Gets Cyber-Hacked: Can You Do Paper Chart Lines of Position*
- *What to Do When the Captain ~~Drops Dead~~ - whoops - ... Is Incapacitated?*

- *A Better Way to Hail - use DSC on Your VHF Radio*
- *Unraveling the Mysteries of Your First Aid Kit*

Free fishing seminars

On the fishing stage there will be 60 free fishing seminars with the best experts in their field of fishing. 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 on topics ranging from tuna, lingcod or salmon fishing to successful Puget Sound shrimping or crabbing.

Boat Show University

The popular Boat Show U. programs feature well known nautical experts such as Nigel Calder, Lee Chesneau, Mike Beemer, Kevin Monahan, Sam Landsman, Margaret Pommert, Larry Brandt, Mark Bunzel and others. The 3-hour programs are priced at \$39 each with a special package including four 3-hour courses and five days of boat show admission for \$139 - a savings of nearly \$50. Day-long expert training sessions during the week are priced at \$99 and cover comprehensive topics such as Cruising Tips for Women, Diesel and Electrical Troubleshooting and Marine Weather and Cruising. Other courses include how to enjoy cruising in the San Juan and Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound, the Broughtons and Alaska with lots of practical tips.

New for 2016 at Boat Show U.:

- *What should you or your crew do when the captain of your boat ~~drops dead~~ - whoops - ... is incapacitated?* This 3-hour course by Waggoner Guide editor Mark Bunzel will teach cruising couples how to easily handle emergency situations and safely get back to the dock.
- *What to Do When your Diesel Engine Stops?* and *What To Do When Your Electrical System Fails?* These all day courses by Nigel Calder will give participants a troubleshooting process to get their engine or electrical system repaired.
- *Understanding Inside Passage Weather* will teach cruisers how avoid surprises when cruising in local waters or all the way up to Alaska

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 two locations, 1,000 recreational watercraft 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 100 world-class yachts in their natural habitat on South Lake Union. A free shuttle runs between both locations.

For a complete list of exhibitors, seminars, travel package and ticket prices, please visit www.SeattleBoatShow.com E-tickets go on sale Dec. 1, 2015.

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