



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

SEATTLE – November 4, 2018 – 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 will be a total of 165 free boating seminars, 76 fishing and crabbing seminars and a full roster of classes at Boat Show University

The show, with three locations — indoors at CenturyLink Field Event Center and afloat at South Lake Union and Bell Harbor Marina — opens Friday, Jan. 25 and runs through Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

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). The schedule is searchable by type, topic, date, stage and key word, making it easy for attendees to research and plan their show visits.

### **Boating seminars**

There are new seminars related to provisioning and entertaining, technology/solar power, drones/photography, marine signage, graphics and wraps, flotilla cruising and weather. There are also new how-to topics on purchasing a boat, boat detailing and maintenance, sail repair, re-decking your boat and engine maintenance. Always popular and back again for 2019 are the panel discussions, including a Cruising Forum, Northwest Women in Boating panel and a How to Write About Your Boating Adventures with a panel of successful writers, publishers and editors. New this year is a stage devoted specifically to sailing seminars. On Woman's Day, Monday Jan. 28, the first all-woman team to win the Race to Alaska will present two seminars.

### **Fishing and Crabbing Seminars**

The fishing and crabbing seminars offer attendees a chance to gain a wealth of information on the latest fishing gear, exciting places to go and types of fish to catch in the Pacific Northwest. They have expanded for the 2019 show with 76 seminars (up from 55 last year) and 14 speakers,

five of them new. New speakers include: Mike Surdyk with Raymarine Electronics; Josh Hughes, Salmon University instructor and Scotty Downriggers rep; and Hobie Kayak Pro-Staff Ambassadors David Nguyen, Hung Nguyen and Keith Creameans. 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 University program will present courses for boaters to *Learn from the Experts* with three-hour and all-day nautical courses. Boat Show U. will feature well-known nautical experts such as local weather guru Jeff Renner, marine mechanical professor Mike Beemer from Skagit Valley College, cruising experts Mark Bunzel and Lorena and Leonard Landon from the Waggoner Cruising Guide, Captain Linda Lewis, Margaret Pommert and others. The 3-hour programs are priced at \$45 each. Day-long expert training sessions during the week cost \$125. The courses cover comprehensive topics such as Troubleshooting Marine Systems or Diesel Engines, Docking and Anchoring, Cruising through BC and SE Alaska, What to Do When the Going Gets Tough, as well as many courses on cruising to beautiful destinations such as the San Juans, British Columbia and SE Alaska. Boat Show U. also offers an all-day, hands-on workshop on Women's Day, Monday Jan. 28th, 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.

All Seattle Boat Show U. courses are available for advanced registration on the Seattle Boat Show website. Many fill up early.

### **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. 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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