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## **2018 Vancouver International Boat Show: Media Fast Facts**

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – Returning from Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> is the **Vancouver International Boat Show**. Featuring the most innovative boats, accessories, educational seminars and entertaining guest appearances, Western Canada's largest boat show will once again take place at BC Place and Granville Island.

### **EXHIBITS AND SPECIAL FEATURES**

#### **Special Guest: Brenda Lowe**

Brenda Lowe, boating entrepreneur, two-time star of one of North America's most-watched shows, *Survivor*, and actress in the 2017 film, *Baywatch: The Movie*, will be anchoring in Vancouver at the Boat Show to share stories. Come find her at the Baywatch feature adjacent to the seminar rooms on the main floor of BC Place from 12 pm to 3 pm, and 5 pm to 7 pm Wednesday through Saturday, and 11 am to 2 pm on Sunday.

#### **The Pavilion**

New for 2018 is The Pavilion, a 12,000-square foot tent structure located at the Terry Fox Plaza. The Vancouver Boat Show is continuously expanding, and The Pavilion is one of the steps the Show has taken to keep up with the massive demand for more exhibitor and demonstration space. Elevating the Show and making it the biggest ever in the Boat Show's history, The Pavilion will be a new feature sure to be enjoyed by visitors and exhibitors alike.

#### **UBC Sailbot Team**

An autonomous sailing vessel created by students at the University of British Columbia, the UBC Sailbot will be competing in the Vic-Maui Race all on its own. The team previously set records launching a 5.5-meter autonomous sailboat in the Atlantic Ocean in 2016 and won the International Robotic Sailing Regatta for three consecutive years. The team will be onsite in the Kids Zone on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **New Product Showcase**

From an all-new line of high-performance boats to remote surveillance and monitoring systems, the 2018 Vancouver International Boat Show is the ultimate showcase for all things new in the recreational boating industry. With over 250 exhibitors all bringing their latest showcase products, visitors can expect a first-hand glimpse of what the coming boating season has to offer.

### **Floating Show at Granville Island**

Granville Island, one of the most central moorages in Vancouver, will be home yet again to the biggest, in-water sailboat display on the West Coast. Visitors also have the opportunity to sign up for free 30-minute power or sailboat rides, courtesy of Discover Boating. Free shuttle buses and water ferries service will be running continuously between Granville Island and BC Place for the duration of the Show.

### **Dockside Grill**

The Dockside Grill takes cooking onboard to a whole new level. Featuring delicious seafood-inspired recipes, seasoned chefs will be serving up simple and tasty cooking demonstrations suitable for both a traditional kitchen and boaters hoping to entertain while afloat. This year will feature the Canada-wide known Loxy Ladies, Tammy Wood from *Master Chef Canada Season 2* and *Saucy's Got Game*, and Chef Roman Peters from the Shearwater Marine Group. The Dockside Grill is located on the main floor food court of BC Place.

### **The Lower Deck**

The Show's central socializing hub, The Lower Deck, returns as the best place for composing a navigational plan that will take you through the newest and most innovative boats and accessory displays, and ensure you schedule the seminars you need to see. Located in the middle of the food court on the Field Level of BC Place, don't miss Gemstone Masonry's *Lower Deck* where friends gather to recharge their boating batteries.

### **DIY Garage**

An 'Ask the Experts' area, the DIY Garage will also provide informal, workshop style sessions with opportunities for attendees to ask questions on boat maintenance topics. The DIY Garage is located adjacent to the food court on the main field level of BC Place.

### **Flyboard Demonstrations**

Walking on water is possible if you're attached to a flyboard. Canada's flyboard team, Team Canfly, will be among the groups demonstrating one of the newest water sports around – flyboarding. Located at the Granville Island Floating Show, jet propulsion technology can elevate a person up to 45 feet in the air.

### **Sport Fishing in BC**

Ever been curious about sport fishing? The Vancouver International Boat Show offers the opportunity to meet and talk with professional guides. From deep-sea fishing off the coast to freshwater lake fishing, the sport's best anglers will be onsite to pass on some of the best tips. Don't miss this dedicated series of seminars on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, presented by BC Outdoors Magazine.

### **The Kids Zone**

The Show's Kids' Zone is always popular with kids of all ages as the area is equipped with a Nautical Play Centre that is filled with arts and crafts, paddleboat rides and an interactive display created by the Creative Crusaders team.

## 2018 Show Statistics

- Over 250 exhibitors
- Over 125 combined presentations and seminars

## Parking:

Guests are encouraged to park-for-less at the Floating Show at Granville Island and use the free shuttle buses and water ferries that run continuously between the two venues. There is also on-site parking at BC Place, numerous parking lots within walking distance, and metered parking available on the street.

**The Vancouver International Boat Show runs January 17-21, 2018** at BC Place and Granville Island. Visit [www.VancouverBoatShow.ca](http://www.VancouverBoatShow.ca) to pre-plan your Vancouver Boat Show experience by viewing up-to-date information on exhibitors, new products, seminar schedules, and nearby attractions. Visitors to Vancouver can take advantage of special hotel rates and packages. For more information, visit <http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/show-info/hotel-discounts/>

**Dates:** January 17-21, 2018

**Show Hours:** Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 8 pm  
Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm  
*Granville Island Floating Show closes at 5 pm daily*

**Admission:** Adults: \$15  
Seniors: \$13  
2-day Adult Passes: \$20  
2-day Senior Passes: \$17  
5-day Passes: \$25  
\$5 After 5pm Twilight Pass: \$5  
Kids (16 and under): FREE

**Locations:** BC Place – 777 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver  
Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina – 1676 Duranleau Street, Vancouver  
*Free shuttle buses and water ferries run continuously between BC Place and Granville Island*

Western Canada's largest consumer boating event, the Vancouver International Boat Show is owned by the Boating BC Association and produced by Canadian Boat Shows.

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