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## **Education, Inspiration and Entertainment from Boating Experts at the 2018 Vancouver International Boat Show**

*More than 125 combined presentations expected at this year's show running Jan 17 – 21, 2018 at BC Place and Granville Island*

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – For those looking to attend this year's **Vancouver International Boat Show**, there are over 125 combined presentations from industry experts and world travelers that will guarantee not only a valuable educational takeaway, but an inspiring and entertaining experience from the event as well.

Returning from Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, this year's free seminars cover a variety of boating topics. From adventures at sea, boat maintenance advice, to tips on buying your first boat – there is something for every style and skill level of boater.

This year's featured speakers include:

**Seminar: Sharing the Strait with the Killer Whales**  
**With Michele Young from Georgia Strait Alliance's Clean Marine BC**

The Southern Strait of Georgia is home to a unique population of killer whales called the southern residents, but there are only 76 of them left. Michele Young of the Georgia Strait Alliance will explain the new rules surrounding the orcas in her informative seminar, as well as practical and easy ways to practice green boating.

**Seminar: Darling the Gulf Islands have moved – or our anchor has!**  
**With sailor, author and humourist, Catherine Dook**

Catherine Dook, the author of six books, four nominated for the Leacock, will be sharing her stories from being an anchoring novice in the Gulf Islands. Funny and educational, Catherine will touch on various learning moments, from catching weed in Port Browning, dragging in Genoa Bay, to losing the boat in Montague Harbour.

**Seminar: What It Takes to Participate In The Vic-Maui Race**

**With racer and owner of Simply Sailing, Christof Marti**

Simply Sailing School operator and Vic-Maui racer, Christof Marti first came into contact with the Vic-Maui in 2012 when he helped prepare a boat. Six years later, he's entering his own boat and will participate in the 2018 Vic-Maui. A local distant racer, Christof has participated in the Van Isle 360 and cruised extensively off B.C.'s coast for the last 10 years.

**Seminar: Fishing Methods for Big Salmon**

**With Sports Fishing Institute of BC professional guide, Bill Haymond**

As varied as their sizes, salmon behave differently depending on numerous factors that include the time of year and geographical location. Anglers who want to catch salmon over 30 pounds, need to truly understand the different behavioral patterns and how to customize fishing techniques for those variables. Professional guide, Bill Haymond, walks visitors through his recommended fishing methods that have served him well over the years.

**Seminar: Boat Buying Tips for First-Time Buyers**

**With Cooper Boating owner, Colin Jackson**

Published author, Canadian Yachting Association past vice-president, and accomplished seminar speaker, Colin Jackson, intrinsically recognizes navigating the boat market for the first time can be intimidating. His polished seminar addresses all aspects of boat buying from finding the right boat and inspecting it, to financing it and understanding the basics of ongoing care.

**Seminar: How AIS Makes You Safer on The Water**

**With Jeff Cote from Pacific Yacht Systems**

Automatic Identification System (AIS) information shows you where boats are in relation to your position, and adding AIS to existing electronics set-up is not as difficult as some boaters may think. Jeff, a systems design engineer, avid boater, and author of the monthly column "Tech Talk" in Pacific Yachting Magazine provides boaters with easy to use and reliable safety solutions.

**Seminar: Gales and Storms and Hurricanes, Oh My! Interpreting the Marine Weather Forecast**

**With Environment and Climate Change operational meteorologist, Ross Macdonald**

Ever wonder where gale force winds begin and when they get upgraded to storm force? Are hurricane force winds worse than storm force? Environment and Climate Change Canada meteorologist Ross Macdonald works at the Pacific Storm Prediction Centre in Vancouver where the forecasts for the B.C. coasts are produced. With over a decade of experience providing marine forecasts, Ross' informative seminar will clarify the difference between various wind warnings and other marine weather hazards.

These, and more, will be available at the 2018 Vancouver International Boat Show. For a more comprehensive list, please visit: <http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/education/seminar-speakers/>.

The **Vancouver International Boat Show** will host two beautiful venues, BC Place and Granville Island, with free shuttle buses and water ferries operating continuously between both locations. Pre-plan your visit at [www.VancouverBoatShow.ca](http://www.VancouverBoatShow.ca).

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

**Show Hours:** Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 8 pm

Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm  
*The Floating Show at Granville Island 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*

**Features:** Over 125 FREE Seminars! FREE Discover Boating boat rides at Granville  
Island; Kids' Zone; Sport Fishing in BC; Sail!, offering the latest sailboats,  
gear, and destinations; and the Boating BC Centre, a one-stop-space  
where attendees can learn why BC is better on a boat!

Western Canada's largest consumer boating event, the Vancouver International Boat Show is  
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