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"COOPER'S TREASURE" CAST TO BE FEATURED AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

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Vancouver, BC – The Vancouver International Boat Show, today announced that cast-members of the Discovery Channel series *Cooper's Treasure* will be among many highlighted features of the 57th annual event, scheduled Wednesday, February 6 through Sunday, February 10.

The 2019 edition of the Vancouver International Boat Show will include more than 250 exhibitors, providing boating enthusiasts with a first look at the 2019 premiere models, accessories, amenities, more than 100 seminars, and an array of entertaining guest appearances.

One of the high points of the Boat Show will undoubtedly be the cast of *Cooper's Treasure* who will be onsite throughout the event to meet fans and share stories of their time scouring the ocean in search of sunken treasure. The reality show follows the exploits of Darrel Miklos, Jim Sinclair and Johnny Bell as they set out to find sunken ships first mapped by Project Mercury Astronaut Gordon Cooper while in space in the 1960s.

There will also be an opportunity to meet the inspiring UBC Sailboat Team who are creating an autonomous sailing vessel to complete the Vic-Maui Race all on its own. For those with a need for speed, Kelowna's Mike McLellan and Formula 1 Tunnel Boats which reach speeds of 220 KMH, make their return, and a Women's Day inspired host of seminars and guest speakers is returning on Saturday, February 9th to educate and inspire.

Living on the West Coast, there are few things more precious than our pristine waterways and the Boat Show will provide an opportunity for some serious discussion on emergency spill response. A featured vessel this year will be the Hecate Sentinel, a 65-foot Ocean Class Oil Spill

Response Vessel which is smaller, faster and more efficient than older unsheltered water vessels. Once on-scene, the boom arms can be deployed within minutes. Two onboard skimming brushes have a combined skimming capacity of 32.8 tonnes per hour.

For those looking for a hands-on experience, there is an opportunity to sign up for free boat rides from the experts at Discover Boating Canada. Furthermore, you can tour the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue's (RCM-SAR) new Falkins Class Type II Vessel -- one of the newest and most capable SAR vessels available today- or step aboard the Bluewater Cruising Association's fully equipped, offshore-ready boat and imagine what it would be like to voyage to remote, exotic islands and atolls, steeped in history and rich in culture.

And of course, the Vancouver International Boat Show can only be fully experienced by taking the time to watch and learn from featured chefs and sample the latest seafood treasures at the Dockside Grill. Featured chefs will include Tammy Wood of Agassiz who finished in the Top Ten of Canada's Master Chef, Season-two and now has her own cooking show, "Saucy's Got Game" - The Loxy Ladies, sisters who work for locally based Sundance Seafood Ltd. And Chef Roman Peters of the Shearwater Resort. All will be onsite Friday through Sunday cooking up delicious recipes that are healthy, delicious, and easy to prepare.

"The 2019 rendition of the Vancouver International Boat Show will truly offer something for everyone looking to explore the Boating Lifestyle. No matter what type of water-based adventure you're seeking, there are options available for every budget and skill level," says Show Manager Eric Nicholl. "Boating is incredibly versatile. Whether you're on the coastlines of the city, camping lakeside, or experiencing the waves on the oceans and riverways of B.C., this is one of the best ways to gain an entirely new visual perspective on areas you adventure to. Combine this with quality time creating memories with family and friends, while having a phenomenal outlet for disconnecting from the world we live in today."

The 2019 Vancouver International Boat Show will once again be hosted in two locations, indoors at BC Place and the floating show at Granville Island. Free shuttle buses and water ferries will also be operating continuously between the two venues.

Show Hours for February 6 – 10, 2019 are as follows:

Wednesday through Saturday 10am – 8pm

Sunday 10am – 5pm

** the floating show will close at 5pm daily*

Specific program details will be posted at www.VancouverBoatShow.ca as they are finalized.

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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