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VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW ANNOUNCES NEW DATES

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Vancouver, BC – Organizers of the Vancouver International Boat Show, today announced new dates for the 2019 event: **Wednesday, February 6th through Sunday, February 10th.**

Up until 2014, the Vancouver Boat Show was historically held in February. In 2015, the event moved to January as a result of a new provincial holiday, Family Day, that conflicted with the shows' long time February date pattern. The British Columbia government recently announced that Family Day would be moving a week later, beginning in 2019, which presented an opportunity for the show to return to its historical February dates.

“Show exhibitors expressed overwhelming support to shift the event back into February,” said Show Manager Eric Nicholl. “While the show remained very successful in the January dates, exhibitors expressed the February date pattern would be better for consumers and the retail environment for exhibitors. Primary considerations include having additional space between the busy holiday season and the show, the weather being historically more favorable in February, and the traditional February dates are closer to the beginning of the boating season in BC.”

Organizers of the Boat Show are working with the venues to facilitate February dates for the 2020 event but can't confirm details at this time.

Show dates for the 2021 event will be February 3 – 7.

2019 will mark the 57th annual Vancouver International Boat Show and will be hosted in two locations, indoors at BC Place and the floating show at Granville Island. The event will include more than 250 exhibitors, providing boat enthusiasts with a first look at the 2019 boating

season's premiere boat models and accessories - and include presentations and workshops led by boating experts. 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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