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## Countdown to the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver International Boat Show is on

*The latest boats, special guest appearances and educational seminars  
Jan 18 – Jan 22 2017 at BC Place and Granville Island*

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – Get ready for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual **Vancouver International Boat Show**, featuring the newest and most innovative boats, accessories, amenities and entertaining guest appearances. Western Canada's largest boat show will launch on **Wednesday January 18, 2017 and runs through to Sunday, January 22.**

This year's show highlights a vast array of the latest products as well as educational speakers and guests. From Bravo's hit television show ***Below Deck*** helmsman **Captain Harold Lee Rosbach**, who oversees command of a 154' superyacht, to Kelowna's Formula 1 driver **Mike McLellan** and the NMEA 2000 @ ConnectFest, no one can afford to miss the show's many entertaining and educational attractions.

Those highlights include the return of the **Hands-On Skills Training (HOST)** clinics at the **Granville Island floating show**, with sessions designed for those who want to learn fundamental close quarters boat handling skills. A real hands-on experience that puts you at the helm, these **free, first-come, first-served** learning events will help attendees develop all-the-necessary skills that will last a lifetime, enhance the boating experience and decisively prove that B.C. is just better on a boat. Reserve your spot by visiting the Vancouver International Boat Show website. (<http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/education/hands-on-skills/>).

Granville Island's Floating Show also features free boat rides, hosted by **Discover Boating**, and some of the newest and most innovative boats from top brands such as: **SeaRay, Prestige, Tiara, Azimut, Jenneau, Beneteau, Bavaria and DuFour**. Spectators will be able to board these beautiful vessels as well as check out their masterful designs, top-notch amenities and state-of-the-art components.

Walking on water is possible when the individual is attached to a flyboard. A group who includes members of Canada's flyboard team, **Team Canfly**, will demonstrate one of the newest water sports around, **flyboarding** - when an individual is elevated up to 45 feet in the air using jet propulsion technology – at this year's **Granville Island Floating Show**.

With over **140 free seminars** taking place this year, your visit to the Boat Show will be jam-packed with educational and inspiring sessions from some of the most note-worthy international boating industry leaders like senior marine meteorologist **Lee Chesneau** and Canadian Yachting Association Past Director **Colin Jackson**. In addition to the dozens of Free Seminars that include topics such as deep sea fishing off the Coast, more in-depth three-hour workshops will be offered on topics that include weather and cruise decision- making and constructing 500 Mb charts. Visitors interested in the more in-depth workshops need to pre-register themselves ahead of time. Check out the schedule at: <http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/education/seminar-speakers/>.

For those who believe a boating lifestyle is out of their budget, there are many boats and accessories of all size and price range available at the show.

“Many people don’t realize how affordable boating can actually be,” says Show Manager Eric Nicholl. “If it floats, it’s a boat, and that makes getting out on the water a reasonably priced endeavor. Whether it’s a canoe, kayak, SUP, or a brand new runabout, there really is a boat for every budget.”

In addition to all of these features, the Show has a **Kids’ Zone** equipped with a Nautical Play Centre that is filled with arts and crafts, paddleboat rides and interactive displays.

The **Vancouver International Boat Show will have its two beautiful locations** once again with free shuttle buses and water ferries operating continuously between BC Place and Granville Island. Don’t miss the first opportunity of the year to view the newest and most innovative boats and boating products and make sure to pre-plan your visit at [www.VancouverBoatShow.ca](http://www.VancouverBoatShow.ca).

**Dates:** January 18-22, 2017

**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  
Kids (16 and under): FREE

**Locations:** BC Place – 777 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver  
Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina – 1676 Duranleau Street,  
Vancouver  
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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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