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Industry Experts to Engage and Educate at 55th Annual Vancouver International Boat Show

More than 140 free seminars on a wide range of topics featured at this year's show running Jan 18 – 22 2017 at BC Place and Granville Island

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VANCOUVER, B.C. – For those attending this year's **Vancouver International Boat Show**, there are more than 140 free seminars to choose from that will guarantee a valuable educational takeaway from the event.

Running from Wednesday, January 18th to Sunday, January 22nd, this year's free seminars cover a variety of topics, ranging from chartering crewed luxury yachts to the 'Top 10 Buying Tips' for the first-time boat buyer and the science of perfecting salmon fishing.

This year's featured speakers include:

Seminar: Wind and Wave Concepts & Charts

With senior marine meteorologist Lee Chesneau

Among Chesneau's planned seminars for this year's boat show is his talk on Wind and Wave Concepts & Charts. Lee will lead listeners through wind and swell wave development, propagation and decay. He will look at the dominant role wind energy has in creating wind waves and what happens when wind waves leave their generating area as swell waves.

Seminar: Boat Buying Tips: Top 10 Essential 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: Outfitting a Cruising Boat

With travel journalist and photographer Zuzana Prochazka

As a USCG 100 Ton Master and nine-year Boating Writers International board member, Zuzana has cruised and chartered almost all corners of the Earth and as a result, learned what the essentials are for turning a boat into a real cruising boat. Hear about what gear makes passages safer and how living aboard your cruising vessel does not have to feel like camping.

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, typically Tye, need to truly understand the different behavioral patterns and how to customize fishing techniques for those variables. Professional guide Bill Haymond walks listeners through his recommended fishing methods that have served him well over the years.

Seminar: The Fast Passes of British Columbia**With award winning author William Kelly**

With the use of aerial and water-view photography as well as maps, William highlights the characteristics of each of the major passes of the B.C. Coast. His listeners will learn how boaters can avoid the dangers and even enjoy the beauty of these impressive tidal passes.

Seminar: PaddleSmart Interactive Demonstration**With PaddleSmart and National Paddling Week coordinator Dawn Callan**

This activity-based demonstration is for new paddlers of any age who simply want to learn about water and paddle sport safety. Whether you are new to paddling or you have lots of experience, PaddleSmart is a good fit for those interested in learning more about how to be safer out there by being aware and being prepared

Seminar: Stillwater Fly Fishing Biology**With renowned professional angler, Brian Chan**

Work in the sport fishing industry for over 40 years, and holding a Fish, Wildlife & Recreation technical diploma and a BSc in Freshwater Ecology, Brian has had an extensive career in managing recreational fisheries for the province of BC. Brian will educate audiences on the biology of the lake environment and walk through the steps to elevate the skills of fly-fishing anglers of any level.

Seminar: Don't Wait to Retire, Earn as you cruise**With life-long sailor Cresswell Walker**

Lifelong sailor and racing captain Cresswell Walker believes today more than ever it is possible to live a life of sailing and adventure while earning a living. In fact he argues there are as many ways to pay as you go, as there are cruisers. Listeners will hear about highly successful approaches to earning as you cruise so that they can live their dreams now and not wait for retirement.

For a complete seminar schedule breakdown including all seminars, speakers' biographies and room locations, visit: <http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/education/seminar-speakers/>.

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.

55th annual Vancouver International Boat Show

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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