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**WORLD RECORD BREAKING SAILOR SIBLINGS ZAC AND ABBY SUNDERLAND
TO APPEAR AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW**

VANCOUVER, BC – At age 16 Zac Sunderland embarked on the adventure of a lifetime: he set sail on a record-breaking 13-month journey and became the youngest person to sail solo around the world. Inspired by her older brother's determination, Zac's younger sister Abby attempted the same record just one year later, but met with a devastating rogue wave that unexpectedly ended her journey. Join each of these lifelong sailors as they share their remarkable stories of courage, perseverance and peril at sea at the Vancouver International Boat Show, February 8-12 at BC Place and the Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina.

Zac Sunderland – Around the World at 16

An avid adventurer and sailing enthusiast from an early age, Zac had already learned to sail by age four, and travelled the world, surfing, swimming, and sailing with his father by his mid teens. When his family set down permanent roots in California, he was determined to get back on the open sea, and, saving up money to purchase his own boat, the *Intrepid*, he finally set sail on a solo adventure around the world in 2008.

Zac's 13-month journey not only earned him a name as the youngest person to solo circumnavigate the globe, but his record-breaking battle against fierce storms, real pirates, and unforeseen escapades proved exceptional preparation for his latest adventure alongside his dad on the 19th Season of *The Amazing Race*. Back by popular demand, Zac returns to the Boat Show for a second year to regale audiences with tales of his experience of a lifetime – you won't want to miss out hearing his incredible stories of embracing new cultures, learning new language and making life-long friends – even losing some to the sea!

Abby Sunderland – Unsinkable

Like her older brother, Zac, Abby grew up around water and has been on boats since she was just 6 months old. For years it has been her dream to sail around the world and, after watching Zac successfully circumnavigate the globe in 2009, she felt further motivated to make her dream a reality. With plenty of hard work, support, and perseverance, Abby embarked on her own journey around the world, setting sail in January 2010 on *Wild Eyes*, an Open 40 sailboat. But, when disaster struck in the form of a massive rogue wave that completely disabled her boat by rolling *Wild Eyes* 360 degrees and tearing off her mast, Abby was forced to end her trip just six months later in June of that same year.

Following the media frenzy surrounding her safe return to dry land, Abby undertook a stirring narrative, *Unsinkable*, which chronicles her harrowing attempt to break her brother's record and become the youngest person ever to sail solo around the world. Join Abby for her speaking

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debut at Vancouver's premiere Boat Show as she reveals gripping, first hand accounts of her daring (and sometimes near-death) adventures at sea and final dramatic rescue in the remotest corner of the Indian Ocean. She'll share an inspiring message on what it means to boldly face any challenge, to strive for something great and to plumb the depths of faith, fear, and desperation only to emerge changed, renewed, and emboldened.

The Vancouver International Boat Show runs February 8-12, 2012, at Granville Island Maritimes Market and Marina and BC Place. Visit VancouverBoatShow.ca for discounted tickets, schedules and Show updates.

Dates: February 8-12, 2012

Show Hours: Wednesday-Friday: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina in-water venue closes at 5:00 pm daily

Admission: General Admission (17-64 years): \$15.00
Adult Two-Day Pass: \$25.00
Seniors (65 years +): \$13.00
Senior Two-Day Pass: \$22.00
Children (16 years and under when accompanied by an adult): FREE

Location: BC Place - 777 Pacific Blvd.
Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina -1676 Duranleau St.

The Vancouver International Boat Show is owned by the British Columbia Marine Trades Association (BCMTA). The Show is produced by Canadian Boat Shows, and is Western Canada's largest consumer boating event.

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