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## **VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW RETURNS EARLY IN 2018 WITH EXCITING NEW ATTRACTIONS**

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – The 56<sup>th</sup> annual **Vancouver International Boat Show** will be dropping anchor once again in the new year from **Wednesday January 17 to Sunday, January 21, 2018** at two locations, showcasing the industry’s newest boat models and latest innovations in accessories for the recreational boating market.

With two venues, **BC Place** and **Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina**, this year’s highlights include over 125 combined presentations from boating experts around the world, free boat rides by **Discover Boating**, and celebrity guest **Brenda Lowe** from *Baywatch: The Movie* as well as *Survivor: Nicaragua* and *Survivor: Caramoan – Fans vs. Favorites*. Prior to her television and acting career, Lowe was also the founder of Paddleboard Miami, one of the first stand-up paddleboard rental delivery services in Miami.

The Boat Show is the first opportunity of the fast approaching boating season for enthusiasts to get access to the latest boating trends, not to mention the education and entertainment that comes along with the event. From boating basics to adventures at sea, boaters of all skill levels can expect to learn something new from the show.

In addition to seminar speakers, visitors can also expect cooking demos from the **Loxy Ladies** – two local sisters who grew up in the family fishing business who have the inside knowledge of some of the best recipes to make at-sea.

“The Boating Lifestyle encompasses far more than just ‘boating’; it’s incredibly versatile,” says Show Manager, Eric Nicholl. “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. No matter what your adventure, there are options available for every skill level and budget, and our guest speakers and exhibitors can attest to that.”

Boating, especially in Canada, comes in all shapes, sizes and budgets. From yachting, deep-sea fishing, sailing, paddleboarding and even flyboarding, there is something to satisfy every recreational boaters’ appetite. The Vancouver International Boat Show is the place to go to see and experience the newest products in the market while walking through some of the best

displays from top manufacturers including: **SeaRay, Prestige, Tiara, Azimut, Regal, Malibu, Nautique, Jenneau, Beneteau, Bavaria and DuFour.**

For younger skippers, the Show has a **Kids' Zone** equipped with a Nautical Play Centre filled with arts and crafts, paddleboard rides and interactive displays.

The **Vancouver International Boat Show will have its two beautiful locations** with free shuttle buses and water ferries operating continuously between BC Place and Granville Island, along with free boat rides hosted by **Discover Boating** at 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 17-21, 2018

**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  
\$5 After 5pm Twilight Pass: \$5  
Kids (16 and under): FREE

**Locations:** BC Place – 777 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver  
Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina – 1676 Duranleau Street, Vancouver  
*Free shuttle buses and water ferries run continuously between BC Place and Granville Island*

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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