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Lake Union Boats Afloat Show Full of Kid-Friendly, Fun Activities *Complimentary activities include sailboat lessons, toy boat building and life jacket giveaway*

SEATTLE – Seattle’s annual [Lake Union Boats Afloat Show](#) is a favorite event on most boaters’ calendars. It brings you all the best of boating in one place on beautiful South Lake Union in sunny September. But it’s not just for adults or for mom and dad to shop for the boat of their dreams. The show is full of free activities for kids of all ages. Kids 8-16 can get on the water and be introduced to the thrill of small boat sailing with 60-minute free sailboat lessons courtesy of [Sail Sandpoint](#). All ages can enjoy the [Center for Wooden Boats](#) hands-on toy boat building. And since safety on the water is an important boating lesson to teach kids, [Stearns Lifejackets](#) will be giving away 500 kids lifejackets on Saturday and Sunday of the show.

The show drops anchor on Wednesday Sept. 16th and sails on through Sunday 20th, 2015. The show is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.

Going to the show won’t break the family piggy bank. Kids under 11 are free, kids 11-17 get in for \$5, and on weekends there is a nearby parking lot for \$5 all day.

Free Sailing Lessons Courtesy Sail Sandpoint

The free sailing lessons will be on 13’ Hobie Cat Waves. The Hobie Wave is a single-handed catamaran that can hold up to four people and is a great cruising boat for all ages and ability levels. There will be four Hobie Waves at the show and Sail Sandpoint will take out 12-16 kids at a time. Mom and dad can get the future sailors out on the water and then go cruise the show at their leisure while the kids learn skills that will last a lifetime. They are also welcome to join the kids.

Lesson Schedule

- Friday, Sept. 18: 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. (all family)
- Saturday, Sept. 19: 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (kids only); 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. (kids and parents)
- Sunday, Sept. 20: 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (kids only); 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. (kids and parents)

To sign up for free lessons in advance, email showinfo@boatsafloatshow.com

There are also free sailboat rides for all ages courtesy of Discover Sailing. Rides are approximately 45 minutes and run continuously, every day, throughout the show.

Free Toy Boat Building for Kids

Kids will use traditional tools provided by the Center for Wooden Boats to build and decorate their own wooden boat.

Saturday Sept. 19: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 20: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kids Lifejacket Giveaway

Water safety awareness in and around the water is an important lesson for kids. And because kids are important people, the show will be giving away 500 kids lifejackets Sept. 19 and 20. There is a limited supply. Kids must be present to receive the lifejacket.

Lifejacket Sizes:

Infant: 30 lbs and under

Child: 30-50 lbs

Youth: 50-90 lbs

Sea Gals Appearance

For 12s of all ages! Come meet the Seattle Sea Hawks Sea Gals. Trinity and Alexis will be there greeting fans, signing autographs and posing for photos. Saturday Sept. 19: 12 noon.-2 p.m.

All you need to know

What: South Lake Union Boats Afloat Show

When: Wednesday September 16th – Sunday September 20th, 2015

Hours: Weekdays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Weekends 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: South Lake Union in Seattle

Tickets: Buy your tickets online at www.BoatsAfloatShow.com

\$12 for adults / \$5 for kids 12-17 (kids under 11 are free).

\$18 for a multi-day pass.

Weekdays 5-7 pm: \$6

Buy your tickets online and receive a one year's subscription to Sea Magazine, \$10 Gift Card to El Chupacabra restaurant at South Lake Union and a free paddleboard or kayak rental from Mountain to Sound Outfitters.

Adult sailing lesson package: \$50 Intro-to-Sailing ticket includes 2-day admission, 1.5 hour seminar and 1.5 hour on-water sailing lesson.

For new sailors or those wanting to improve their skills there are special packages for lessons and anchoring and docking clinics run by Seattle Sailing Club: <http://www.boatsafloatshow.com/sailing-lessons.htm>

Getting

There: Parking lots are limited near the show. Check out www.BoatsAfloatShow.com for parking maps, discounts and directions.

Show

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Show photos available at: <http://www.boatsafloatshow.com/gallery.htm>
Photos of individual boats available on request.

The 2015 Lake Union Boats Afloat Show is presented by [Global Marine Insurance Agency](#) and [Eco Cruiser](#)

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