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## **Seattle Boat Show Offers Special Packages For Travel from British Columbia**

*West Coast's largest boat show opens January 24*

SEATTLE – The [Seattle Boat Show \(Indoors +Afloat\)](#) is so popular it attracts visitors from 41 US states, 6 Canadian provinces and as far away as Dubai. It's with good reason. The show is the largest boat show on the West Coast and the third largest in the U.S., and as such it is often the place where manufacturers choose to debut their new models. 2014 is no exception. The 2014 Show will be notable for a number of new boat brands, brands returning who have been absent from the Show for a few years and more than 35 new accessories exhibitors. The show opens on January 24 and runs through February 2, 2014. (However, if the Seattle Seahawks play in the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 2, the Seattle Boat Show will close entirely, for that day only.)

Seattle Boat Show organizers have teamed up with Clipper Vacations who is offering customizable Seattle Boat Show packages for those traveling from British Columbia, all of which include transportation to Seattle, a stay at a downtown Seattle hotel and admission tickets to the Seattle Boat Show. Travel from Victoria B.C. is via the Victoria Clipper and travel from Vancouver B.C. is via Amtrak. Those choosing to stay at the Crowne Plaza Seattle Hotel will receive free transportation to the boat show from the hotel. For more details about the packages visit <http://www.seattleboatshow.com/canada.html> . For those not needing transportation, there are also three hotels —Crowne Plaza Hotel, Silver Cloud Stadium and Courtyard Marriott Pioneer Square—offering special rates to showgoers.

Seattle in January is one of those great off-season destinations. The summer crowds are gone, you can actually stroll leisurely and comfortably through the Pike Place Market and post-holiday

shopping bargains abound. Seattle is also an absolute foodie's dream come true with lots of the Northwest's best restaurants to explore once the show has closed each night.

### **Special Festive Nights at the Show – Uncorked and Sails & Ales**

When planning a trip, visitors should know that there are two very festive nights planned – **Uncorked** on opening night, Friday January 24, and **Sails & Ales** on Friday February 1.

At Uncorked, showgoers can sniff, swirl and sip their way through the Boat Show, tasting a variety of award-winning Washington wines at tasting stations set up throughout the indoor location at CenturyLink Field. Washington wines being poured include Waterbrook Winery, Canoe Ridge Vineyard, Ross Andrew Winery, Willow Crest, Washington Hills, Sawtooth Winery, Sagelands Vineyard, Radius and House Wine.

At Sails & Ales, showgoers can taste and toast the very best in Washington craft beers from 12 different Washington artisan breweries, including Dick's, Elliott Bay Brewing, Elysian, Fremont, Georgetown, Hale's, Mac n Jack's, Pike, Redhook, Scullers, Silver City and Skuttlebutt.

For those on Clipper packages, a commemorative glass and six tasting tokens can be purchased at the show for \$15. Otherwise packages for Uncorked and Sails & Ales [may be purchased online](#) for \$27. This price includes a single adult admission to the show valid throughout the day at both locations, plus a complimentary souvenir craft beer glass (while supplies last) and 6 tasting tokens.

### **About the Seattle Boat Show**

The show features two locations, 1,000 recreational watercraft and more than 400 exhibitors between both locations. There are hundreds of seminars and the latest innovations in accessories (more than three acres of them) at the CenturyLink Field Event Center, plus 100 world-class yachts in their natural habitat on South Lake Union. A free shuttle runs between both locations.

Unique to the Seattle Boat Show is the large variety of boats on display. At other shows, you may find yourself in a sea of bass boats or wakeboard boats. At the Seattle show, the boats on display are representative of the wide range of boating available in the region. The Pacific

Northwest and British Columbia are home to perhaps the largest variety of boating in the world – whether it’s wakeboarding on the inland lakes, salmon fishing on Puget Sound or off Vancouver Island, sailing in the San Juan or Gulf Islands, kayaking in the streams and rivers, or cruising to Alaska. Every type of boating available in the region is on display at the Seattle Boat Show.

There are approximately 200 free seminars during the ten days of the show and advanced training classes for a fee through Boat Show University. No other show in North America matches the Seattle seminar schedule in terms of the quality, variety and volume of seminars offered. Some of the world’s top experts are presenters. Seminar topics: Broughton Islands: Desolation Sound and Islands to the North; Cruising Desolation Sound & Toba Inlet; Cruising the Coast of the Great Bear Rainforest: The Central and North Coast of B.C.; Cruising Desolation Sound & Toba Inlet and Preparing to Cruise Remote Alaskan Waters; and Fishing in British Columbia. The complete schedule of seminars can be viewed at [www.SeattleBoatShow.com/seminars](http://www.SeattleBoatShow.com/seminars)

**Know Before You Go**

**When:** Friday, January 24 – Sunday, February 2, 2014

**Where:** CenturyLink Field Event Center                      South Lake Union  
800 Occidental Avenue South, Seattle              901 Fairview Avenue N, Seattle  
**Free shuttle running continuously between both locations**

**Hours:** CenturyLink Field Event Center                      South Lake Union  
Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 8 pm                      Weekdays: 11 a.m. - 5 pm  
Fridays: 11 am - 10 pm                      Weekends: 10 am - 5 pm\*  
Saturdays: 10 am - 8 pm  
Sundays: 10 am - 6 pm\*

\* The show will close at 3pm on Sunday, February 2nd

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