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Oceans of Nautical Fun for Little Mariners at Seattle Boat Show
Complimentary activities include toy boat building, block and tackle tug of war, aqua paddlers, sailing dinghy rigging, scavenger hunt, test trampoline, nautical photo booth, movies and more

SEATTLE – From stand up paddleboards to superyachts and everything in between, there’s lots for all the boaters in the family to take in at the Seattle Boat Show. But the show is not just for mom and dad to shop for the boat of their dreams or attend one of 200+ free seminars. There’s also a special Kids Zone at the indoor location at CenturyLink Field Event Center with tons of free activities for kids of all ages. On the water at South Lake Union there are free boat rides and a Chowder Chomp.

The show drops anchor on Friday Jan. 29 and sails on through Sunday Feb. 6, 2016. The show’s not the only thing that’s family-friendly, so is the price! Kids under 11 are free, youth 11-17 get in for \$5, and there are many online ticket packages with bonuses such as \$2 weekend parking (compliments of BECU) and magazine subscriptions at www.SeattleBoatShow.com

Kids Zone at CenturyLink Field Event Center

Aqua Paddlers: Kids can enjoy time on the water using the Aqua Paddler paddle boats. Life jackets will be provided. (Daily)

Sailing Dinghy Rigging: Kids can sit in an actual sailing dinghy, lower and raise the sails and learn how rigging works. (Daily)

Block and Tackle Tug of War: There is more to winning than strength when it comes to block and tackle tug of war. With this fun exercise kids will learn about mechanical advantage, how to use it, and how it works on boats. (Daily)

Toy Boat Building: Using traditional tools supplied by [The Center for Wooden Boats](http://TheCenterforWoodenBoats.com), kids can build and decorate their own wooden boat. (Monday – Friday 4 - 8 p.m.; Saturday(s) 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Clay Boat Buoyancy Challenge: Kids can build their own clay boat with instructors from [Sail Sand Point](http://SailSandPoint.com) and then learn about buoyancy by testing how much weight it will hold before sinking. (Daily)

Marine Arts and Crafts: Join the staff of [Beach Camp at Sunset Bay](http://BeachCampatSunsetBay.com) and build a sea lion, create a jellyfish, discover sharks, and match up sea skeletons. (Daily)

Photo Booth: Crazy costumes, fun hats and more will be provided so kids and families can dress up in their favorite beach gear, as a sea creature, or whatever they fancy, and create a special Seattle Boat Show memory. (Daily)

Wakeboard Trampoline Tricks and Demos: Members of the Central Washington University Wakeboard team will be demonstrating the tricks that got them their wakeboarding national championship title. Watch them do whirlybirds, 720s, grabs, glides and other impressive moves on a 13'x13' Springfree trampoline. When not being used for demos, kids and adults alike can test jump on the world's safest trampoline. (Fridays, Saturday and Sunday)

Audio-visual Ocean Presentations from Ocean Annie

Ocean Annie Crawley, award-winning underwater photographer, producer, and author and her crew from Beach Camp will be sharing myths and monsters of the deep. They will inspire kids and adults alike with amazing underwater images through movies and slide shows as well as introduce families to the fundamentals of scuba diving and paddling.

- Myths & Monsters, Friday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sharks, Mantas and More Sharks, Sunday, Jan. 31, 11 a.m.
- Discover Snorkeling and Scuba Diving for Kids, Sunday, Jan. 31, 1 p.m.
- Learn How to Hold a Paddle: hands on paddle techniques with kayak and SUP paddles, Sunday Jan 31, 3 p.m.
- Discover Snorkeling and Scuba Diving Friday, Friday Feb. 5, 3 p.m.
- Learn How to Hold a Paddle: hands on paddle techniques with kayak and SUP paddles, Friday Feb. 5, 4 pm
- Sharks, Mantas and More Sharks, Friday, February 5, 6 pm

South Lake Union

Free Boat Rides for Parents and Kids on an All Electric Boat

The 20-minute guided tours in all electric 21' enclosed, heated Duffy boats will point out fun facts about South Lake Union and the unique qualities of the spectacular yachts in the show. It's a great way to see the show from a new perspective. Blankets are provided for an added snuggle factor.

Chowder Chomp

Six of Seattle's elite seafood restaurants will be coming together Saturday and Sunday Jan. 30 and 31 to battle it out for the title of Best Boat Show Chowder. Showgoers will enjoy free samples of delicious chowders from Chandler's Crabhouse, Duke's Chowder House, Flying Fish, Ivar's, Pike Place Chowder and Seattle Fish Company and then can vote for their favorite. The Seattle Boat Show will donate \$2,500 on behalf of the winning restaurant to the non-profit, [Salmon for Soldiers](#). (At South Lake Union)

About the Seattle Boat Show: Friday Jan. 29 - Saturday Feb. 6, 2016.

The show features two locations, 1,000 recreational watercraft and more than 400 exhibitors. There are more than three acres of the latest innovations in accessories, technology and boating gear on display indoors, plus 100 world-class yachts in their natural habitat on South Lake Union. A free shuttle runs between both locations. There are more than 200 free seminars during the 9 days of the show and advanced training classes for a fee through Boat Show University.

For a complete list of exhibitors, seminars, travel package and ticket prices, please visit www.SeattleBoatShow.com. Purchase tickets online and receive \$2 weekend parking compliments of [BECU](#).

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