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Adventures Begin Here! Anacortes is the premier “Spring Destination” point for all things boating and much more at the newest boat show in this region

ANACORTES – Spring is blooming for boaters to hop onboard the new Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show May 17-20 at the Port of Anacortes’ Cap Sante Marina that is projected to have nearly 300 boats on display.

The Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) and Anacortes Chamber of Commerce have come together for this show set in one of region’s most popular boating areas. Attendees can soak in the sights of in-water and shore-side boats ranging from trailer-sized to a 68-foot Prestige from Sundance Yachts. Boats for sale include new and brokerage types in the water at the marina, and at nearby boatyards – Banana Belt Boats and North Harbor Diesel – located just south of the marina with free bus shuttle service. In the marina parking area there will be a large display of boats on trailers, and a huge shoreside tent filled with accessories and electronics.

“Teaming with the producers of the Seattle Boat Show to bring their expertise to our beautiful waterfront community and the gem of all marinas – Cap Sante Marina, is yet another way to offer our guests an opportunity to experience Anacortes – our island getaway,” said Stephanie Hamilton, the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce president.

Anacortes is conveniently located between Seattle and Vancouver B.C. The Anacortes area has more than 40 marine-related businesses to cover every boater's wants and needs. For details, go to <https://anacortesboatandyachtshow.com/>.

Tickets

Cost is \$10 for adults; \$15 for unlimited pass; youth 17-and-under are free; 50-percent off for Veterans every day of show; and Yacht Club Members get in free on Thursday and Friday. E-tickets will go on sale April 2 and include a 12-month subscription to Sea Magazine and/or Boating World.

Hotel, Shopping and Dining

Attendees who stay at participating hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast locales will receive two free tickets to the show for each nights' stay. Accommodations are available for all price ranges with several offering pristine views of the surrounding waters. There are many sights to see, places to shop and restaurants from casual to fine dining. For details, go to <https://anacortes.org/>.

Things to do

The Anacortes Farmers Market happens on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors offer farmers produce, yummy food and vibrant art plus live music. After the show, head over to Swinomish Casino & Lodge or take a hike and soak in sunset views at Mount Erie Park, the highest point on Fidalgo Island. Other activities include exploring nearby Washington Park and Deception Pass State Park; whale watching with local charter-boat businesses; having a picnic or strolling at Storvik Park or Seafarers Memorial Park; or viewing the Anacortes Mural Project on Commercial Avenue.

About the Northwest Marine Trade Association

The NMTA is the nation's largest regional marine association. It represents more than 700 companies in the recreational boating industry, including boat dealers, boat brokers, marinas, boatyards, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers of boating accessories and services. The NMTA's mission is to promote the growth of recreational boating and members' businesses. The NMTA produces the Seattle Boat Show, the West Coast's largest boat show and the Northwest Paddling Festival. Details: <http://www.nmta.net/>

About the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce is a member-based organization representing 500 businesses, community organizations and interested individuals. Its mission is to promote economic prosperity through innovative leadership, advocacy and collaborative community engagement. The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce also acts as the Destination Marketing Organization promoting to the travelling public and greeting guests to encourage them to Experience Anacortes...your island getaway. Details: <https://anacortes.org/>