

TrawlerFest Lands in Seattle: Boat Show, Seminars, Party

Boat show, seminars and parties—TrawlerFest is moving its Pacific Northwest event to the heart of Seattle this year. The dates are April 23-27 at Bell Harbor Marina.

Often asked: How does one define “trawler?” With dozens of cruising powercraft available for inspection at the docks, attendees will witness firsthand how varied the answer can be. Participating vessels will include brands such as Grand Banks, Kadey-Krogen, Nordhavn, North Pacific, Nordic Tug, American Tug, Ranger Tug and Cutwater. Sam Devlin will be on hand with one of his custom creations, too. Besides in-water exhibits, vendors will be on hand with displays for their goods and services.

More than 25 seminars including one on diesel engines with author/experimenter Nigel Calder and another on boat handling with Capt. Linda Lewis. Others include medical preparation, boat buying tips, passagemaking and destination talks on Alaska and Mexico. All our seminars share one or more of these goals: To make cruising safer, less expensive and more fun. The seminars themselves are fun because speakers are chosen for their ability to communicate effectively and with a dose of humor.

TrawlerFest has three locations, the others being in Stuart, Florida, and Baltimore. However, the Pacific Northwest is special because the region is probably the most power cruising-centric of anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. For a decade, Anacortes was venue for TrawlerFest, but, seeking to refresh the program, organizers looked at other locales, finally landing on the obvious—One of America’s great downtowns.

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