



World's Biggest Tugboat Races, Chowder Cook-Off, Survival Suit Races, Quick and Dirty Boat Building Competition and Lots of Free Family Fun set for this May during Seattle Maritime Festival

Don't miss the boat when the world's largest tugboat race thunders along the Downtown Seattle Waterfront! Enjoy the Waterfront Chowder Cook-Off. Check out the survival suit races, a boat building competition, vessel tours, free harbor tours, sea-air rescue demonstration, kid's events, Stories of the Sea, and a container ship full of family fun.

The Downtown Seattle Waterfront is the place to be for the annual Seattle Maritime Festival, sponsored by Seattle Propeller Club with support from the Port of Seattle, from May 12-14, 2011.

"The festival is designed to celebrate and showcase our maritime industry and the important role it plays in the Puget Sound region's economy," commented Seattle Propeller Club President Marc Warner, LeGros Buchanan & Paul.

This year's Festival celebrates the Centennial of the Port of Seattle. For details of the Port's Centennial Celebration, including a special interactive timeline, visit <http://www.portseattle.org/about/organization/centennial.shtml>.



Capt. Scott Ferguson, commander of Sector Puget Sound, U.S. Coast Guard is the Festival's Honorary Chair and Mark Knudsen, SSA Marine, is serving as the Festival's General Chair.

The Maritime Festival is a unique combination of industry events and free public activities during May. Most of the public activities take place on the Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pier 66/Bell Harbor Marina, on the Downtown Seattle Waterfront. There is no admission charge.

The highlight of the Festival and Family Fun Day is the annual tug races. This year, over 30 tugs and workboats are expected to participate in the 26th Annual Seattle Tugboat Race Championships.

2011 Festival Highlights include (all events subject to change):

Sunday, May 1

Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society Luncheon

The Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society will present its Maritime Heritage Medal of Merit at a luncheon at the Museum of History & Industry. For details: www.PugetSoundMaritime.org.

Wednesday, May 4

Transportation Club of Seattle Luncheon

The May luncheon will feature Brian McDonald, VP Intermodal Marketing & Sales, Union Pacific RR and will be held at the Rainer Golf and Country Club. The Transportation Club is celebrating its 100th year of service. For details: www.TransportationClubofSeattle.org.

Saturday, May 7

Opening Day of Boating

"Salish Sea Treasures" is the theme for 2011 Opening Day, sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club. For details: www.seattleyachtclub.org.

Monday, May 9

Transportation Club of Tacoma Luncheon

The May luncheon features Peter Friedmann, Agriculture Transportation Coalition. For details: www.TransportationClubofTacoma.org.

Tuesday, May 10

Celebrity Judging for Chowder Cook-Off

Waterfront restaurants compete for the trophy in this cook-off beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Holland America Line Dining Room, World Trade Center, 2200 Alaskan Way. Sponsored by the Seattle Waterfront Neighborhood, www.seattlewaterfront.org, and Metropolitan Improvement District, www.downtownseattle.com.

Wednesday, May 11

60th Annual Maritime Day Luncheon

Holland America Line's Zaandam at Smith Cove Cruise Terminal, Pier 91. During the luncheon, the Puget Sound Maritime Achievement Award, the Elected Official of the Year Award and Marine Environmental Business of the Year Award will be presented. The luncheon is sponsored by the Seattle Propeller Club, with support from the Port of Seattle. Cost is \$60.

For reservations, visit www.SeattlePropellerClub.org.

Thursday, May 12

13th Annual Maritime Career Day

If you are looking for a career with great wages, chart your course to the 12th Annual Maritime Career Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Maritime Event Center, Pier 66, on the Downtown Seattle Waterfront. Admission is free for students, job seekers and the general public.

This event provides a unique opportunity to take a glimpse into the working world of trade, transportation, fisheries, government and career training and with industry representatives.

You can also enjoy free tours of workboats and other vessels: U.S. Coast Guard, Seattle Maritime Academy, Port of Seattle, Seattle Police Department, King County Department of Natural Resources, Marine Spill Response Corporation, Sea Scouts and Diver's Institute of Technology.

Further information: www.maritimeeventcenter.com

National Fisherman's Tenth Annual Stories of the Sea Fisher Poetry Slam, Conor Byrne Pub, Ballard

The Festival will award cash prizes to the top three finishers in this unique Maritime Poetry Slam. Only 12 spaces are available and registration is on a first-come basis. To register, call (360) 790-1807. Presented in cooperation with Pacific Marine Expo.

Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 14: Pier 66 and Bell Harbor Marina

U.S. Oil & Refining Seattle Tugboat Race Championships

The 27th Annual competition is the largest tugboat race in the world. This year, more than 30 boats are expected to participate. Racing is from the Grain Terminal, Pier 86, to the finish line at Pier 66. The WorkBoat Parade will go from Pier 56 to Pier 86. Best public viewing for the Parade and Races is from Pier 66.

Fire Boat Display	Noon
Tugboat Ballet	12:10 p.m.
Seattle Maritime Academy Abandon Ship Demonstration	12:25 p.m.
Coast Guard Sea/Air Helicopter Rescue	12:50 p.m.
WorkBoat Magazine Workboat Parade	1:15 p.m.
Class C Limited Tug Race	2:00 p.m.
Class B Harbor Tug Race	2:30 p.m.
Fireboat Firefighting Demonstration	2:45 p.m.
Class A Unlimited Race	3:00 p.m.

Watch the Tug Boat Races from the Royal Argosy Luncheon Cruise. Call (206) 623-1445 for ticket information.

The Mike Young People’s Choice Award, sponsored Cruise Terminals of America
Be sure to vote during the workboat parade and tugboat races for your favorite tug.

Competitions

World Invitational Survival Suit Races presented by Compass Maritime Training Courses **11 a.m., Bell Harbor Marina, Pier 66**

This prestigious, exciting and fun event will feature teams of four members. At the starting gun, teams put on their survival suits, jump into the warm waters of Elliott Bay, swim to a life raft and climb aboard. The fastest team wins the competition and the trophy.

Pacific Maritime Magazine Quick & Dirty Boatbuilding Competition

9 a.m., Pier 66

Industry teams compete in building a boat from standard materials at Pier 66, starting at 9 a.m. Judging at 3 p.m., with racing in the Bell Harbor Marina, Pier 66, scheduled for 4 p.m.

Fourteenth Annual Seattle Waterfront Neighborhood Chowder Cook-Off

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Discover the best chowder around – participants include Anthony’s Pier 66, Bell Harbor Conference Center, Elliott’s Oyster House, The Crab Pot, The Fisherman’s Restaurant & Bar, Ivar’s, Steamer’s Seafood Cafe at Pier 56, Seattle Marriott Waterfront’s 2100 Bistro and Bar, and Six Seven at the Edgewater.

Special chowder tasting areas will be created inside each restaurant. Buy your Chowder Passport for only \$5 at all participating restaurants or at the festival information booth at Pier 66. Proceeds benefit maritime community and youth organizations.

The Chowder Cook-Off is sponsored by the Seattle Waterfront Neighborhood and the Metropolitan Improvement District. For further information, visit www.SeattleWaterfront.org or www.DowntownSeattle.com.

Kids and Family FunZone

Saturday, May 14 – Family Fun Day

Free Harbor Tours (11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.) presented by the Port of Seattle — Discover the working waterfront. Board at Bell Harbor Marina/Pier 66 one-half hour prior to each departure. There is a limit

of 400 guests for each tour. Stop by the Festival Information Booth at Pier 66 to pick up your ticket. There is a limit of four tickets per adult, 18 years or older.

Vessel Tours – Free tours of workboats and other vessels: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Henry Blake* at Pier 66. In the morning tours will be available of the Virginia V, Canadian Navy tugboats, Port of Seattle Police Boat, Seattle Harbor Patrol Boat, NRC Boat, Sea Scouts and others vessels. A Coast Guard response boat will be available for tour all day in the marina.

Free Wooden Boat Building for Kids — Kids can build their own wooden boat, thanks to the Center for Wooden Boats, at Pier 66. The Center is a living museum and visitors are invited to touch, help restore, sit in and sail some of the more than 100 small wooden boats in the center's historical collection. Admission is free. For further information and membership, call (206) 382-2628.

Remote Control Model Workboat Display — Drive your own tug, barge and workboat at this display! Boat modelers from throughout the region will be on hand at Pier 66!

Coast Guard Boating Safety Expo – Take a boating safety exam, try on personal flotation devices and talk to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary about boating safety. Also, be sure and tour the Coast Guard Damage Control Trainer.

Display Booths – Seattle Propeller Club, Port of Seattle and others at Pier 66.

Free admission to the Maritime Event Center Pier 66, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. — Come explore this dynamic maritime center. Navigate your way through the galleries and interactive exhibits, where you become a part of the working waterfront. Free craft activities for kids.

Festival Information Booths and Maritime Store - Will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pier 66.

Wednesday, May 18

Tacoma Propeller Club Maritime Day Luncheon. For details: www.tacomapropellerclub.com

Friday, May 20

Tacoma Propeller Club 55th Annual Chowdown. For details: www.tacomapropellerclub.com

Sunday, May 22:

National Maritime Day

Wednesday, May 25

Environmental Intelligence in Shipping Seminar: Port of Seattle's Centennial Environmental Issues, Bell Harbor Conference Center

Sponsored by the North American Marine Environment Protection Association. For details: www.namepa.net

Coast Guard Foundation 2011 Pacific Northwest Awards Dinner

Bell Harbor International Conference Center. For details: www.CoastGuardFoundation.org.

Thursday, May 26

Labor/Management Luncheon, Catholic Seamen's Club

Presented by the Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO, the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Club, 2330 First Avenue. Call (206) 441-4773 for further information.

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