



A wide variety of boats will be for sale at the 63rd annual Los Angeles Boat Show at Fairplex in Pomona today through Sunday. [AP PHOTO/LESLIE MAZUCH]

63rd L.A. Boat Show kicks off in Pomona

Event continues through Sunday with workshops, drawings, children's activities and hundreds of boats for sale at discount prices

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According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), California's recreational boating industry brings in over \$8.9 billion annually and represents an average of \$614 million in annual sales of new boats, engines, and marine accessories.

With those kind of numbers, it's no wonder the Duncan McIntosh Company's Los Angeles Boat Show has been going strong for over six decades. On Thursday, the Boat Show kicked off its 63rd year at Fairplex in Pomona, 1101 W. McKinley Ave.

It will continue through Sunday

and according to CEO Duncan McIntosh, visitors will find boats for every budget, as well as gear, marine accessories and a whole lot more.

"There will be pre-season discounts and incentives at the show," said McIntosh. "Buyers are encouraged to take stock now, before the summer boating season begins and there is a backlog of orders."

Along with custom performance boats, water sports boats, deck boats, personal watercraft and pontoons, sport fishing boats, runabouts, cabin cruisers, inflatables, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards also will be for sale. Among the manufacturers will be Centurion, Wellcraft, Regal, SeaRay, SeaDoo, Shockwave, Scout, Yamaha, Manitou, Crownline, Robalo, Ranger and Interceptor, to name a few.

"We are fortunate that California calls many of the top

boating manufacturers home, such as Centurion and Shockwave," McIntosh said.

The Boat Show also will feature boating-inspired activities for youngsters, as well as educational workshops and hourly drawings.

The Duncan McIntosh Co. publishes "Sea Magazine," "Boating World," "The Log Newspaper," "FishRap," "Editor & Publisher" and "OC Weekly." The company also produces the Newport Boat Show, the San Diego International Boat Show and the LA Harbor Boat Show.

The L.A. Boat Show's hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for military personnel with ID, and free for children 12 and under.

Tickets purchased at www.los-angelesboatshow.com or at the box office. Parking is at Gate 17 on Fairplex Drive (prevailing rates).