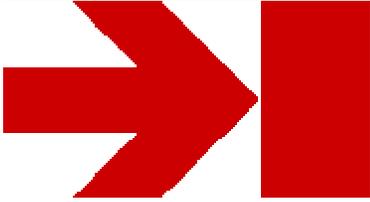


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A Very Wet But Successful United States Powerboat Show



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Rain Does Not Dampen Positive Attitudes Nor Business

The Annapolis Powerboat Show, October 15 through 18, was met with four days of cold, wind, drizzle and rain -- weather never before experienced in 38 years of operation. Despite the rain, over 600 in-water and land exhibitors offered a spectacular display of terrific deals.

Attendance was down from 2008 (a four day sunny and warm event), but vendors noticed that financial attitudes were extremely positive this year compared to last. Ed Hartman, president of United States Yacht Shows, Inc., which produced the event said: "Well over 15,000 people attended the show during the four days. Those folks did not come to get a suntan. They braved the weather and came to the show with a mission - to pursue the purchase of a boat or boat related equipment."

Jim Maier of BOE Marine confirms Hartman's assessment. "Aside from our wet shoes we had a wonderful boat show. The turnout of serious buyers was great and we were able to secure a number of marine electronics installations to carry us through the winter. Judging by the activity we saw and conversations we had, we're looking forward to a great 2010."

The extraordinary reputation of the Annapolis Powerboat Show and the enthusiasm of the exhibitors paid off. Dealers reported

considerable interest and the sale of a number of boats. Attendees left the show with arms full of merchandise.

"The 2009 Annapolis Powerboat show brought qualified buyers to the Luhrs, Silverton, Mainship, and Ovation booths," reports Aaron Krenzer, Sales Manager of Luhrs Marine Group. "Yes the weather was not in our favor, but our team of dealers, Clarks Landing, Atlantic Marine Brokers, Stepp's Harbor View, Lippincott Marine, Winter Yacht Sales, Beaufort Yacht Sales, and Chesapeake Yacht Sales were able to spend more time with potential buyers in the boats. We have several sea trials set-up for the following weeks and have a positive response to the show. The show team did an excellent job!"

Anyone who missed this show because of the weather will be able to find a full spectrum show at the Bay Bridge Boat Show April 22 through 25, 2010.

About United States Yacht Shows

The United States Yacht Shows, a premier event management company, has produced several sterling in-water boat shows since 1970. Today, close to 150,000 attendees from around the world come to the Chesapeake Bay to experience these nautical extravaganzas.

United States Yacht Shows presents:

- **Bay Bridge Boat Show** - April 22 - 25, 2010, Stevensville, Maryland
- **Annapolis Nautical Flea Market**- May 29 & 30, 2010, Annapolis, Maryland
- **United States Sailboat Show**- October 7 - 11, 2010, Annapolis, Maryland
- **United States Powerboat Show** - October 14 - 17, 2010, Annapolis, Maryland

Shows Inc., a sister company, presents:

The 3rd Annual **Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor** - June 12 & 13, 2010, National Harbor, Maryland

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