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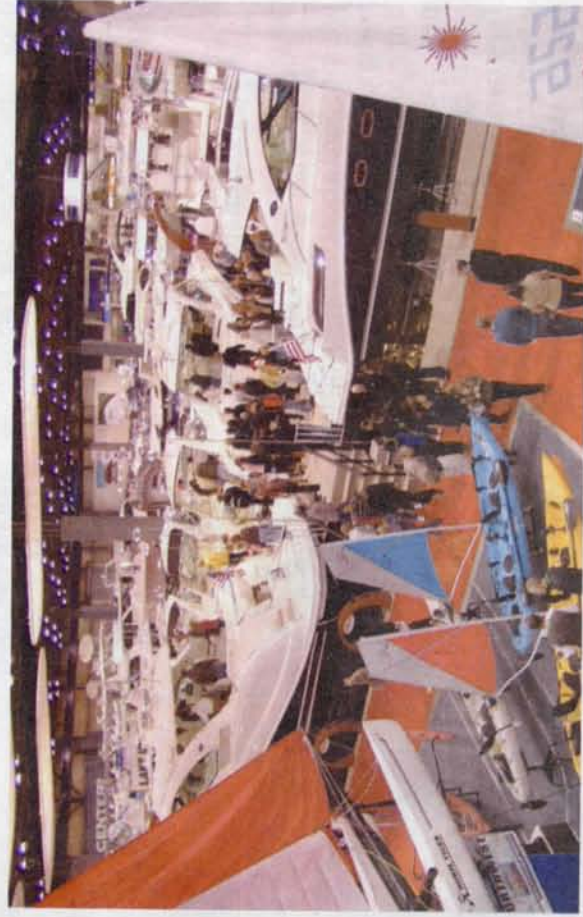
Sea Stories

The BIG Seattle Boat Show, Indoors & Afloat, runs January 29 - February 6

Well, it's almost here! The BIG Seattle Boat Show, Indoors + Afloat, is just around the corner. Dropping anchor on Thursday January 29, 2010 and continuing through Saturday February 6, it signals the beginning of 'dream season' for boaters and would-be boaters. It's the place to find everything for the boat you own, plan your year's boating

activities or find the boat of your dreams.

The 63rd Annual Seattle Boat Show features 1,000 boats – including fishing boats, inboard cruisers, runabouts, kayaks, sailboats and inflatables – hundreds of accessories, the latest high-tech innovations, and hundreds of hours of seminars at Qwest Field Event Center, plus



world-class boats and yachts in their natural habitat at South Lake Union. A free shuttle runs continuously.

Whatever you do, don't forget to visit the Northwest Yachting booth (Space # 614, East Hall). We'll be there ready to hear your compliments, and/or complaints and handing out magazines like crazy, including the February issue, hot off the press! We're also giving away a slick Majestic 12-volt Flat Screen HD LCD TV and a Traeger Barbeque (stop by the booth for details!).

Arctic Explorer, Boat and Crew to be Spotlight Exhibit at Seattle Boat Show

Emmy award-winning filmmaker Sprague Theobald and his Nordhavn 57 at South Lake Union after a five month epic journey through the Northwest Passage

The Seattle Boat Show, Indoors + Afloat, (www.seattleboatshow.com) throughout the nine day show where he'll focus on the craziest, scariest

tors to the boat can get a sneak preview; trailers of the film will be

between both locations. Ace Recreational Marine Insurance and North-

has announced that the renowned 57-foot Nordhavn, *Bagan*, which took owner Sprague Theobald safely through the Northwest Passage on a five month epic journey, will be a feature exhibit at the 2010 Seattle Boat Show January 29-February 6, 2010. *Bagan* will be showcased on the water at South Lake Union and highlights will include tours of *Bagan* given by members of the crew responsible for bringing the vessel across the Arctic Circle – a feat accomplished by very few private boats. Each person that takes a tour will also receive a DVD with video footage from this extraordinary adventure. Additionally Theobald will be conducting seminars at Qwest Field Event Center

and most exhilarating moments of the trip.

Aside from seeking out great adventure, Theobald's mission for traversing the elusive passage was to document the little-explored area which he did with incredible underwater photography as well as with recording and editing equipment custom outfitted in *Bagan's* pilothouse. The Emmy-award winning film producer/director is currently logging and editing more than 250 hours of HD video footage and audio diaries captured during the voyage for his movie *Braving The Northwest Passage* which will be his 5th full-length documentary. He has received interest in it from several major broadcast outlets. But visi-

on hand for anyone who comes aboard. Additional information about the film along with his daily blogs from throughout the trip are still available online at www.NorthwestPassageFilm.com

Bagan's expedition covered 8,500 miles and included many dramatic events that pitted the crew against foul weather, technical issues, icebergs the size of Manhattan skyscrapers, wildlife encounters, personality conflicts, and so on. Notable was a harrowing two day experience where the boat was trapped and frozen in. They tried everything to escape and at one point the boat was being driven towards a rocky coast and the crew prepared to abandon ship. This and much more was captured in 250-hours of stunning high-definition video footage – including underwater shots, surreal landscapes, active glaciers, wildlife, and historical landmarks including grave sites from the doomed Franklin Expedition of 1845.

"It was worth the risk, but I would not do it again." Theobald stated in an interview.

"We have yet to talk publicly about the more terrifying moments of the trip." In addition to sharing details of this trip – some for the first time ever publically – Theobald will take questions from the audience. (Seminar dates TBA. Monitor www.seattleboatshow.com for schedule.)

west Buick-GMC Dealers are the official sponsors of the show.

Hours of the show are Mondays - Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Mondays - Thursdays (Lake Union), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays (Lake Union), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays (Lake Union), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday (Lake Union), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purchase tickets online at www.seattleboatshow.com and receive free parking at the show, a free cup of clam chowder at EXMcRory's and a free boating magazine one-year subscription. Ticket prices are: Adults, \$12; youth (11-17), \$5; Kids 10 and under, free.

Online is also the place for the latest information, updates about the show and special offers:

The show website (www.seattleboatshow.com) is being updated daily as new information becomes available about exhibitors, brands, seminars and promotions, including the chance to win a \$5,000 shopping spree!

Also go to the special Seattle Boat Show Boat Show University flyer on page 66 of this issue of *Northwest Yachting*, for detailed information on that great program (co-sponsored by *Northwest Yachting Magazine*).

See you at the boat show!

