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The 40th Annual Portland Boat Show sets sail

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The Portland Boat Show, one of the largest in the country, allows boat buyers and boating enthusiasts to find hundreds of boat makes and models. There are more boats and exciting features; including a Viking ship and an amphibious assault vehicle (AAV), expanded seminars and accessories. Visit the Portland Boat Show this January 8 through 16, 2000 at the Portland Expo Center.

The Portland Boat Show has been the leader in the marine trade show industry for 40 years, attracting tens of thousands of boating enthusiasts from across the Northwest and beyond. The show offers a wide range of boats for every type of aficionado - from fishing to sportboats, ski-boats to personal watercrafts and yachts. Sailboaters feel right at home with dozens of sailboats (up to 40 feet) and plenty of expert advice. See the one-of-a-kind Araminta, Legendary Yachts latest ketch entry.

For the first time in history, the United States Marine Corp. brings the highly prized Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) to the show. The Portland Boat Show is now able to bring this to the public after working for over a year with the Pentagon and the United States Marine Corp. The United States Marine Corp. uses this high tech military vehicle to fight on land and water. A contingent of the United States Marines will be available during the show to answer questions and greet on-lookers.

Scuba divers and adventurers have a reason to visit the show. The World's Largest Mobile Aquarium! Scuba demonstrations occur in a giant 50 foot tank that holds 12,000 gallons of water. The tank is filled with fish so the diving experience has a realistic feel. Diving seminars occur every couple of hours during the show.

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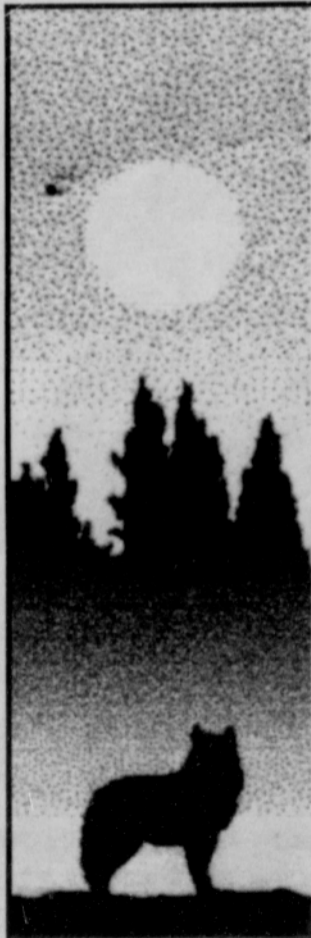
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