

# Lake Havasu Boat Show Kicks-Off Boating Season

Thousands of avid boaters are eagerly anticipating the return of spring and summer weather to reignite their passion for Colorado River recreational boating. Much like the east coast’s traditional Ground Hog Day, the quasi-official kick-off of a new Lake Havasu boating season is the return of the annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, presented by the Lake Havasu Marine Association.

Now in its 33rd year, this event has become the largest outdoor boat show in the Western United States. The Boat Show, sponsored by Anderson Powersports, will be April 19-21 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4. Hours are: Friday from Noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Boat Show will be bursting at the seams with over 150 exhibitors displaying over \$50 million worth of boats and supplies, UTVs, PWCs, RVs and more. See everything ranging from million-dollar high performance sport boats to inflatable



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paddleboards and kayaks and everything in between. Having vendors that are all focused on lake life in one way or another is what makes this show unique. This is a family event with other features besides boat and accessories. There will be live entertainment, including an exciting BMX Bike Show

of ‘Superheroes’ on Saturday at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. BlackcatX will perform on the Radio Central Stage on Saturday from Noon to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Cornhole Tournament will return for another year on Saturday at 10 a.m.

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*Walk around and see boats up-close at this weekend's Lake Havasu Boat Show, April 19-21, at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4.*

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There will be an extensive Food Court and the Boat Show Bar serving cocktails, beer, wine, and cold drinks.

The Kids Korner, sponsored by Kiwanis of Lake Havasu City, will offer arts and crafts for the kids. It will be open all three days near the Beach Level by the Food Court.

Spectator tickets are \$10; \$3 discount cards are available by visiting the show's title sponsor, Anderson Powersports.

Children under 10 are free with a paid adult. There is limited free parking available on site by entering the lot near 101 London Bridge Road. The main walk-in entrance is at 171 London Bridge Road next to the Hampton Inn.

For more information, visit [LakeHavasuBoatShow.com](http://LakeHavasuBoatShow.com).

For more stories on Lake Havasu Boat Show, turn to Entertainment later in this section.



*See eye-catching colors at the Boat Show.*



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Boating season is just around the corner. See what's new in boats and accessories at Lake Havasu Boat Show, April 19-21 at Lake Havasu State Park. All photos courtesy of Lake Havasu Boat Show.

## Take a Break from Boating and Pull-In to a Beach

Lake Havasu and the nearby stretches of the Colorado River - Arizona's "West Coast" - are known for having a multitude of hidden coves and beaches. Some beaches are only accessible by boat and many have amenities such as barbecue grills, portable restrooms and shaded picnic tables.

Here is a list of the Top Boat-In Beaches along Lake Havasu, according to GoLakeHavasu.com. Find more information at [www.golakehavasu.com/boat-in-beaches-campsites](http://www.golakehavasu.com/boat-in-beaches-campsites).

### Body Beach

Body Beach is a half-mile long stretch of shoreline on the Arizona (east) side of the lake. On any given day, you can find some of the world's best personal watercraft riders practicing and testing in preparation for their next competition.

**GPS:** 34.459217, -114.335869. **Hours:** 24 hours. **Fees:** Free. **Accessibility:** Boat or off-road path accessible by vehicle or on foot.

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*The Bridgewater Channel is where boaters often park to be seen and soak-in the party atmosphere.*

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is a virtual non-stop boat parade when you're at the Bridgewater Channel. The narrow ribbon of 'no-wake' navigable water runs beneath the London Bridge and creates a waterfront for shops and restaurants. The man-made channel is bordered by sandy beaches - a favorite resting, socializing and tanning place for boaters to "beach" year-round. Public restrooms are located on the island-side of the channel, as well as a fenced-in dog park, volleyball courts, and a kids play area, all located at London Bridge Beach.

Hungry? There are several boat-in restaurants near the London Bridge offering everything from pizza to first-class dining. No overnight mooring permitted. Leashed pets permitted. No glass bottles. **Address:** 1340 Beachcomber Blvd or 422 English Village (free parking). **Hours:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. **Fees:** Free.

#### **Cattail Cove & Three Dunes**

As you near the southern end of Lake Havasu, you'll discover a few more favorite spots among Arizona beaches. About a mile south of Cattail Cove are multiple beaches in and around a series of small coves that are also known as good hunting grounds for bass and catfish. Located on the Arizona side of the lake, many of these beaches offer on-site restrooms, picnic tables and trash receptacles. These Arizona beaches are great get-aways with lots to offer. **GPS:** 34.354480, -114.173534. **Hours:** 24 hours. **Day-use fees:** \$10. **Overnight camping fees:** Additional \$10 overnight per site (up to

six people, \$2 for each additional person), up to 14 days. Overnight fee paid is good until 9 a.m. the following day. **Accessibility:** Boat or hike in on foot.

#### **Friendly Island**

Friendly Island (aka Beaver Island) is the kind of place every boater dreams about. Whether it's for just an hour or several days, Friendly Island offers the shelter and camping conveniences that make boating so much fun. Located in Goose Bay, only a little more than 4 miles from the London Bridge, Friendly Island has several secluded sandy beaches with ample drop-off for easy boater access. The island is well protected from wind and boat wakes, and has the added comforts of restroom facilities, barbecues, ramadas and trash receptacles.

**GPS:** 34.421654, -114.291994. **Hours:** 24 hours. **Day-use fees:** \$10. **Overnight camping fees:** Additional \$10 overnight per site (up to six people, \$2 for each additional person), up to 14 days. Overnight fee paid is good until 9 a.m. the following day. **Accessibility:** Boat only. **Distance from Thompson Bay:** 3.3 nautical miles (3.8 miles).

#### **The Sandbar**

One of the hottest beaching spots on this stretch of the Colorado River lies about 10 miles north of the London Bridge and can only be accessed by watercraft. The 'Sandbar,' which resembles a small island, is situated in the middle of the river just beyond Blankenship

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Bend. The expanse of shallow water and soft sandy beaches easily lures boaters to lounge the day away. The buoys have been removed so boats can pull-up to the soft sandy beaches and moor even on major holiday weekends. There is a sign, however: "No Entry Beyond this Point" by the vegetation area, which is closed year-round. There is no overnight mooring or camping. **GPS:** 34.598274,-114.426416. **Hours:** 24 hours. **Fees:** Free. **Accessibility:** Boat only. **Distance from London Bridge (Bridgewater Channel):** 9.28 nautical miles (10.7 miles).

### Skier's Island

Skier's Island is one of the favorite places on the lake for family boaters to take youngsters to learn to ski, wakeboard or be pulled around on water toys. The natural cove is protected from boat wakes and traffic by a large rock island. Water depth is excellent on all sides with no worries of dinging a prop or running aground. There are several boat-in beach spots available in the area if you want to take a break and beach the boat for a bit. And if the kids tire of water sports, bring along a fishing pole or two, since bass and stripers are often found in the imme-

diate area. **GPS:** 34.429425,-114.321227. **Fees:** Free. **Hours:** 24 hours. **Accessibility:** Boat only. **Distance from Thompson Bay:** 2 nautical miles (2.3 miles).

### Steamboat Cove

Located near the southern end of Lake Havasu on the Arizona side, Steamboat Cove is known as one of the lake's largest natural coves and a favorite location of boaters looking for a safe, secure and comfortable environment to enjoy a day or overnight stay. Steamboat Cove offers a generous expanse of sandy beachfront, enhanced with on-land restroom facilities and picnic tables, and is located at the southeastern portion of the cove. Because of its sheltered nature from wind and boat wakes, Steamboat Cove is the ideal place for boaters to toss out their anchors and spend extended time onboard. **GPS:** 34.389826,-114.272247. **Day-use fees:** \$10. **Overnight camping fees:** Additional \$10 overnight per site (up to six people, \$2 for each additional person), up to 14 days. Overnight fee paid is good until 9 a.m. the following day. **Accessibility:** Boat or hiking in on foot. **Distance from Thompson Bay:** 5.8 nautical miles (6.65 miles).

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