

Montréal is a beautiful city, but ship captain Simon Lebrun didn't think the city had a waterfront festival befitting the rest of its French-Canadian landscape. "A bunch of us like our city so much, we had a crazy dream



Montréal, cont.

to create an annual event on the water.” Now in its third year, the Festival du Bateau Classique de Montréal to be held this August 19-21 hopes to attract more than 40,000 visitors to ogle upwards of 75 classic boats.

“In the first year we had 55 boats. Last year we saw 65 boats, so the festival is growing nicely”, says Lebrun.

The event is presented more as a relaxing lifestyle show than strictly a boat show.

“It’s a zone of the city that’s very comfortable. Our guests do not feel like they’re tourists at a trade show.”

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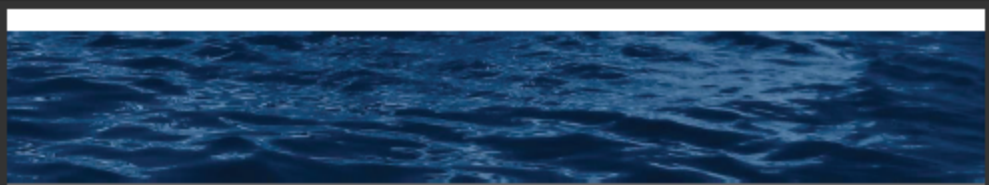
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the Montréal Classic Boat Festival is high on the list for the thousands of old boat lovers within an easy drive of Montréal's waterfront.

The boats themselves will be located both in the water and on land. The three days of activities with a distinctive nautical flavor will include a boat parade, vintage boat tours, a nautical

marketplace, activities for the kids, and evening stage shows. It promised to be a great way to escape into the refreshing world of classic boating.

The festival is being organized in cooperation with Maritie Heritage Canada

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