

## **NMRA 2026 MEL BARR AWARD PRESENTATION AT IBEX**

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### **NMRA TO PRESENT 2026 MEL BARR AWARD AT OCTOBER 6 IBEX INDUSTRY BREAKFAST**

The National Marine Representatives Association (NMRA) will present its annual Mel Barr Award during the industry breakfast prior to the opening of IBEX 2026 in Tampa on Tuesday, October 6 at the JW Marriott Tampa.

The Mel Barr award was created in memory of Mel Barr, an independent marine rep deeply involved in our industry, one of the founders of the NMRA and its first president. On his untimely death in 1967, his family, along with the NMRA, established the award to honor an individual who has contributed to the improvement of the marine industry. It is voted on by NMRA member rep groups.

The 2025 recipient of the Mel Barr Award was Steve Tilders, Xylem Marine Sales Director of the Americas.

Founded in 1960, NMRA is the leading professional organization for independent marine industry sales representatives. For more information, visit <https://nmraonline.org>.

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