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THE INNOVATION AWARDS PROGRAM RECEIVES RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES FOR IBEX 2019

NMMA Receives 104 Entries From More Than 80 Companies

Tampa, FL – The 2019 IBEX Innovation Awards, managed by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and judged by Boating Writers International (BWI), received 104 entries from more than 80 companies, the most submitted in the program's history. The IBEX Innovation Awards honor product development and the manufacturers and suppliers who bring new, innovative products for the recreational marine industry to market. Volunteer members of BWI (including editors, staff and freelance writers) bring a thorough working knowledge of boats and boating products, as well as general marine expertise, to the judging process. Innovation Awards are presented at the Progressive® Insurance Minneapolis Boat Show® (MBS), the Progressive® Insurance Miami International Boat Show™ (MIBS) and the International Boat Builders' Exhibition & Conference (IBEX).

"We are honored to host and award the largest collection of IBEX Innovation Awards in the program's history at IBEX this year," said Anne Dunbar, Show Director. "This is a testament to the product development we celebrate at IBEX, and we applaud our exhibitors for their hard work in pushing our industry forward. We look forward to seeing what is new and what is next in the marine industry."

This unprecedented collection of new product entries will be displayed at IBEX along Innovation Way, located on the 2nd floor in the Rotunda at the Tampa Convention Center throughout the Show. The IBEX Innovation Awards will be presented during the annual IBEX Industry Breakfast, scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 1, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Tampa Waterside Marriott Hotel.

Full award program details, winner history, entry requirements can be reviewed at www.nmma.org/shows/innovation/ibex. A list of entrants can be found in the 2019 IBEX Show Directory & Buyers' Guide, click [here](#). For questions about the program, contact Rachel Harmon rharmon@nmma.org.

Tickets for the IBEX Industry Breakfast and Innovation Awards ceremony are still available and are \$40 per person. Innovation Way is available for viewing during IBEX and show registration is required. To register for IBEX, visit www.ibexshow.com/register.

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About the International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference (IBEX):

IBEX, Where Better Boats Begin (www.ibexshow.com), is the marine industry's largest technical trade event in North America and is powered globally by METSTRADE, the world's leading platform and community for professionals in the leisure marine equipment industry. IBEX is owned and produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (www.nmma.org) and RAI Amsterdam (www.rai.nl). The 2019 IBEX is scheduled to take place at the Tampa Convention Center, October 1 – 3, in Tampa, FL USA. For more information, please visit www.ibexshow.com.

About Boating Writers International (BWI):

BWI is a professional organization consisting of writers, editors, publishers, photographers, broadcasters, public relations specialists and others in the communications profession associated with the boating industry. Members are active marine journalists across the United States, Canada, Europe and beyond. Visit www.bwi.org for details.

IBEX 2019 Dates and Times:

Tuesday and Wednesday October 1st and 2nd – 1st and 2nd Floor: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 3rd Floor 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 3rd – 1st and 2nd Floor: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3rd Floor 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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