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IBEX WELCOMES BOATBUILDERS AND MARINE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS TO TAMPA NEXT WEEK

2019 International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference Offers a Wide Variety of Exhibits and Events for a Unique and Memorable Industry Experience

Tampa, FL – Visitors of the 29th International BoatBuilders' Exhibition and Conference (IBEX) will be arriving next week in Tampa, Florida. Held from October 1st to October 3rd at the Tampa Convention Center, IBEX will feature three exhibit halls with over 700 exhibitors from 24 different countries, four Product Pavilions, five Country Pavilions, and a variety of educational and entertainment opportunities.

Super Sessions begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 30th with one Super Session on Sunday, Sept. 29th. First and second floor exhibit halls are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1st and 2nd, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd. Third floor exhibit halls are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. This year's pavilions include the Marina & Yard on the first floor; and on the third floor the Compliance, Standards, and Education; Composites; and the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) Connected Boat Experience. There will also be International Pavilions from Australia; France; Italy; Slovenia; and South Korea. Outdoor displays and demos will take place as well, and there will be 30 boats on the IBEX Docks.

Live and ongoing activities include Designer Row, Innovation Way, the Electronics Pavilion NMEA Connected Boat Experience, Kiosk Challenges, and the IBEX Docks and Outdoor Exhibits. In addition, visitors can enjoy education sessions, panel discussions, networking and social events. On Sunday, September 30th and Monday, October 1st, [Super Sessions](#) offer eight options for comprehensive, full and half-day courses in topics ranging from Challenges and Solutions in Workforce Development to Fiberglass Boat Repair. Throughout IBEX, visitors will also have the opportunity to attend 13 free [Tech Talk](#) workshops presented by over two dozen exhibiting companies.

"IBEX is a must attend for all marine professionals," said Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. "No other event offers as much access to the people, products and technology that's shaping the marine industry. Our team has spent months planning and preparing for this moment and we are very excited about the start of the Show. IBEX offers visitors a truly unique experience with three levels of exhibits, a full catalog of seminars and numerous networking opportunities. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Tampa."

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For a complete list of IBEX events, visit <https://www.ibexshow.com/schedule-at-a-glance/>. Pre-registration for free exhibit hall badges expires on September 28th, afterward, badges are \$25. 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.

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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