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IBEX ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF 2019 INDUSTRY BREAKFAST AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Sam Potolicchio to Keynote Annual Industry Breakfast at International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference in Tampa, Florida

Tampa, FL, June 13, 2019 – The International BoatBuilders' Exhibition and Conference (IBEX), announced today the details of its annual Industry Breakfast and Awards Ceremony. Scheduled for opening day of this year's show in the Grand Ballroom of the Tampa Waterside Marriott Hotel, doors will open at 7:00 a.m. and the program will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m. The annual event will include several award presentations and a keynote address by Dr. Sam Potolicchio.

A professor specializing in government, leadership, and political communications, Dr. Potolicchio serves as Director of Global and Custom Education at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy and Distinguished Professor and Department Chair of Political Communications at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). Potolicchio is Founder and President of the Preparing Global Leaders Forum (PGLF), an international leadership training program with campuses in Russia, Croatia, and Jordan. He was named one of "America's Best Professors" by the Princeton Review, the only one in his field and the "Future Leader of American Higher Education" by the Association of Colleges and Universities. During his IBEX keynote, Potolicchio will discuss key geopolitical trends likely to impact businesses with global exposure, specifically those relying on trade dynamics and the free movement of talent.

"In addition to the awards and presentations planned for our Industry Breakfast, we are very excited to have invited Dr. Potolicchio to speak," said Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. "He is very engaging, has a global perspective on business and management, and is observant and highly cognizant of the world around him. He delivers the news without bias in a relatable fashion, that is easy to understand and translates to our industry. With the shifting global economic environment, I expect his perspective will be eye-opening and informative."

Several industry accolades will be presented during the breakfast including the National Marine Representatives Association (NMRA) Mel Barr, *Boating Industry Movers & Shakers*, *Soundings Trade Only's Top 10 Most Innovative Marine Companies*, *International Boat Industry (IBI) Export Excellence*, and the prestigious IBEX Innovation awards.

Registration for the IBEX Industry Breakfast is now available. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance of the show. There will be no ticket sales at the door as the event has customarily sold-out and all sales are final. The 2019 IBEX Industry Breakfast is sponsored by AWLGRIP North America, ElectroSea, Interlux Yacht Finishes, the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, Tides Marine Inc., and Unified Purchasing Group.

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For information about the Industry Breakfast and Awards Ceremony, please visit www.ibexshow.com/special-events-demos/. For information and to apply for the Innovation Awards program, please visit www.ibexshow.com/innovation-awards-exhibitors/. For more information on IBEX 2019, exhibiting companies, interactive exhibit hall floor plans, and more, please visit www.ibexshow.com. To register for the Show and purchase Industry Breakfast tickets, click [here](#).

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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.



Dr. Sam Potolicchio

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