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IBEX Is a “Go”, Moves Forward as Planned

Minimal Impact in Tampa from Hurricane Irma Means IBEX Remains Fully Intact

TAMPA, FL – September 12, 2017 – After conversations with vendors and service providers, including confirmation there is no damage to the Tampa Convention Center, the International BoatBuilders’ Exhibition & Conference (IBEX) will go on as scheduled next week: Tuesday, September 19 – Thursday, September 21, with pre-event workshops starting Monday, September 18th. All seminars and other IBEX activities also remain unchanged. The decision was announced today by show producers, NMMA and RAI Amsterdam.

“As planned, next week we will bring the industry together in Tampa, making IBEX 2017 the place to be for the marine industry,” says Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. “We are thankful Hurricane Irma left little damage in Tampa, making it accessible for attendees and exhibitors from near and far.”

The trade show will feature 650 exhibiting companies spanning three show floors and outdoor exhibits. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of events.

In addition, networking opportunities kick into high gear starting Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30 am with the Annual Industry Breakfast featuring Olympian Jim Craig’s keynote, NMMA President Thom Dammrich’s state of the industry address and the IBEX Innovation Awards. Opening day wraps up with the following events:

- 4-6 pm: Happy Hour in the IBEX Beer Garden
- 6-8 pm: IBEX Opening Night Party

For all of the latest information about IBEX visit www.ibexshow.com or [download](#) the official 2017 mobile app.

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 2017 IBEX is scheduled to take place at the Tampa Convention Center, September 19 – 21, in Tampa, FL USA. For more information, please visit www.ibexshow.com.