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**IBEX TO OFFER TWO SOLD OUT EXHIBIT HALLS TO EXPLORE IN THREE DAYS**

*Over 550 Exhibitors to Offer Thousands of New Products to Marine Professionals*

**BROOKLIN, ME, July 14, 2016** – The International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference will offer thousands of the newest products and innovations expanding over three floors and two sold out exhibit halls for 7,000+ marine industry professionals to explore in three days from Tuesday, October 4 – Thursday, October 6 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL. IBEX, the largest North American trade event for boat building, design, and maintenance, will offer 550+ exhibiting companies – of which over 100 are new, as well as valuable networking events and educational opportunities.

“Two expanded exhibit halls will offer our attendees thousands of new products in four distinct areas within the Tampa Convention Center, and we encourage those registering to stay for all three days, as there will be more ways to explore, learn, and connect than ever before,” said Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. “The Show has expanded in every way and since we will be back in Tampa we will once again be offering the IBEX Docks full of boats and the interactive outdoor demonstration area.” For access to the exhibit list and floor plans, [click here](#).

For the first time, over 150 exhibitors, including Rockford Fosgate, Clarion, Hardin Marine Inc., Veco NA and others will be located on **the first floor** of the Tampa Convention Center, which will open at 9 am each day of the show, one hour earlier than the third floor exhibit hall. The first floor exhibit hall is new for 2016 and will feature many new companies and products to the marine industry. The first floor will also feature Registration, the IBEX Café & Lounge, the press room, the Seminar Series and Speaker's Lounge.

The **second floor** of IBEX, will feature the NMMA Lounge, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge, as well as the Tech Talk Theatre – the schedule for which can be accessed [here](#).

The **third floor** of IBEX will feature the Composites Pavilion, which will include the Future Materials showcase, a collection of new materials, processes, and technologies gathered from a wide variety of sources and Composites Tech Talk, sponsored by Composite One and Magnum Venus Products on Tuesday from 5-6 pm. The third floor will also feature The Electronics Pavilion, which will host the Connected Boat; the Compliance, Standards, and Education Pavilion which will host the Compliance Coffee on Wednesday morning; *The SS 316 Lounge*, sponsored by AmeriTool Mfg. Inc.; and Innovation Way, which includes all the IBEX Innovation Awards product entries. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor exhibitors will include, Garmin USA, Taylor Made Group LLC, Mercury Marine, Protomet Corporation, Teakdecking Systems, and hundreds of others.

Upon returning to Tampa, IBEX 2016 will once again offer the **IBEX Docks**, expanded for 2016 with more boats and technology — a rare opportunity to experience the newest innovations in the industry. Many companies have already booked their space in the IBEX Docks, including, Blue Gas Marine Inc., Honda Marine, JL Audio Inc., Lumitec Inc., SeaStar Solutions, MITO Corporation, Wet Sounds, and Yamaha Motor Corporation.

Overlooking the IBEX Docks will be the **Outdoor Exhibits and Demo Area**. Several companies have already booked their outdoor space including Gatorbak LLC, Infinity Woven Products LLC, Flexiteek Americas, Roswell Marine, Tides Marine Inc., and many more. Outdoor and dock space is still available to current exhibitors, for additional information, contact [Tina Sanderson](#) or [Kate Holden](#).

To register for IBEX 2016 [click here](#), and follow the registration form.

### **About the International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference (IBEX)**

**IBEX**, Where Better Boats Begin ([www.ibexshow.com](http://www.ibexshow.com)), is the marine industry's largest technical trade event, owned and produced by *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), and annually gathers thousands of industry professionals. **Professional BoatBuilder** ([www.proboat.com](http://www.proboat.com)), a boatbuilding-industry trade magazine, was first published in 1989 in response to a growing need for a dedicated forum for those working in design, construction, and repair and has a worldwide readership exceeding 24,000. **The National Marine Manufacturers Association** ([www.nmma.org](http://www.nmma.org)) is the leading association for the North American recreational boating industry whose member companies produce more than 80 percent of the boats engines, trailers, accessories, and gear used by boaters in North America.

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