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**“FUTURE MATERIALS” HANDS-ON EXHIBIT TO BE FEATURED AT THE CENTER OF THE  
COMPOSITES PAVILION AT IBEX 2016**

*Deadline for Materials Submission is May 11, 2016*

**TAMPA, FL May 5, 2016** – For boatbuilders looking for innovative materials, processes, and technologies then a visit to The “Future Materials” hands-on exhibit at the center of the Composite Pavilion at the International Boatbuilders’ Exhibition & Conference (IBEX) this October will be a must-see display. Curated by editors from *Professional BoatBuilder* and *CompositesWorld* magazines, this collection has been gathered from a wide variety of sources including marine, aerospace, and automotive industries, plus some applied academic research and development. IBEX will be held October 4-6, 2016 at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL.

“One of *CompositesWorld’s* main goals this year is to show IBEX attendees materials and process technologies in several key areas, including nanotechnology, recycling and sustainability, and improved form and function, which could range from visually stunning fibers and laminates to added functionality like electrical conductivity. Manufacturers need to keep ahead of these trends in order to appeal to today’s educated customers. We want to stimulate ideas of how to incorporate new technology into products that help the environment and offer improved performance and value,” said Ginger Gardiner, Senior Editor, *CompositesWorld* magazine.

"At last year's Future Materials exhibit we saw hundreds of really curious people—chiefly boat builders, designers, and technicians—who were fascinated by the potentials offered by the emerging composites technologies we'd selected for them. They got to know those materials and processes first hand in a casual environment where they could hold new unprocessed laminates, touch and visually inspect samples of finished composites, and experience live demonstrations of more subtle qualities like vibration dampening. Thanks to *Composites World’s* broad knowledge of cutting-edge composites technologies and trends, we're offering a completely new selection of promising, inspiring, and sometimes baffling composites products as practical solutions and brain candy for the boat designers and builders at IBEX 2016," said Aaron Porter, editor of *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine.

Over 75 companies make up the Pavilion and will offer the newest in composite industry technology and innovation in over 12,600 square feet of exhibit space. Steve Callahan, VP Materials, Chris Craft Corp. said, “IBEX offers us the opportunity to interface with all of the marine suppliers in one venue with many potential sourcing ideas.”

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Composites materials manufacturers with cutting-edge ideas and approaches that have not yet made it to the mainstream of composite boatbuilding can submit samples and descriptions to be reviewed for consideration. [Click here](#) for the application or email entries to Aaron Porter at [aaron.porter@proboat.com](mailto:aaron.porter@proboat.com) and Ginger Gardiner at [ggardiner@compositesworld.com](mailto:ggardiner@compositesworld.com). The deadline for entries is Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Please note that final selections for this exhibit space will be made by *Professional BoatBuilder* and *CompositesWorld* magazine editors.

“We look forward to working with the editors of these two industry leading publications to bring the most innovative products to the IBEX show floor,” said Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. “The Future Materials exhibit will be featured in the Composites Pavilion which has become the center of marine industry composite technology.”



CompositesWorld

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#### **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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