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### **IBEX TO RECOGNIZE SILVER EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PAST 25 SHOWS**

**LOUISVILLE, KY, August 13, 2015** – Several leaders in the marine industry have supported The International BoatBuilders' Exhibition and Conference (IBEX), since its inception in 1992 and they will be recognized at the upcoming event taking place September 15 – September 17, 2015 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. The fifteen companies who have supported all 25 IBEX events include 3A Composites Baltek Inc., Airtech International Inc., American BoatBuilders & Repairers Association (ABBRA), Ashland, Composites One, DIAB Americas LP, Interlux Yacht Finishes, Interplastic Corporation, Magnum Venus Products, *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine, Plexus®-ITW Polymers Adhesives N.A., PRO-SET Inc./WEST SYSTEM Inc., Structural Composites Inc., Taylor Made Group LLC, and Tricel Honeycomb Corporation.

“A lot has changed in the industry since 1992, but one thing remains consistent, IBEX is the marine industry event for boat builders and marine professionals to meet face-to-face, see new products, technology, and innovation, and form lasting relationships,” said Anne Dunbar, Show Director. “With this year being IBEX’s 25<sup>th</sup> Show, we are thrilled to recognize and thank our Silver Exhibitors who have been supporting our event since our first show.”

The following are a few comments from a few of IBEX’s Silver Exhibitors:

- **DIAB Americas LP** – Charles Previte, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, says, “IBEX continues to be the premier marine industry trade show for companies in the design, construction, engineering, and fabrication of vessels across all sectors of the industry. DIAB benefits professionally and commercially by exhibiting at IBEX and consider the association with the trade show and conference a key component of our growth in the industry.”
- **Ashland** - “Ashland is proud to be a 25 show supporter of IBEX,” said Charlie Fisher, Recreational Markets Product Manager. “As the premier industry event, it gives us a great opportunity to showcase our latest and greatest products and the value that Ashland can provide.”
- **Airtech International Inc.** - Jeff Dahlgren, President/CEO, says, “IBEX has been an important platform for Airtech, allowing us to reach thousands of marine professionals in one spot! We had the opportunity to introduce new products, co-sponsor live demo events, and network with many people in the industry. Most importantly, we were able to meet new customers and provide them with composite solutions!”

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- **Interlux Yacht Finishes** - Tara M Rhein, Product Manager, says, “We, Interlux, are honored to be part of the IBEX experience for 25 shows. We value the interaction that we gain in meeting with the industry players, in a group setting and to be able to use IBEX as a launch pad to roll out new products and initiatives. We look forward to the next 25 shows.”
- **Taylor Made Group LLC** - Jason Pajonk-Taylor, President, says, “IBEX’s evolution from what was originally a pure OEM component supplier show to, now, an all-inclusive show for the entire industry has made a real difference for the aftermarket segment of the Taylor Made Group. The Tampa Bay location last year continued to showcase the progressive nature of the entire show team, and how well they have adapted to creating the most successful trade only show in the U.S.A.”

The Silver Exhibitors will be honored at IBEX’s **Industry Breakfast, Keynote Address, & Innovation Awards Presentation**, sponsored by Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF), taking place Tuesday, September 15th from 7:30 – 9:30 am. Baseball Hall of Fame Catcher Johnny Bench will be IBEX’s keynote speaker, the coveted Innovation Awards will be presented to the winning exhibitors and, Thom Dammrich, NMMA President will deliver the State of the Industry Address. There will also be the presentation of the NMMA Hall of Fame Award, the Boat US Life Jacket Design Competition Winner, the *Boating Industry Movers & Shakers Award*, the Mel Barr Award presented by the National Marine Representatives Association (NMRA), and the NMMA CSI Awards. To register for IBEX and the Industry Breakfast, [Click here](#).

The IBEX show floor will feature 500+ exhibitors who will preview, promote, and showcase new products and technology, increase marine OEM and aftermarket sales, network with industry peers and customers, conduct strategic discussions, business meetings, and negotiations, and monitor cutting-edge industry trends.

**About IBEX:** Owned and produced by *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), IBEX is the marine industry’s largest technical trade event. For boatbuilders, marine industry dealers, aftermarket suppliers and buyers, designers, repairers, surveyors, and boatyard/marine operators, IBEX is where better boats begin. For the latest information, visit [www.ibexshow.com](http://www.ibexshow.com).

**About *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine:** *Professional BoatBuilder*, a boatbuilding-industry trade magazine, was first published in 1989 in response to a growing need for a dedicated forum for boatbuilding-related professionals. The magazine’s worldwide readership exceeds 24,000. *Professional BoatBuilder* is online at [www.proboat.com](http://www.proboat.com).

**About NMMA:** The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) is the leading association for the North American recreational boating industry. NMMA member companies produce more than 80 percent of the boats, engines, trailers, accessories and gear used by boaters in North America. The association is dedicated to industry growth through programs in public policy advocacy, market statistics and research, product quality assurance and promotion of the boating lifestyle. Learn more at [www.nmma.org](http://www.nmma.org).

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