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## **IMBC Is Moving to New Orleans**

*The Big Easy hosts marina conference in 2018*

**Warren, RI**-The International Marina & Boatyard Conference (IMBC), produced by the Association of Marina Industries (AMI), will be moving to the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA, January 31-February 2, 2018, for the show's 16th annual conference.

The Morial Convention Center is ranked among the nation's top facilities, and is located only 20 minutes from the Louis Armstrong International Airport, which hosts affordable and convenient direct flights from cities around the globe. IMBC's host hotel, the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, is walking distance to the Morial Convention Center as well as the French Quarter where IMBC participants will find award-winning cuisine, world famous music, and rich historical culture. For those who wish to venture around the city, the hotel is located at trolley and ferry stops.

"New Orleans is a spectacular backdrop for our conference and will provide inspiration for new content and field trips," says Kayce Florio, IMBC Coordinator. "The city will be kicking off its 300th anniversary celebration while IMBC is there as well. It's going to be an exciting time for all."

For more information about IMBC's move to New Orleans, call [401-396-4034](tel:401-396-4034) or to learn about the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel call [504-561-0500](tel:504-561-0500).

**IMBC**-Formed in 2002 as the National Marina & Boatyard Conference, the International Marina & Boatyard Conference is the leading show catered specifically to marina and boatyard owners, operators, and managers as well as dockmasters, harbormasters, boat builders and repairers, and industry consultants.

**AMI**-The Association of Marina Industries (AMI) is a nonprofit membership organization that provides management training, education, and information about research, legislation, and environmental issues affecting the marina industry.