

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR IBEX's EDUCATION PROGRAM
OFFERING SUPER SESSIONS, THE IBEX SEMINAR SERIES, AND TECH
TALK WORKSHOPS**

TAMPA, FL, May 23, 2017-Boatbuilding, design, and repair industry professionals

who attend this year's International BoatBuilders' Exhibition and Conference (IBEX) will have access to over 70 sessions in the education program, which offers everything from fundamental skills to cutting-edge advanced training. The program will kick off with a series of industry sponsored Super Sessions on Monday, September 18 with the IBEX Seminar Series and Tech Talk Workshops to be held during the show from Tuesday, September 19 through Thursday, September 21 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL.

The IBEX Seminar Series is offered in partnership with the show's education partners Professional BoatBuilder, ABYC, NMEA, ABBRA, and IBEX co-owner NMMA and for the first time with the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas (MRAA), the Association of Marina Industries (AMI), and Marina Dock Age magazine who will create special branded seminars. The IBEX Seminar Series is available in eight tracks: Design & Engineering; Composite Methods & Materials; Onboard Systems; Marine Electrical Systems; Manufacturing Management & Policy; Survey & Repair; Boatyard & Marina Operations; and new for 2017: IBEX Extras.

"Education is one of the top reasons marine professionals' attend IBEX and we thank our education partners in helping us develop a one-of-kind program that will offer relevant industry content. There is something for everyone on your team," said Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. "The IBEX education program offers three options to access information about new processes, technical information, and product demos including the free Tech Talk Workshops, our pre-conference Super Sessions, and the technical IBEX Seminar Series."

For 2017, there will be a new track called "IBEX Extras," which will include such seminars as "Don't Leave Your Profit on the Shop Floor" on repurposing materials and "Life Cycle and the Future of the Marine Industry" as well as "Lightweight Bionic Design" to name a few. Professional BoatBuilder magazine, the IBEX media education partner, will offer several seminars and both Nigel Calder and Steve D'Antonio will return this year as speakers.

[Registration is now open](#) with a new pricing policy. All of the seminars are \$60 with a 10% discount if registered before August 25th. The Super Sessions will be priced separately and all of the workshops in the Tech Talk Theater are free to all attendees. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for paid and verified participation at IBEX seminars at one CEU per one hour. Each 1.5-hour seminar is worth 1.5 CEU credits. The maximum credit hours for taking a full, seven-seminar curriculum at IBEX is 10.5. For questions about the Seminar Series, please contact Sarah Devlin, Education Director, sarah@ibexshow.com.

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.