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**IBEX OFFERS NINE SUPER SESSIONS IN 2017**

*Industry Experts Present the Latest in Boating Technology and Solutions the Day before  
IBEX Officially Opens*

**TAMPA, FL – AUGUST 24, 2017** – As part of its education program, the 2017 [International BoatBuilders' Exhibition & Conference \(IBEX\)](#) will feature a variety of in-depth Super Sessions on Monday, September 18, the day before the show opens at the Tampa Convention Center. The Super Sessions, organized and produced by Grow Boating, the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA), the International Marina Institute (IMI), the Society for Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), and multiple exhibitors, focus on trending topics within the industry.

"The IBEX Super Sessions offer our attendees an opportunity to really dive into a half- or full-day training brought to us from the leading experts in the marine industry," says Anne Dunbar, IBEX Show Director. "This is the most super sessions we've ever offered, and I am really pleased to see the content expanding as well."

The Super Sessions cover such topics as fiberglass boat repair, integrated electrical systems, color design, core materials, and—new in 2017—IMI will host its popular Marina 101 course as well as a two-day Marina & Boatyard Study Tour. Also noteworthy, Grow Boating will host *Maximize Your Grow Boating Investment: Marine Industry Marketing Summit*, a half-day session that will feature new consumer research, industry insights, and marketing practices that can help attendees reach new customers.

"We are excited to host the Marine Industry Marketing Summit as part of the pre-conference Super Sessions to help industry stakeholders get the most from their Grow Boating investment," says Carl Blackwell, President, Grow Boating. "This four-hour marketing session will offer recommendations and best practices for using inbound, content and nurture marketing strategies to help move your website visitors into prospects and customers."

The nine IBEX Super Sessions include:

- **Marina 101** (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)  
Sponsored by IMI
- **Marina & Boatyard Study Tour**  
(Monday: 1:00 – 6:45 pm; Tuesday 9:00am – 5:00 pm)  
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- **Core College** (1:00 – 4:00 pm)  
Sponsored by Diab
- **Color Design and Inspiration: Implementation within the Yacht Industry**  
(12:00 – 4:00 pm)  
Sponsored by Awlgrip

- **Modern Scantlings: Calculations, Standards, Details, Materials**  
(9:00 am – 5:00 pm)  
Sponsored by SNAME
- **Fiberglass Boat Repair** (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)  
Sponsored by WEST SYSTEM
- **The Integrated Boat** (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)  
Sponsored by Power Products LLC
- **Basic NMEA 2000 Network Course** (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)  
Sponsored by NMEA
- **Maximize Your Grow Boating Investment: Marine Industry Marketing Summit**  
Sponsored by Grow Boating (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

[Click here for more details.](#)

For more information, and to register for an IBEX Super Session, visit [IBEXShow.com](http://IBEXShow.com). To register for IBEX 2017, [click here](#). For attendees who have already registered for IBEX and would like to add one of the Super Sessions call an IBEX registration representative at 484-751-5135, or email your questions to [ibexregistration@expologic.com](mailto:ibexregistration@expologic.com).

**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 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](http://www.nmma.org)) and **RAI Amsterdam** ([www.rai.nl](http://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](http://www.ibexshow.com).

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