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## **NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW ANNOUNCES NEWPORT FOR NEW PRODUCTS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

*Applications Now Being Accepted for 2018 Award Program*

**Newport, R.I.** – Newport Exhibition Group, owners and producers of the Newport International Boat Show, are accepting applications for the 2018 Newport For New Products (NFNP) Awards. Judged by a team of marine-industry experts, NFNP winners will be selected for best new powerboat, sailboat and multihull; best new navigation product; and best new product for boat operation, maintenance, and safety. All products accepted into the NFNP program will be eligible for the “Green” award. One winner will be chosen for “Best Green Boat” and one for “Best Green Product” based on the environmental benefits and features of the entry. Winners will be announced on Friday morning, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Exhibitor Awards/Press Breakfast. In addition, attendees present on opening day will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite new boat as part of the ‘People’s Choice Award’. One voter will be selected randomly and receive a \$250 American Express Gift Card.

In its thirteenth year, and in partnership with leading national marine publications, NFNP is a highlight of the industry, helping to publicize what’s new and exciting for boaters. The program is open to domestic and foreign products launched after April 1, 2018 that will make their official boat show debut at Newport. Foreign boats and products that have been shown and sold outside the U.S. are still eligible. Industry experts judge entries on the basis of value to the consumer, design and innovation.

“Manufacturers from around the world know that the Newport International Boat Show is the perfect venue and ideally timed to unveil their latest products to the North American market,” said Nancy Piffard, Show Director of Newport Exhibition Group. “With the variety of sailboats, powerboats and marine products on display, many of our attendees look forward to these exciting new debuts. It is one of the highlights that makes our show a success year after year. We are eager to see what new innovations will be on display this year.”

All submissions for NFNP must be received by June 15, 2018. Full instructions and applications are available at [newportboatshow.com/index.php/why-exhibit/-nfnp](http://newportboatshow.com/index.php/why-exhibit/-nfnp)

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The Newport International Boat Show will take place September 13-16, 2018 on the Newport Waterfront along America's Cup Avenue in Newport, Rhode Island. One of the largest in-water shows in the country and the kick-off to the boat show season, the event will host exhibitors from around the world with an exceptional assortment of boats of every type and style, plus a variety of accessories, equipment, electronics, gear and services for boaters. For more information on the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport International Boat Show and to purchase advance discount tickets, please visit [www.newportboatshow.com](http://www.newportboatshow.com).

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### **About Newport Exhibition Group:**

Based in Newport, Rhode Island, Newport Exhibition Group has produced the highest quality consumer/trade shows for more than 35 years. A subsidiary of Newport Harbor Corporation, the organization owns and produces the annual Newport International Boat Show.

### **Show Dates & Hours:**

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advance discount tickets will go on sale in June.

For more information, visit: [www.newportboatshow.com](http://www.newportboatshow.com)

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