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NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW LEADS THE WAY TO A STRONG BOAT SHOW SEASON

Gates Open September 12th at 10 A.M.

Newport, R.I. – Newport Exhibition Group, owners and producers of the Newport International Boat Show, announced today that it has organized more educational activities and attractions for showgoers than ever before.

This year's show includes a powerful line-up of new boats and products making their U.S. debut, and for some, their world premiere. These vessels and products will be identified with Newport For New Products (NFNP) decals and burgees located throughout the show sites. A sample of sailboats on display for the first time in the United States include the AMEL 50, Bavaria C 50, Beneteau America's Oceanis 30.1, Gunboat 68, Rosewest Cape Cod Day Sailor and the X-Yachts X-4.6. New powerboat debuts include the Cape Yachts CABO 41, Carolina Skiff 17' LS, Carolina Skiff 19' LS, Elco Motor Yachts 21' Launch, Formula 380 SSC, Grady White Canyon 326, Hinckley Sport Boat 40X, Maritimo X50, MJM 53Z, NorthCoast 255 HT, Prestige 420, Solace 345, Vicem Yachts 65, Walker Bay Venture 14, Zar 59 SL Limited, Zeelander 72 and Zodiac Open 6.5. There will also be a unique assortment of new and innovative products on exhibit for Boat Navigation and Operational, Maintenance and Safety and new for this year Wearable Weather Gear. Visitors to the show on Thursday will have the opportunity to vote online for their favorite new sailboat or powerboat in the NFNP People's Choice Award. One lucky voter will be picked randomly to receive a \$250 American Express Gift card.

"The Newport International Boat Show kicks-off what is shaping up to be an exciting boat show season," said Nancy Piffard, Show Director, Newport Exhibition Group. "Our showcase of new boats and products and special events are intended to offer showgoers a truly immersive experience."

In addition, the Show is dedicated to offering courses that attract new boaters to the sport as well as help individuals of all levels improve their skills. This year, America's Boating Club will offer several seminars, and Confident Captain's *At The Helm* program encourages families and individuals to sign-up for on-the-water courses to build their skills and confidence.

The Bitter End Yacht Club will host a special event on Saturday, September 14th in The Bohlin Tent at 1 p.m. Skipper Terry Hutchinson, Skipper from New York Yacht Club

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'American Magic', will talk candidly about their challenge for the 36th America's Cup taking place March 2021 in Auckland, New Zealand.

As part of the education program, world-renowned cruising-lifestyle expert, Pam Wall will offer a number of seminars in the library at Seamen's Church Institute on the Bowen's Wharf/Market Square show site. Wall is well-known for outfitting world cruisers, consulting on prospective sailing routes, sailing instruction, and as a seminar speaker who encourages and educates on the cruising lifestyle. Seminars are free with a boat show wristband and will take place Friday through Sunday.

Newport is a popular vacation destination. The Show, located in this historic New England town, is a resource for educating the boating public and an active marketplace that results in the sale of millions of dollars in boats and boat-related products. The Show has a significant economic impact into the millions of dollars on Newport County and the state, and provides a great end-of-summer boost for the region. With over 600 exhibitors bringing multiple staff and the nearly 40,000 attendees, the positive impact on the bottom line of local merchants, hotels, restaurants and all the other service industries they need while visiting the Ocean State is significant.

The Newport International Boat Show will take place September 12th-15th, 2019 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 49th Annual Newport International Boat Show and to purchase advance tickets, please visit 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 almost 50 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 12th, 13th, and 14th: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 15th: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For tickets, visit newportboatshow.com/tickets/.

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