



Minister's Welcome 2017

AS we approach the middle of winter I'm sure many boating enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting warmer weather and the chance to get out and explore our beautiful waterways in the coming boating season.

Around two million people enjoy the NSW waterways each year and, with that in mind, safety on the water remains the priority for the NSW Government.

Boating is a relatively safe activity. However, statistics still show that over the past decade 8 out of every 10 people who drowned on the water were not wearing a lifejacket. We've been working hard to make boating safer.

Our Wear a Lifejacket program, which includes advertising, the Old4New mobile vehicle and direct engagement through compliance and education, is saving lives. Our

collaboration within government and with industry organisations such as the Boating Industry Association (BIA) is helping us to make boating safer and more enjoyable for all.

I thank the BIA for their efforts and congratulate them for putting on this fantastic event at the spectacular new International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, for what is now a 50 year milestone.

I encourage you to visit the Boating Safety Zone within Hall 6 and speak to the various organisations who have dedicated their time to keeping you safe on the water.

Enjoy the boat show and stay safe out there.

Melinda Pavey
NSW Minister for Roads,
Maritime and Freight



BLA President's Welcome 2017

THIS year the Sydney International Boat Show celebrates a special anniversary. It was in 1968 that the show first ran as a stand-alone event at the old Showgrounds in Moore Park. Prior to this, boats were displayed as part of the motor show and, even earlier still, the Easter Show was the location for boating displays.

This year also marks a special time in our history with our return fully to our "spiritual home" of Darling Harbour, and in particular the fabulous International Convention Centre - Sydney. This state-of-the-art facility should be our home for many years to come. Its increased size has allowed us to extend the volume of products on display and add a whole lot of features to educate and entertain you.

Of course, the heroes of the show will always remain the boats. The diversity of styles and sizes this year are second to none. You can understand why the International

Federation of Boat Show Organisers has recognised our show as one of the leading recreational boating events in the world.

Our thanks go to all the industry exhibitors, manufacturers and show supporters. And to our show Promotional Partners for making that extra effort to help deliver the show.

And finally, our special thanks to Transport for NSW, which continues to work very closely with the Boating Industry Association as our Partner in Safety, in a relationship spanning many years now.

Thank you for visiting the show. We wish you an enjoyable experience. We know you will be informed, engaged and entertained. We look forward to seeing you on the water.

Alan Blake
President
Boating Industry Association



Welcome to Australia's biggest ever boat show!

BOATING in all its varieties is on display like never before. Whether you're a seclusion seeker or a bunch of mates, after a family holiday or a skiing adventure, a nautical native or a weekend warrior, it's all here to see.

Australians take to the water in enormous numbers each year. Our surveys show over five million go boating, two million of you have a recreational boating licence, and about 500,000 boats are registered. Plus there are countless other paddle craft and yachts that don't need registration.

We go boating for a range of reasons. But the best boating days are when we have a good place to launch, we've got the right boat, the right gear, and we feel safe and confident.

Our boat show is the most visible activity of the BIA. Behind the scenes we work to improve the boating experience – getting more

boat ramps built, and boating and service standards improved. We congratulate the NSW Government on delivering over 150 boat ramp and facility upgrades around the state in the last three years, funded out of your licence and rego fees.

At this show, we're also launching our Advanced Skipper program – helping boaters to improve their skills and confidence on the water. Look out for it here or at advancedskipper.org.au.

But for the next few days, the focus is our BIA members' and exhibitors' products and services at the dynamic Sydney International Boat Show. See you there!

Howard Glenn
National Chief Executive Officer
Boating Industry Association



Welcome to the 2017 Australia International Dive Expo

AS Australia's premier home for all things related to the recreational sports of scuba diving, snorkeling and free diving, it is an honour for us to be a part of the long-standing and highly successful Sydney International Boat Show.

We are extremely proud of this partnership as now we have a show that fully showcases all the fun that can be experienced both above and below the water! This is truly exciting for us and we hope to continue bringing water lovers a complete and comprehensive show that caters to all of their marine interests.

We welcome all international stakeholders, new and returning exhibitors and media partners to the expo.

From dive courses, dive tours and holiday destinations to cutting-edge technologies, photography, the latest dive equipment, talks on conservation practices and much more, we hope you have an enjoyable experience at the Show.

As with the BIA, our collective aim is to keep the education and inspiration going,

encouraging more and more people to learn about and love the waters that surround us.

We hope that all exhibitors and trade visitors will take full advantage of this Expo to leverage their business through networking channels.

Our special thanks go to the Boating Industry Association (for this partnership would never have happened if not for their passion, vision and support), our dive industry exhibitors, suppliers and visitors who continue to support the sport and the business of the sport.

Thank you for being a part of the show and for your ongoing support. Enjoy the show and we look forward to you exploring more of the underwater world.

Happy boating and diving at SIBS and AIDE 2017.

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