

CELEBRATE BOATING AT PERTH'S ICONIC ELIZABETH QUAY

Anticipation is rising as the 2017 Club Marine Perth International Boat Show announces its special guest, extensive list of Show activities and attractions, and details on new release products.

The Club Marine Perth International Boat Show, presented by the Boating Industry Association of WA, is the major industry event for 2017. Held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and Elizabeth Quay, the Show boasts indoor and on-water boat displays, two indoor stage areas, on-water entertainment and attractions, and activities for visitor participation. The Show will run from Friday 22nd September to Monday 25th September 2017.

BIAWA Chairman Mike Beanland said he has been overwhelmed by the response from the marine industry with regards to this new event, and he looked forward to bringing an international standard boat show to the people of Western Australia.

Mike said Club Marine Perth International Boat Show will be a similar model to the Sydney International Boat Show, utilising the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and the new Elizabeth Quay.

"The two sites are ideal for an event such as this. The inner city location means easy access for transport and infrastructure, and there is no better choice than being right on the stunning Swan River," Mike said.

"Undercover exhibits will be within the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia's premier dedicated convention and exhibition facility."

"From the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, a short walk down the escalators will lead to the on-water displays within Elizabeth Quay.

"The Show was almost completely sold out three months out from the event. Hardstand displays within the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre are sold out, and Show visitors will be able to see some exciting displays of new release trailerboats, accessories, fishing tackle, engines and electronics inside PCEC," Mike said.

"Within Elizabeth Quay we are building a specially designed jetty system to accommodate big boat displays. We are excited to welcome major brands such as Sunseeker, Riviera, Princess, Fairline, Horizon and Maritimo to the 2017 Club Marine Perth International Boat Show."

"The new boat displays, combined with four full days of entertainment and attractions, will make the launch of the Club Marine Perth International Boat Show something extraordinary."

The Show is a new initiative of the Boating Industry of Western Australia, and sponsored by Australia's most recognised marine insurer Club Marine.

Peter said the Show enjoyed the full support of the City of Perth, the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, and local businesses within Elizabeth Quay and surrounds, who were working together to present an exciting weekend of attractions.

Show special guest

The Club Marine Perth International Boat Show is extremely excited to announce that Australia's most recognised and loved TV fisherman will be the Show's special guest in 2017!

Paul Worsteling the charismatic host of the popular Australian fishing show IFISH with Tackleworld. Paul attends Boat Shows regularly across Australia to talk fishing, and loves nothing more than having a chat with his fans; and he will be at the Perth International Boat Show this September having a chat and telling some stories!

Paul's show IFISH covers all types of fishing. His passionate and vibrant hosting style engages viewers in fresh and salt water, and everything from game to fly fishing adventures. He works to present the most diverse, educational and visually appealing professional fishing program possible. Paul will be special guest on the Engel Aquatank Fishing Stage at the Show, and will tell some of his own fishing stories in Western Australia and across the globe; as well as inviting others to share their own angling achievements with him.

Exciting news for Perth with the Australian reveal of Solliner solar boat

One of the world's first solar catamarans will be revealed at the Club Marine Perth International Boat Show in what will be its Australian release.

The Solliner catamaran, produced by the European shipyard Green Dream Boats, based in Gdansk, Poland, is being imported to Perth with Solar Boats. It will be officially revealed to the public on the opening of the Boat Show, and then displayed on water during the Show for visitors to view.

Dr Pawel Hudzik from Solar Boats cites the information from Baltic shipyard that the solar technology has taken off in Europe, and he expects the same levels of interest in Australia.

"The Club Marine Perth International Boat Show is the ideal place to launch and promote these new solutions in the field of solar energy in boats in Australia," Dr Hudzik said.

"The Solliner has certainly stood out as one of the most interesting products at many European Boat Shows recently. We've demonstrated the boat to business owners, individual customers and even scientists, and all were impressed with the Solliner's technological solution."

Dr Hudzik has also said that he and his colleagues were in the process of establishing a Solar Solutions Centre in Western Australia, currently dubbed "Solar Valley".

"We have received many requests from investors in the Asian-Pacific and Indian Ocean region concerning this product, and many have expressed an interest in trying the boat, so we are also looking at Perth becoming a centre for clean solar energy solutions on the water," Dr Hudzik said.

"In our opinion, Perth could be an initiator of solar driven water travel. In addition, we feel that this product has great educational potential in showcasing what is special and different about '100% solar energy' as exhibited by this catamaran."

"This technology could also well serve other states and territories in Australia and New Zealand as well as other the Pacific and Indian Ocean region," he said.

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The ecological solar catamaran Solliner was launched in 2014. The solar catamaran features a perfect mix of modern design, highest quality of materials and most recent eco-technology solutions. The Solliner catamaran certainly is unique. This 6m long and 2m wide boat can carry up to ten people, and is able to cruise using solar energy as the only source of power. This means it is highly environmental friendly with no noise, no water pollution and no exhaust fumes.

The Solliner will be revealed to the public as part of the official launch of the 2017 Club Marine Perth International Boat Show in Elizabeth Quay. The Perth International Boat Show will invite everyone to view the reveal at 12pm on Friday 22nd September. More information can be obtained from the Show website.

New release boats

Elizabeth Quay will be transformed when the Club Marine Perth International Boat Show stages the big boat collection on water.

Sunseeker will be displaying the 75 Yacht and the exciting 80 Sport Yacht. Riviera will have the West Australian released of the 5400 Sport Yacht as well as the Riviera 525 SUV and Martin Box Marine are displaying the new Whitehaven Motor Yachts. Multihull Solutions have the exciting new MY 37 power catamaran. Maritimo will be displaying the S43 Sports Cruiser.

The 2017 Club Marine Perth International Boat Show is the place to be to see new release Trailer boats, including:

- Midway Marine displaying the new Fish Hunter 499CC Centre Console, the new Revival 590 Cruiser and Haines Hunter Boats
- Fury Boats displaying the 282 dual console
- Aquasports Marine will display Frontier boats, Freestyler boats and the new 570 Fishabout
- Sportsmarine Boat Centre will have the Cruisecraft Fibreglass 595 outsider hardtop, Sailfish catamarans 7.05 reefmaster, 765 canyon, S8 and 2800; and Extreme aluminium boats
- West Ribs will have the Zodiac Pro 5.5 and Pro 7 models on display for the first time in Australia.
- Westerberg Marine displaying the 2017 model 8.0m Aurora twin rig wheelhouse, and the 2017 model 6.3m Eclipse hard top twin rig

The Show will also have corporate displays from Mercury, Hobie Cat and Yamaha; plus big displays of new boats from Brig and Sacs Marine.

Festival of Sailing

The Club Marine Perth International Boat Show is working with Swan River Sailing and Australian Sailing on delivering an exciting sailing component to the Show.

The Festival of Sailing will involve key stakeholders including participating stakeholders including Royal Perth Yacht Club, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and South of Perth Yacht Club.

Mike said the BIAWA was looking forward to being able to present the Festival of Sailing in what will be an Australian first.

“The Club Marine Perth International Boat Show aims to promote all forms of boating to West Australian audiences and this will be the first time yachting has been promoted in an interactive environment at a Boat Show in Australia,” Mike said.

“The Festival of Sailing will take place on Perth waters, and we will have grandstand seating on the banks of the river in order for viewers to watch the regatta.”

The Festival of Sailing will include:

- Daily Sailing Regatta in Perth Waters.
- Kid’s Sailing via Australian Sailing’s Tackers program delivered by stakeholders
- Discover Sailing aboard 4-6 licensed survey yachts from Swan River Sailing.
- Corporate hosting opportunities

Fishing and Family activities

The Engel Aquatank Fishing Stage will have some of WA’s best names in fishing providing hours of entertainment, info and advice. Speakers include Scott Coghlan from *Western Angler* magazine, Mike Roennfeldt, *The West Australian*, Emma George and Paul Worsteling; plus there will be fish filleting demos, info on lures and the latest tackle, travel and safety info, the latest recreational fishing information with Recfishwest and more.

If you like fishing, you’ll want to check out the Getaway Outdoors WA Bream Kayak Classic Grand Final, which is the culmination of five qualifying events.

The Grand Final is held over two days with the winner being the angler who ends up with the heaviest two day total weight. In previous seasons, competitors have seen big bream up to 1.8kg drag the scales down, so seeing a monster hit the scales is certainly on the cards.

Whether you are a bait fisherman interested in lure fishing, a lure fisherman interested in tournaments or just a keen angler looking at fishing from kayaks, then head down to the weigh in each day and have a look at some of the set-ups being used, and how some of the anglers set up their kayaks for fishing.

Other attractions include:

- Seafood Cooking Stage: Inside the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre will the Seafood Cooking Stage, featuring celebrity chefs presenting West Australian seafood cooking demonstrations regularly throughout the weekend.
- Department of Transport Safety Demos and Old4New lifejacket exchange (conditions apply for the Old4New program)
- Kid’s Casting Competition: A fun and teaches valuable casting skills to future anglers! The Yamaha Kid Casting Competition targets is run each day and allows kids to have a go casting a rod and trying to hit the targets – and they can win great prizes too.
- Water Ski Demos with ShowSki WA.
- Supercar promenade: Some of the most amazing vehicles you will ever see are on display at the Show thanks to Barbagallo.
- RIB Challenge

Show Facts

Show Dates and Times: Friday 22nd September 10.00am - 6.00pm; Saturday 23rd September 10.00am - 6.00pm; Sunday 24th September: 10.00am - 5.00pm; and Monday 25th September 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Location: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth WA 6000 and Elizabeth Quay, The Esplanade, Perth WA 6000

Ticket Prices: Adult (16yrs and over): \$20.00, Student/Concession: \$16.00, Children (up to 15yrs): FREE when accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased online or via ticket box located at entry door. More information is available on the website www.perthboatshow.com.au

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