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## 96 Speakers at Record Breaking Marine13

96 speakers from nine countries will address delegates at the Marine13 International Conference and Trade Exhibition being held in Sydney at the end of this month. All 47 sessions and the 96 speakers from Australia, Asia, North America and UK/Europe have now been confirmed.

Chairman of the Boating Industries Alliance Australia Darren Vaux said the number and quality of speakers reflected the scale and importance of Marine13 as a landmark forum for the recreational marine sector in Australia and the wider region. "The planning and investment in ensuring session topics and speakers are targeted to the issues and needs of the boating sector has been an extensive 15 month process. I am now extremely pleased to say that what we have in place is a compelling offer for businesses and government agencies wanting to discuss, plan and develop effective boating strategies for the future."

The range of speakers is extensive including: Jean Murray, Canadian Safe Boating Council; John Leman, International Marina Consultants, Darren Finkelstein, St Kilda Boat Sales; John Fladun, Australian Maritime Safety Authority; Zhenan Zhang, Quindao City Construction Investment Group and Graham Raspass, Sailtime Australia and New Zealand.

Plenary session speakers at Marine13 will address big picture challenges such as changing demographics, the move to on-line business and engaging future boaters. The three streams of boating businesses, marinas and boating safety will drill down on specific topics across 37 sessions. Investment in boat shows, fast tracking your marina re-development and lifejackets - a global challenge to prevent loss of life, are just a sample of the topics to be discussed by the extensive list of qualified speakers from across the globe. Marine13 has also attracted associated events including an International Lifejacket Forum, Fast Craft workshop and Pacific Nations Workshops.

Online registration is still open for Marine13 to be held 28-30 April including multiple delegate registration and day rate incentives. Limited exhibition space is available. For details go to [www.marine13.com](http://www.marine13.com)



Attached - pics of Darren Vaux, Graham Raspas and Jean Murray. For further enquires re Marine13 contact Colin Bransgrove at [colin@marinas.net.au](mailto:colin@marinas.net.au), Nik Parker at [nikparker@biaa.com.au](mailto:nikparker@biaa.com.au) or Neil Patchett at [neil.patchett@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:neil.patchett@transport.nsw.gov.au)