

## Institute of Marine Technology Announces National Training Conference

Organizers Seek Industry Participation, Input

**December 12, 2017** - Warner University's Institute of Marine Technology has announced plans for a national Marine Industry Training Conference, slated for June 14, 2018 at the Warner University campus in Lake Wales, FL.

Designed to bring together a broad mix of industry representatives ranging from OEMs to aftermarket manufacturers, marine retailers, marina operators, industry associations and other interested parties, the training symposium will focus on the future of the marine industry and its career development requirements, embracing all facets of employment needs.

"As the lack of quality trained marine personnel becomes more prevalent, we thought it would be important to initiate an open discussion to cross multiple industry platforms, with the goal to address both short and long-term employment needs and to begin collaborating toward a plan," said event organizer Justin Maley, Administrator of the Institute of Marine Technology.

Maley has spoken directly to multiple industry businesses and says the enthusiasm for this dialog is encouraging.

"At this stage, we simply wanted to announce the date and invite industry advocates to share ideas for potential agenda inclusion," said Maley. "We welcome feedback from all sectors of the industry and look forward to finalizing details the first quarter of 2018."

## ABOUT THE WARNER UNIVERSITY IMT PROGRAM

The Warner University Institute of Marine Technology, located at Warner University in Lake Wales, Florida, offers the most advanced marine technical training program in North America. Based in Central Florida, IMT is accredited and directed by highly experienced technical educators who bring global



perspective to the classroom, including high level military and special forces training expertise.

IMT students enjoy a true university educational experience that is unique to the traditional technical training environment. Students have options for program certifications or Applied Science of Technology degrees, with flexible full time or part time enrollment, along with on-campus living or commutes. However, all IMT students will access the university's state-of-the-art, full-service marina training center where they are taught all aspects of boats and watercraft.

In addition, IMT sports exclusive access to a 7,000 acre lake and marina facility dedicated exclusively to testing and live laboratory demonstrations. Students work and train utilizing real-world equipment and gear including name brand powerboats and personal watercraft that are five years old or newer, along with inboard engines, outboard 2-stroke and the newest 4-stroke product. As part of the student career counseling program, IMT helps to facilitate real-world internship and entry level programs through established marine industry partnerships and affiliations.

## To discuss or provide agenda recommendations regarding the 2018 Marine Industry Training Conference, contact Justin Maley at Justin.Maley@warner.edu.

For more information about Warner University's IMT Program visit <u>www.warner.edu</u>. To speak with an admissions representative or to schedule a tour call (863) 638-1426 or email <u>info@imteducation.com</u>

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