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SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW'S NEWPORT FOR NEW PRODUCTS PROGRAM

Application Process Open for 2024 Awards Program

Newport, **R.I.** – The Newport International Boat Show presented by BankNewport announced today that it is accepting applications for the 2024 *Newport for New Products* (NFNP) Awards Program.

In its 18th year and in partnership with three leading national marine publications, Cruising World, Sailing World and Yachting magazines, the NFNP program is a highlight of the marine industry featuring what is new and exciting for boating enthusiasts. The program is open to domestic and foreign new boats and products that launched after April 1, 2024, and will make their official debut at the Newport International Boat Show this September 12-15.

"The innovation that we've seen over the course of the past 18 years has truly been remarkable," said Lisa Knowles, Show Director for the Newport International Boat Show. "Our exhibitors never cease to amaze as they push the boundaries of what is possible, using new materials and techniques to revolutionize their products. We are very excited to see what they have in store for this year and look forward to September."

Newport For New Product entries are judged by a team of marine industry experts based on design, innovation and value to the consumer. Winners will be selected in the following categories: best new powerboat, best new sailboat; best new product – navigation (including marine electronics); best new product – boat operation, maintenance and safety; and best new weather gear (wearable). A People's Choice Award for Best Overall Boat Debut is chosen by attendees voting online in advance of the Show. The NFNP program also includes

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additional awards for a "Green" and an "Accessibility" category. Winners will be announced on Friday morning, September 13th at the Exhibitor Awards/Press Breakfast. All submissions for NFNP must be received by June 15, 2024. Full instructions and applications are available online.

One of the largest in-water events in the country and the premier show in New England, The Newport International Boat Show encompasses over 15 acres of Newport's famed waterfront. It hosts hundreds of exhibitors, dealers and manufacturers, with new powerboats and sailboats ranging from 15- to 90-feet, plus an extensive selection of marine equipment, services and accessories for boaters. A number of high-profile sponsors are already committed to adding to the experience with special events throughout the days of the Show.

For more information, visit: <u>newportboatshow.com</u>.

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.

Tickets will go on sale June 1st.

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About Newport International Boat Show:

Based in Newport, Rhode Island, Newport International Boat Show has produced the highest quality consumer/trade show for more than 53 years. In 2022 the Show brought in \$26.1 million in economic infusion for the local economy and continues to be a quintessential Newport experience as well as a true leader and partner for the State, community and marine industry driving economic goals for all. It encompasses over 15 acres of Newport's waterfront and hosts hundreds of exhibitors, dealers and manufacturers, with new powerboats and sailboats ranging from 15- to 90-feet, plus an extensive selection of marine equipment, services and accessories for boaters. Visit newportboatshow.com for more information.

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