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SERIOUS BUSINESS AND LEISURE – BRISBANE BOAT SHOW 23rd to 25th August

As many as 450 boats from more than 50 exhibitors located across Queensland and beyond will fill 20,000m² of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre as the Brisbane Boat Show opens for 3 days from 23rd August 2019. Whether it's a love of fishing, water skiing, wake boarding or just paddling around Australia's splendid waterways, the 2019 Brisbane Boat Show has something for every water-loving Queenslander.

One of the most unique vessels returns with a debut model at the show this year. The amphibious **Sealegs** land and watercraft premieres the Sealegs 7.7m Sport D-Tube. Perfect for those who love fishing, the Sport's open design and centre console allows full walk-around access to the entire craft. The placement of the inboard powerpack on the transom allows for additional under-seat storage beneath the helm seat, and the tall pontoons deliver the expected smooth and secure ride. Not needing a marina or established boat ramp, the Sealegs can literally drive directly into the water from the beach or shore using 3 hydraulically powered wheels attached to the hull, which have no drag once fully retracted. These vessels are already popular with shorefront property owners and waterway regulatory bodies worldwide.

Whilst the Show is the best place to see boats and the best place to buy boats, the Boating Industry Association Ltd, who organise the event, also aims to entertain and educate at the show. With a commitment to safe boating, show organisers along with **Maritime Safety Queensland** have pulled together an excellent line-up of government agencies to ensure visitors have the opportunity to better understand how to maximise their enjoyment on the water. Along with Maritime Safety Queensland, agencies such as SEQ Water, Queensland Boating & Fisheries Patrol, Brisbane Water Police, Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Queensland Parks & Wildlife, and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority will all be at the Show to share information about how they keep our waterways safe and sustainable for the future.

Making a welcome return this year, **Bumper Boat rides** for the kids are included with entry. Make your way to the purpose-built giant 35 metre pool complete with its own 7-metre-tall lighthouse. Enjoy a break while the kids burn-off some energy having fun paddling around in their self-powered vessel. It's a much-anticipated activity for the kids to enjoy, while they also undertake the safety habit of wearing a life jacket and building confidence while boating. In between bumper boat rides, on-water demonstrations will feature the latest in stand-up paddleboards, pedalboards and kayaks.

The Show is open each day from 10AM, with adult tickets \$15, Children \$5 (those under 5 are free), Family \$35, Seniors & Pensioners \$12. All tickets are \$5 after 5pm (per person, door sales only. This offer excludes family tickets). Up to date details available at www.brisbaneboatshow.com.au. Ends/...

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Member companies include businesses who manufacture, wholesale or retail products and services within or associated with the boating industry. The BIA's objectives include promoting growth in participation in recreational boating, representing our members interests with government in areas of safety, infrastructure and the reduction of regulatory burden, professional development of our members and developing career pathways for new entrants to the industry, educating the public about boating safety and promoting practices that protect the environment. For more information, please visit www.bia.org.au

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