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## **Vessel Safety a Priority**

The Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS) and the Boating Industry Association of Victoria (BIAV) are working together to support the Victorian public in the search of safe second-hand vessels.

The AIMS CEO, Dr Eric Perez noted that the partnership will improve awareness of and access to trusted marine surveyors to support both the recreational boating and light commercial vessel sectors. The CEO of BIAV, Steve Walker supports the partnership acknowledging the need for better awareness and options, when it comes to the sale and purchasing of second-hand vessels.

“Our marine surveyors sign up to a Code of Conduct and continuing professional development,” said Eric.

Established in 1986, the AIMS is the peak industry body for Marine Surveyors in Australasia, and the largest marine surveyor association in the Southern Hemisphere. The AIMS has members in all States and Territories of Australia as well as New Zealand, the Asia South Pacific region, and beyond.

Marine surveyors undertake surveys of recreational vessels on behalf of owners, insurers or the potential purchaser with the purpose of assessing the condition or value of vessels. “AIMS supports the need for safe and responsible boating in Victoria and a way to ensure vessel safety is engaging recreational marine surveyors,” said Eric.

BIAV has a significant track record relating to boating safety through initiatives such as its work with Safe Transport Victoria, the Australian Builders Plate reviews, and the Welcome to Boating Hub at each Melbourne Boat Show. “Consumer awareness, and resulting confidence when they acquire that first boat, is of great importance. We will be delighted to direct them to AIMS members to gain this confidence and set them off in the right direction.,” said Steve.

The partnership between BIAV and the AIMS is a win for recreational vessel owners in Victoria. At the heart of the work undertaken by marine surveyors is vessel safety.

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