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Industry Partnership

The Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS) and the Boating Industry Association of Western Australia (BIAWA) are working together to strengthen the connection between marine surveyors and the Western Australian boating community to promote and encourage safe boating.

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 BIAWA, Sheryl Swarbrick supports the partnership acknowledging the need for an ongoing focus on safe boating.

“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 Western Australia and a way to ensure vessel safety is engaging recreational marine surveyors,” said Eric.

The BIAWA is an incorporated industry group first formed in 1971 to benefit the recreational boating industry, retail consumers and the boating public.

The BIAWA provides a forum to discuss industry needs and serves as a respected industry point of contact for government, media organisations and members of the public. We are also continually (and often successfully) campaigning for new and improved boating facilities throughout WA to cater for the ever-growing needs of the state’s boat owners. In addition, the BIAWA provides a high-quality program of professional development for its members.

“I am proud to highlight this collaborative initiative between AIMS and BIAWA, which reinforces our shared commitment to enhancing industry standards and promoting a culture of safety and professionalism within the marine sector,” said Sheryl.

This collaborative initiative reinforces a joint commitment to enhancing industry standards and promoting a culture of safety and professionalism within the marine sector. By strengthening the integration of qualified marine surveyors into the recreational and light commercial boating framework, the partnership aims to increase stakeholder confidence, elevate compliance with safety regulations, and support the sustainable growth of Western Australia’s marine industry.

The BIAWA continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership and dedication to the advancement of the boating community, earning widespread respect as a proactive, solutions-focused organisation that consistently advocates for safer, more accessible, and better-resourced boating across the state.

The partnership between BIAWA and the AIMS is a win for recreational vessel owners in Western Australia.

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