



Media Release

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Call for Papers for National Marine Conference

The National Marine Safety Committee is calling for abstracts from those interested in addressing the Marine Safety Conference 2010 to be held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex in Perth from 22 – 24 August this year.

Local speakers will join confirmed international speakers such as John Leech (Irish Water Safety), Dr Edmond Mahoney (marine research University of Michigan USA) and Gina Johannsen (FishSafe British Columbia Canada).

“We are looking for subject matter from those representing the diverse marine sector including the commercial and recreational boating industries, volunteer groups, education and training organisations, researchers, government and individuals,” explained NMSC CEO Margie O’Tarpey.

The conference aims to bring government, industry and associated professionals together to hear about the latest safety initiatives which may prevent marine fatalities and injuries that happen around the coastline and on inland waterways.

The conference will feature the Commonwealth’s evolving national system of maritime regulation as well as topics on research, technical marine standards, boat manufacturing, the fishing industry, safety education, and the marine environment.

Ms O’Tarpey explained that some stakeholders are interested in national construction standards and survey and the conference will include panels and workshops on the National Standard for Commercial Vessels developed by the NMSC.

“We’re also keen to showcase new innovations in marine safety including design and equipment as well as search and rescue and industry perspectives on economic, social, legal and environmental challenges.”

This is the 6th national conference organised by the NMSC, and more than 300 delegates are expected to attend from around the country.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words can be completed and entered at the Marine Safety Conference web page at www.nmsc.gov.au by 7 February 2010.

Ends

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