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Dear PBS Exhibitor,

We are writing to you as a company that has exhibited at the Providence Boat Show, to let you know that RIMTA has decided to sell the Providence show. This is a decision made by our Board, based on feedback from RIMTA's Boat Show Committee. In the long term, this strategic move will enable us to better serve our industry.

RIMTA purchased the Providence show in 2013 and has spent considerable staff and organizational resources to re-energize the event with new attractions and features. Over the past five years, however, it has become clear that this annual show serves only a specific segment of our statewide industry and our membership. It is the right time for a new owner to continue the show's path forward while RIMTA focuses on the efforts and programs that support our entire industry and its overall success.

RIMTA has a clear but large goal: to establish our statewide industry as a worldwide leader in the marine trades. We do that by advocating for legislation that supports our industry, training a workforce to fuel marine businesses, giving members information that gives them an edge in the marketplace, developing environmental programs to make us greener, promoting our sector's capabilities, and creating networking opportunities so members can share ideas and even do business

The 2019 running of the Providence show will not take place unless a buyer is found. In the meantime, we want to thank all of you who have supported the event as exhibitors and sponsors, and we look forward to seeing a new owner continue the work we started.

We will keep you informed as news develops. Please get in touch with either of us if you have questions or know of parties who may be interested in purchasing the show.

Best regards,

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