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U.S. PORT LIGHT FIRM SETS COURSE FOR BOAT TECH CHINA

New Found Metals of Port Townsend, Washington, will exhibit at Boat Tech China, the first-ever marine equipment and accessories trade show in Asia, from June 13-15 at the JinHan Exhibition Centre in Guangzhou, China.

New Found Metals, in business since 1975, specializes in port lights and marine hardware. "There are now 20 international boatbuilders operating in China, and our goal is to meet these builders and any who are thinking of starting up in China," said NFM President Richard Walcome. "Though much of the boat production is exported, China's domestic market will offer the biggest growth in the next 15 years," he added.

Of the products New Found Metals will be displaying, the newest is its Tri-Matrix self-sealing port light. The combination of stainless steel and copolymer materials in the port light produces a less-costly, attractive port with the strength of steel, at a fraction of the weight. The port's bolt-through construction is engineered for a permanent dry-fit as the plates compress a ring of closed-cell, silicon foam, creating a watertight seal.

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Boat Tech China is expected to give a boost to US accessory and equipment manufacturers seeking business in the booming Chinese marine market. The show also promises new opportunities for American marine investors interested in the advantages of China-based manufacturing.

Numerous U.S. companies have signed up for the trade show, which is expected to have over 100 exhibitors and an estimated 8,000 visitors.

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