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# Imabari Maritime Fair “Bari-Ship 2023”

## 25-27 May 2023

### Over 350 exhibitors gather in Japan’s largest maritime city

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Informa Markets Japan Co Ltd will hold Imabari Maritime Fair, "Bari-Ship 2023" from 25 - 27 May 2023 at Texport Imabari (Imabari, Japan).

#### **351 companies and organizations exhibiting, the largest exhibition area ever!**

Bari-Ship is being held for the first time in four years. It will be the largest scale ever (net exhibit space: 3,503sqm), with 351 exhibitors and is expected to attract 9,000 business visitors over three days. Under the theme of "Ships of the Future, Today", maritime-related companies and associations will exhibit their latest products, technologies, and services in the exhibition area and participate in business meetings. The last day of the event will be open to the general public, and a variety of events will be held concurrently that will allow the general public and children to experience the dynamism of the maritime industry. In total, 18,000 business and general visitors are expected to attend during the show.

Mr. Christopher Eve, Managing Director of Informa Markets Japan Co Ltd, the organizer of Bari-Ship, commented, "Over three days, companies from throughout Japan as well as from abroad will gather in Japan’s leading maritime city of Imabari to display the latest products and technology, discuss industry trends and business opportunities, and to forge the future direction of the shipbuilding and shipping industry."

## **General Information**

Show Name: Imabari Maritime Fair 2023, "Bari-Ship 2023"

Dates: 25 – 27 May 2023 / 10am – 5pm (until 4pm on the last day)

\* Open to the general public on the last day

Venue: Texport Imabari and surrounding venues

Organiser: Informa Markets Japan Co Ltd

Special Sponsor: Imabari city, Imabari Maritime City Promotion Committee

Supporters: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, The Japanese Shipowners' Association, Japan Federation of Coastal Shipping Associations, The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan, The Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders, Japan Ship Exporters' Association, Japan Ship Machinery and Equipment Association, ClassNK, The Japan Shipping Exchange, Inc, The Japan Society of Naval Architects and Ocean Engineers

## **Opening ceremony will take place on the first day**

Date and time: 25 May 2023, 9:30am - 10:00am

Venue: Texport Imabari

Ceremony Program

1, Welcome speech from the Organiser

Mr. Christopher Eve, President, Informa Markets Japan Co Ltd

2, Welcome speech from Special Sponsors

Mr. Shigeki Tokunaga, Mayor, Imabari City

Mr. Yukito Higaki, Chairman, Imabari Maritime City Promotion Committee

3, Greetings from Guest of Honor

Mr. Tokihiro Nakamura, Governor, Ehime Prefecture

\* Represented by Mr. Hideki Tanaka, Deputy Governor, Ehime Prefecture

4, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

\*Schedule is subject to change.

## Educational events for the general public

A special feature of Bari-Ship is that it is open to the general public on the third day. This allows the local community, many of whom have family members working in the maritime industry, to gain a better understanding of the various aspects of the industry. In addition to access to the exhibition, several shipyards and marine equipment manufacturers hold open days at their yards and factories. A number of special events are held, such as creating future ships with Lego blocks. By generating interest in the maritime industry, which people don't often have the opportunity to engage with, the aim is to revitalize local industries and ultimately foster the development of the next generation of professionals involved in Japan's maritime industry.

### List of corporate open days:

- Imabari Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.
- Shin Kurushima Dockyard Co., Ltd.
- Higaki Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.
- BEMAC Corporation
- Ushio Reinetsu Co., Ltd.
- Manabe Zoki Co., Ltd.

### Official Website and Materials

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| Website              | <a href="https://www.bariship.com/en/">https://www.bariship.com/en/</a>   |
| Visitor Registration | <a href="https://www.bariship.com/en/benefits_registration/">https://www.bariship.com/en/benefits_registration/</a> |
| Floor Map            | <a href="https://www.bariship.com/en/visit-2/floor-map/">https://www.bariship.com/en/visit-2/floor-map/</a>         |
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