

Registration now open for the fifth annual Women in the Marine Industry International panel and networking breakfast at Metstrade 2026

Celebrating five years of championing leadership, connection and collaboration with a focus on building tomorrow's marine leaders

*Wednesday 18 November 2026 | Metstrade 2026, RAI, Amsterdam | Metstrade Stage |
08:30 – 10:30 CET*

FREE for all Metstrade exhibitors and visitors

Includes complimentary breakfast, panel discussion and networking

Registration is now open for the fifth annual [Women in the Marine Industry International Panel & Networking Breakfast](#), taking place at Metstrade 2026 on Wednesday 18 November.

Celebrating its five-year anniversary, Women in the Marine Industry International has become an established fixture of the global marine calendar. Hosted by British Marine, Metstrade, Soundings Trade Only and Marine Industry News, the annual event brings together the women shaping the marine industry, alongside their allies, to share ideas, inspire change and build meaningful professional connections across the international sector.

As the marine industry continues to evolve through technological innovation, changing workforce expectations and global economic challenges, this year's panel will focus on the theme: *"Future of the Marine Workplace: Building the Next Generation of Leaders"*, examining how businesses can develop future leaders, nurture talent, embrace diverse perspectives and create workplaces where the next generation can thrive.

Bringing together a panel of internationally recognised female leaders from across the marine industry, attendees can expect an engaging conversation combining professional expertise, personal experiences and practical insights that will resonate with businesses of every size.

Look out for details of this year's panel of speakers to be announced in the coming weeks.

More than a panel discussion, Women in the Marine Industry International has become known for creating an open, welcoming environment where professionals from across every area of the marine industry can connect, exchange ideas and expand their professional networks before the exhibition opens.

Women and men at every stage of their careers are encouraged to attend, from those just entering the industry to experienced professionals and business leaders. Whether you're looking to develop your own career, gain fresh perspectives or expand your professional network, the event offers valuable insights and conversations for everyone working in the marine sector.

With complimentary breakfast and refreshments provided, guests are encouraged to arrive early to network before the discussion begins and make the most of one of Metstrade's most popular networking opportunities.

Michele Goldsmith, Vice President and General Manager of the *Soundings Trade Only* Group and compere for the event commented: ""Women in the Marine Industry International has become much more than a networking breakfast. It has evolved into an international forum where people come together to share experiences, challenge thinking and inspire positive change across our industry.

"This year's theme couldn't be more timely. Developing future leaders is essential to ensuring the long-term success of our sector, and we look forward to welcoming another outstanding panel of speakers and a global audience to continue these important conversations."

Attendance is **free** for all registered Metstrade visitors and exhibitors and includes a complimentary breakfast, networking and panel discussion.

Event details

Women in the Marine Industry International Panel & Networking Breakfast

- **Date:** Wednesday 18 November 2026
- **Time:** 08:30 – 10:30 CET
- **Venue:** Metstrade Stage, RAI Amsterdam
- Complimentary breakfast included
- Free to attend for all registered Metstrade visitors and exhibitors
- All genders are welcome

Register now

Attendance is free, but places are limited and advance registration is essential.

Having welcomed capacity audiences over the past two years, early booking is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment. Attendees should register via the dedicated Women in the Marine Industry International registration link to secure both their Metstrade entry badge and breakfast place.

Register

here: <https://register.visitcloud.com/survey/12k0lfjz2410m?actioncode=MET4230>

Already registered for Metstrade or an exhibitor?

Simply email us at mets@britishmarine.co.uk with your full name, company, and email, and we'll add you to the attendee list for the Women in the Marine Industry International panel and networking event.

Supporting girls' education with Room to Read

Women in the Marine Industry International also continues to proudly support Room to Read, a global charity focused on children's literacy and girls' education. Building on the success of May's Global Women's Walk, which saw marine professionals raise awareness and vital funds, this year's event keeps the momentum going.

This year we have an audacious **goal to raise \$25,000 to support an entire school!** Attendees are invited to join the cause and help change lives through the power of education. Together, we're making a difference - one step, one voice, one girl at a time.

Donate here - <https://secure.roomtoread.org/page/186427/donate/1>

Learn more about Room to Read - www.roomtoread.org/

Stay tuned for more

The 2026 speaker line-up will be announced soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendar, secure your place, and be part of a morning that promises to inform, empower, and connect.

For the latest updates, follow Women in the Marine Industry International on [LinkedIn](#).

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For more information

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ABOUT

Metstrade

Metstrade is the world's largest trade exhibition for equipment, materials, and systems for the international leisure marine industry. RAI Convention Centre organises it in cooperation with ICOMIA (International Council of Marine Industry Associations). The event's target audience includes yacht builders, naval architects, refit yards, distributors, dealers, wholesalers, captains, marina owners and marine equipment manufacturers worldwide. Metstrade 2026 will run from 17-19 November 2025 at RAI Convention Centre.

British Marine

British Marine (the trading name of British Marine Federation Limited) is the trade association for the UK leisure, superyacht, and small commercial marine industry. It has over 1,300 members drawn from both seagoing and inland sectors and represents an industry which employs more than 38,000 people in the UK.

British Marine also owns and operates the Southampton International Boat Show (18-27 September 2026). For more information about the work of British Marine and how to join, please visit the website: www.britishmarine.co.uk, or follow British Marine on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#)

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