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**Marine Industry Regatta gets high profile support from Ian Walker at London Boat Show 2016**

Ian Walker, who won the Volvo Ocean Race with Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing in 2015, has lent his support to the relaunched Marine Industry Regatta, which takes place on Wednesday 1st June 2016.

Ian spoke of this enthusiasm for the event at a drinks reception held at London Boat Show on 8th January 2016 and hosted by Survitec Group, proud sponsors of the Marine Industry Regatta 2016. He was keen to encourage the industry to take part, particularly as the event will raise funds for both the John Merricks Sailing Trust and the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation.

The event was well attended with journalists and industry figures alike indicating their support for the event. Interest has already been keen and more entries are anticipated soon.

The Marine Industry Regatta takes place on Wednesday 1st June 2016, sailing out of Port Solent in Sunsail First 40’s. The regatta is a great way to get together with other marine professionals and to entertain clients and staff. Charitable donations from the event will raise funds for the John Merricks Sailing Trust and the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, another great reason to get involved.

For more information on the Marine Industry Regatta 2016, and to find out who has already signed up, please call Alex Tredget at Sunsail on 02392 222 221 or visit [www.marineindustryregatta.com](http://www.marineindustryregatta.com)

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