



From left to right: Executive Vice President of Dometic's marine division Ned Trigg, with Bart Bouwhuis, Director of Vripack, and Jeroen Schoonheim, Head of Engineering at Vripack, and editor of IBI Ed Slack. Credit: Graham Snook Photography

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## **Dometic: Sponsor Dometic Presents Vripack with IBI/METSTRADE Boat Builder Awards Honour**

Leading marine equipment manufacturer Dometic highlighted its commitment to innovation in the industry at the 2016 IBI/METSTRADE Boat Builder Awards for Business Achievement in association with Raymarine.

As the sponsor of the 'Innovation in a Production Process' award, Dometic company representatives attended the gala ceremony at this year's

prestigious event at the National Maritime Museum in Amsterdam.

Ned Trigg, Executive Vice President of Dometic's marine Division, presented the award to leading yacht design, naval architecture and engineering studio [Vripack](#), for its ground breaking virtual prototyping software, in front of about 300 guests.

Exhibiting on a new-look stand in Hall 7 at this year's METSTRADE, Dometic is an HVAC specialist and leading supplier of sanitation, watermakers, galley equipment and other marine products which is renowned for its continuous investment in new product design and engineering excellence.

Julien Le Feuvre, Head of Marine OEM – EMEA, Dometic, said: "We would like to congratulate Vripack for winning the Innovation in a Production Process award for its Virtual Prototyping and we must also commend the runners up Axopar and Azimut Yachts. They all represent really interesting models of how technology can be used to improve the boat-building process.

"As an award-winning company for our HVAC, sanitation and refrigeration products, Dometic understands and values the significance and huge potential of innovation. We therefore think it is really important to provide a platform for the businesses which are leading the way and shaping the future of the industry by developing new products and processes which improve boat building production."

The Dometic-sponsored category recognises nominated businesses which are innovators within boat building production and have improved efficiency, cut costs or improved quality.

Vripack's new VR tools generate a one-to-one scale 3D environment that is helping its teams reduce building times by up to 15 per cent and achieve double-digit savings in production costs. The Awards Jury commented that this was "an amazing project, notable for its new thinking and smart use of modern techniques" and also that its "clever use of technology is an outstanding example of what the future holds for marine design and production".

There were 22 shortlisted nominations for the second Boat Builder Awards for business achievement, in association with Raymarine, organised jointly by

IBI magazine and METSTRADE to recognise and reward the outstanding business achievements of individuals and teams within a number of key areas in the global leisure boat building industry. There were eight hotly contested award categories with close to 100 nominations received. Nominations for the awards are sought from across the industry and the winners selected by an international panel of judges appointed by IBI and METSTRADE.

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