



The Global Women's Walk 2026 is proudly presented in partnership by the following organizations.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Global Women's Walk 2026: Two Weeks Away — Join the Movement

Chattanooga, TN, April 28, 2026 – The marine industry is two weeks away from coming together in a way that transcends borders, titles, and time zones. The **Global Women's Walk 2026**, powered by the Soundings Trade Only Group, Metstrade, British Marine, and Marine Industry

News, invites everyone in our industry to walk 5Km (3.2 miles) anytime between **May 11–18, 2026**, coinciding with International Women in Maritime Day.

Wherever you are in the world, whoever you walk with, this is your moment to stand alongside the women who drive this industry forward.

How to Get Involved

- **Register** — Register you or your team at tradeonlytoday.com/global-womens-walk-2026
- **Walk** — 5Km (3.2 miles) anytime, anywhere, May 11–18
- **Donate** — to Room to Read (A 501(c)(3) organization) and help us reach our \$25,000 goal to support a school for at-risk girls, building the next generation of leaders. Donate [here!](#)
- **Share** — post your walk using **#GlobalWomensWalk2026** and inspire others!

More Than a Walk – Making an impact across the globe.

Last year, more than 1,200 women and men from five continents and 15 countries participated. This year, we’re channeling that momentum into something even more meaningful. Every participant is encouraged to donate to **Room to Read**, a global nonprofit providing literacy, mentorship, and education. Together, our goal is to raise \$25,000 to fund an entire school and library for at-risk girls.

“Last year was a powerful demonstration of unity and support for the women working in the marine industry. This initiative is about more than just taking steps, it’s about strengthening connections, recognizing the impact and contributions of women throughout our industry, and investing in the next generation,” stated Michele Goldsmith, VP & GM, Soundings Trade Only Group, and Founder, Women in the Industry programs.

“At Metstrade, we are proud to support initiatives that not only champion diversity and inclusion within the marine industry but also create meaningful impact beyond it. The Global Women’s Walk 2026 brings our global community together in a powerful way. Together we celebrate women’s contributions, amplify their impact, and inspire the next generation,” said Tessa Meijer, Exhibition Manager, Metstrade.

“Building on the momentum of last year’s walk, the Global Women’s Walk 2026 is a powerful reminder of what our industry can achieve when we come together with purpose. It’s not only about celebrating the achievements of women across the marine sector, but also about creating lasting impact beyond it. By supporting initiatives that expand access to education for girls worldwide, we are investing in the future of our industry and our global community,” added Lesley Robinson, CEO, British Marine.

Walk highlights will be featured in *Soundings Trade Only*, *Marine Industry News*, and on the main screen at the Women in the Marine Industry International Event at Metstrade on November 18, 2026.

Two weeks. Five kilometers. One global community. Let's walk.

For more information, to register for the walk and donate, please click [here](#) or visit www.tradeonlytoday.com/global-womens-walk-2026.

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 will run from 17-19 November 2026 at RAI Convention Centre.

The Soundings Trade Only Group

The Soundings Trade Only Group is the leading North American marine business-to-business multi-media brand, with a mission to provide information to grow your business. It includes a monthly print publication, digital entities including a daily e-newsletter, web, and social media sites, and marine industry events. *Soundings Trade Only* offers the latest business news, and information about products, trends, statistics, management, and marketing insights, designed to reflect, inform, and inspire the marine industry. It is part of Firecrown Media, a global media platform for affluent enthusiasts and includes both consumer and trade marine titles. For more information, about the Soundings Trade Only Group, please visit www.tradeonlytoday.com, for your free subscription please visit www.tradeonlytoday.com/subscribe.

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 some 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) and London Afloat (9-14 April 2025). 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](#).

Marine Industry News

Marine Industry News is an independent trade publication covering the latest leisure marine, superyacht, and commercial marine news from across the globe. *MIN* Aims to keep the marine industry engaged and informed through its free and accessible content via its website, printed publication, email newsletter, and social channels. *Marine Industry News* reports on the top stories, business news, new products, and events worldwide and its online news is translatable into ten different languages. For more information, please visit <https://marineindustrynews.co.uk/>