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Welcome aboard!

As the voice of the marine industry in the Maldives, the National Boating Association of Maldives proudly presents to you our monthly magazine, manifestly designed to keep you updated on the pulse of the nation's thriving marine field.

As members of this unique fraternity, dive into an ocean of articles featuring our fellow sailors and their marine-related businesses, from Safari boat operations to sellers of top-notch diving equipment and boat supplies.

Immerse yourself in a sea of knowledge and find your safe harbor within our contents.

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President Dr Mohamed Muizzu Inaugurated the New Terminal at VIA



Walking on Air

Jaan Roose's Gravity-Defying Feat in the Maldives





The Maldives, long celebrated for its turquoise lagoons and powder-soft sands, has now become the stage for an extraordinary moment in extreme sports history. In a breathtaking collaboration, Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC/Visit Maldives) and Red Bull joined forces to host Estonian slacklining sensation Jaan Roose, who completed a daring walk across a moving slackline suspended between a parasail and a speedboat.

Set against the dazzling backdrop of Siyam World in Noonu Atoll, the performance was more than a spectacle—it was a bold reimagining of what is possible when human skill, engineering ingenuity, and the raw beauty of nature converge. The sight of Roose, balanced delicately on a narrow line high above shimmering waters, was both nerve-wracking and mesmerizing.

For Roose, a three-time world champion and Red Bull athlete, this was no ordinary challenge. "This was by far my most complex project," he admitted. "Walking between a boat and a parasail – two constantly moving points – meant facing unpredictable wind, water, and motion. It required a completely new way of balancing and thinking."

Known for pushing boundaries, Roose has walked between skyscrapers in Dubai and even attempted intercontinental crossings in Turkey. Yet, this particular feat demanded a different kind of mastery. Over several days, his team worked to create customized rigging solutions never before attempted—designing a unique bungee system and adapting parasail toggles to offer just enough control to make the impossible seem achievable.

The project unfolded like a high-stakes symphony. Every movement of the parasail pilot, every adjustment by the boat captain, and every step Roose took had to align perfectly. By the time Roose completed the walk, the achievement stood not just as an athletic triumph, but as a testament to precision, trust, and creative vision.

For Visit Maldives, the event symbolized more than a thrilling stunt, it was a powerful message to the world. "As the World's Leading Destination for five consecutive years, the Maldives continues to inspire the world, not just with its natural beauty, but with the endless possibilities it offers," said Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree, CEO and Managing Director of Visit Maldives. "Our partnership with Red Bull and Jaan Roose exemplifies how the Maldives is a canvas for innovation, extreme sports, and unforgettable moments. This project powerfully showcases our commitment to hosting global content that redefines what's possible."

By fusing the Maldives' natural grandeur with the daring artistry of one of the world's greatest slackliners, this collaboration carved out a new identity for the destination, a place where paradise meets adrenaline. It also reinforced Red Bull's mission of crafting cutting-edge content that captivates audiences worldwide.





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Grand Welcome for 1,000-Member Indian Incentive Group



Visit Maldives Corporation, in collaboration with Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL), extended a warm and vibrant welcome at Velana International Airport to a 1,000-member incentive group from India, organised by renowned Indian travel platform PickYourTrail. This significant MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) visit reaffirms the Maldives' standing as a premier destination for corporate and group travel from one of its most vital source markets.

The delegation, comprising top-performing employees and achievers, was accommodated at Sun Siyam Olhuveli from 10 to 21 July 2025. Arrivals were staggered, with the first VIP guests touching down on 11 July and the remaining participants arriving by 13 July. Guests were welcomed with a traditional Maldivian Boduberu performance, specially curated welcome gifts, and personal greetings from the Visit Maldives Corporation team, creating an authentic and memorable first impression of the destination.

This large-scale incentive trip served as a testament to the Maldives' capacity to host high-profile MICE groups, reflecting the nation's appeal among Indian corporate travellers seeking premium and unique experiences. The event also highlighted the continued success of Visit Maldives Corporation's targeted efforts to expand the MICE sector and strengthen its presence in the Indian market.

PickYourTrail, a leading player in India's travel industry, is widely recognised for its innovative, technology-driven approach to customised travel planning. The choice of the Maldives for such a significant delegation underscores the destination's growing popularity and the strong confidence Indian travellers have in its offerings.

India remains one of the Maldives' top source markets, and Visit Maldives Corporation continues to build robust partnerships with Indian travel trade stakeholders to maintain the destination's position as a preferred choice for leisure, luxury, and corporate travel. Alongside this collaboration with PickYourTrail, ongoing destination promotion campaigns are being carried out in partnership with leading Indian brands such as MakeMyTrip and TBO. Further amplifying visibility, a high-profile celebrity endorsement campaign featuring Bollywood icon Katrina Kaif as Visit Maldives' Global Ambassador is also underway, capturing the attention of diverse Indian traveller segments.

Through such initiatives, Visit Maldives Corporation continues to elevate the nation's profile in the global MICE industry, positioning the Maldives as a destination that blends unparalleled natural beauty with world-class facilities and authentic cultural experiences.









MMIF 2025 Concludes with Resounding Success

The Maldives Marine Industry Forum 2025 concluded successfully on 1st July 2025 at JEN Malé Maldives by Shangri-La, marking a significant milestone for the nation's maritime sector. The forum brought together key stakeholders from across the industry, facilitating valuable exchanges of dialogue, insights, and collaborative strategies aimed at shaping the future of marine development in the Maldives and the wider Indian Ocean region

Endorsed by the National Boating Association of Maldives and the Indian Ocean Divers Association, the forum served as a pivotal platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and service providers to address pressing challenges and explore emerging opportunities. The discussions emphasized innovation, sustainability, and collaboration as core drivers of progress within the marine sector.

A series of four insightful panel discussions formed the heart of the event. The opening session, Managing Marine Resources, offered a compelling exploration into the sustainability and responsible development of oceanic assets, bringing to the fore the importance of regulation and financing in ensuring long-term viability. This was followed by a critical dialogue on Maritime Cargo Management, Clearance, and Forwarding, where experts examined the efficiency of trade, logistics, and supply chain operations, reflecting the Maldives' growing role as a hub for maritime commerce.

The third panel, Marine Connectivity, underscored the transformative potential of technology and infrastructure in bridging geographical divides across the nation's dispersed ocean territories and fleets. Rounding off the discussions, Expanding the Watersports and Diving Sector delved into one of the Maldives' most iconic tourism offerings, highlighting both opportunities for growth and the necessity of innovation, safety, and sustainability to ensure the sector's continued appeal on a global scale.

Complementing the panels, the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation conducted an interactive workshop, encouraging direct engagement between regulatory authorities and industry professionals. This session provided a rare opportunity for participants to voice their perspectives on operational policies implemented by the Ministry, paving the way for more collaborative policymaking in the future.

Adding a touch of excitement, the forum also featured a raffle draw, with one fortunate attendee walking away with a Premier Annual Travel Cover, courtesy of Gold Sponsor Allied Insurance Company of the Maldives.

The event was made possible through the support of esteemed sponsors and partners. Allied Insurance Company and Maldives State Shipping (MSS) joined as Gold Sponsors, reflecting their strong commitment to advancing the marine industry. Dhiraagu, ALIA Investments Pvt Ltd, and Maldives Ports Ltd participated as Bronze Sponsors, contributing to the successful delivery of the forum. Print Lab Creative supported the event as the Print Partner, while The Islandchief and Floating Asia extended their support as Media Partners

The successful conclusion of the Maldives Marine Industry Forum 2025 reaffirms the growing importance of the nation's maritime sector and highlights the shared vision of stakeholders in driving innovation and resilience. The forum's outcomes are expected to play an influential role in shaping policies, fostering partnerships, and unlocking new opportunities for sustainable growth in the years ahead.













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For over 18 years, Silver Sands has been creating unforgettable marine experiences in the Maldives, managing 13 dive and water sports centres across 15 of the nation's most prestigious resorts. From first-time divers to seasoned thrill-seekers, the company offers tailored adventures — from exploring coral reefs and jet ski tours to private yacht charters and dolphin cruises.

With PADI-certified instructors, marine biologists, and state-of-the-art equipment, Silver Sands blends safety, luxury, and sustainability at every step. Its unique Total Solutions concept also supports resorts with expert consulting and management, ensuring seamless integration of world-class diving and water sports operations. At Silver Sands, every journey is as extraordinary as the ocean itself.

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Powering the Future of Maldivian Seas:

Quick Ezy Maldives Unveils Hidea Outboard Engines



The Maldives' vibrant marine community has a new reason to celebrate. Quick Ezy Maldives Pvt Ltd has officially introduced the Hidea outboard engine—the world's fastest-growing outboard brand—into the local market. Globally admired for its unbeatable combination of affordability, reliability, and performance, Hidea is now ready to make waves across Maldivian waters.

Smart Power, Built for Adventure

From the calm lagoons to the open ocean, Hidea brings power tailored to every journey. Its wide range—starting at 2.5HP for small tenders and extending up to 130HP for larger vessels—ensures boaters of all kinds can enjoy exceptional performance at an accessible price point.

And the horizon looks even brighter. In 2026, Hidea will launch its 150HP, 175HP, and 200HP engines, available in both 2-stroke and 4-stroke models. Whether the goal is fuel efficiency or raw torque, these engines promise to deliver the ultimate in marine versatility.

Quick Ezy Maldives: More Than an Engine Supplier

As the exclusive distributor of Hidea in the Maldives, Quick Ezy Maldives Pvt Ltd is more than just a supplier—it is a trusted partner for the boating community. The company offers complete end-to-end marine solutions, from sales and professional installation to servicing, spare parts, and expert Their showroom, located at Sayyid Kilege Faanu Magu in Malé, showcases a wide variety of marine products, including inboard engines, equipment, lubricants, and accessories—making it a one-stop hub for all boating needs.

Leading the Way with Innovation

Quick Ezy Maldives is also bringing advanced technology to local waters with the recent introduction of Sand Marine's autopilot system. This state-of-theart navigation solution enhances both safety and convenience, proving especially valuable for long-haul voyages.

Global Strength, Local Advantage

Already a trusted name in Europe and the United States, Hidea's arrival in the Maldives is set to empower local boaters with the same world-class innovation and value. By pairing global excellence with local expertise, Quick Ezy Maldives is positioning itself as a leader in the future of marine mobility.

With Hidea outboard engines now available, the Maldivian boating experience is entering an exciting new era, one where power, performance, and affordability meet the beauty of the nation's seas.



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Alia and MIT Conclude 11th BOT Training



Alia, in collaboration with the Maldives Institute of Technology (MIT), has successfully concluded the 11th edition of the Boat Operators Training (BOT) Program, reaffirming its steadfast commitment to advancing maritime competencies, promoting operational safety, and elevating professional standards within the Maldives' marine transport sector.

The 2025 program convened 50 participants representing a broad spectrum of resorts, marine transport operators, and government agencies. Over the course of the training, participants received comprehensive instruction encompassing vessel handling, chart navigation, emergency response protocols, maritime safety regulations, and essential onboard operational practices.

Practical training formed a central component of the curriculum, with participants undertaking hands-on sessions in first aid, fire safety, and basic outboard engine maintenance. These modules addressed the growing technical demands and operational responsibilities placed upon marine captains in the Maldives.

The closing ceremony marked the formal recognition of participants' achievements, with each individual awarded a certificate of completion. This acknowledgment reflected not only their commitment to professional development but also the program's alignment with industry-recognized standards. Several participants noted that the training had strengthened their technical expertise and enhanced their confidence in fulfilling their maritime roles.

Alia extended its appreciation to all supporting partners, trainers, and institutions for their contributions to the success of the 2025 BOT Program. As the exclusive distributor of Yamaha Outboard Engines in the Maldives, Alia continues to play a leading role in establishing safety benchmarks and advancing technical excellence within the nation's maritime industry.





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BOARD MEETING

The 19th Executive Board Meeting of the National Boating Association of Maldives for the term 2023–2025 was held on 04th August 2025. The meeting deliberated on important matters concerning the Association's forthcoming initiatives and projects.

The Board was apprised of the progress on preparations for the Calendar 2026, with confirmations already secured from a number of member companies. It was agreed that payments for the production, which will take place overseas, may be made either in United States Dollars (USD) or in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR), based on the approved exchange rate.

The Board also considered the Maldives Boating Awards 2024. In light of the prevailing circumstances, it was resolved that the event will not be held this year. At the same time, the Board acknowledged the enduring significance of the Awards in recognizing excellence within the industry and agreed on the necessity of a comprehensive restructuring to strengthen future editions of the program.

In conclusion, the Board resolved to proceed with the Calendar 2026 under the approved payment arrangements and determined that the Maldives Boating Awards shall be restructured for greater impact, with the possibility of its resumption in future years.



Calendar 2026

NBAM Calendar welcomes you to participate in its 10th Edition of calendar series, the calendar is an annual PR material since 2016 with the aim of promoting the industry. This calendar is freely distributed within the Maldives and in major international fairs.

We take this opportunity in advertising the boating community about the prices and how you can be part of the 2026 edition of NBAM Calendar.

All confirmations are required before 01st August 2025.

Calendars will be distributed to a diverse array of recipients, including government offices, tate-owned enterprises (SOEs), and airline companies.

Additionally, all members of the National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM) will receive a copy, as well as attendees at travel fairs scheduled for early 2026.

Embassies will also be included in the distribution list, ensuring broad outreach and visibility.

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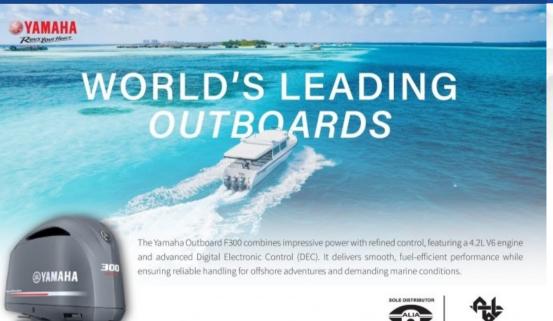
















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