

Boat Show Style Explained...

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The **Newport International Boat Show** kicks off tomorrow, welcoming thousands of visitors from around the region and right here in our backyard to admire the newest



sailboats, powerboats, equipment, to attend seminars, mix and mingle and more. It's the largest in-water boat show in the Northeast and it doesn't mess around. But it's more than just jaw-dropping vessels and rolls of rope – there are tons of fashionable exhibitors showcasing stylish accessories and practical must haves, including **Style**

Newport, **Francesca Joy** and **Ella Vickers**, to name few. As the temperature changes throughout the day, the breeze can pick up off the water, and hopping all those yachts can be taxing. Dressing smart and the part takes a little thought. Here's our boat show style tips, trends and essentials:

Hint at a high seas luxury with a classic striped boatneck top, also known as a French sailor shirt. Versions of this beloved look have been spotted recently at **Island Outfitters**, **Island Pursuit** and **Potter & Co.**



Add an extra layer of warmth with a comfortable fleece vest or light jacket (find a nice selection of both at **Helly Hansen**, **Patagonia on Thames** and **Team One Newport**) and/or a great scarf (a ton to choose from at **Ericka Zap**).

There are a ton of handouts, samples and information by exhibitors, so in lieu of cramming everything in the provided bag, bring (or buy!) a roomy, sailcloth tote like this one from the fabulous **Ella Vickers**.

The most valuable fashion advice we can give you though, is this: wear flat or nearly flat, comfortable, easy to get on, easy to get off shoes as almost all

boat brokers request you remove your shoes before boarding. Not to worry; "flat" and "comfortable" won't force you to sacrifice style, as evidenced by the a wall of **Tory Burch** flats at spotted at **Michael Hayes**, and tons of



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