

As part of the SMTC&E and SPS this year, as well as its ongoing commitment to the Small Craft Industry, SNAME is pleased to announce a special technical session on super yachts. During this year's conference, a series of targeted presentations, exercises and papers will be given focusing on the topic of super yachts. On Friday morning, October 13, 2006, the presentations will begin with an overview of the market and coming trends by Marilyn Mower, Editor-at-Large of ShowBoats magazine. Other presentations include:

- Proven productivity improvement methods for small shipyards
- Improving market share by targeting customer quality desires,
- New developments in aluminum structural design
- New concepts for fuel efficient motor yachts,
- Methods to manage yacht construction and repair contracts to avoid litigation

The emphasis of the session is to introduce the resources available through SNAME and related organizations to help super yacht builders, designers and other firms improve quality, profit and market share. Friday afternoon following the session, papers of special interest to the yacht and small vessel community have been scheduled. These include a paper on structural requirements for high-speed craft and a paper on a systematic model test series of planning hull forms.

SNAME is offering a special discount one-day registration fee that includes a CD all of the papers presented on both days of the conference. In addition, plan to visit the Expo featuring the latest in maritime technology and products, including software and services, as well as the Innovation Sessions which introduce the newest concepts and products in the maritime industry right on the show floor.

Visit www.sname.org to register for this very special event.