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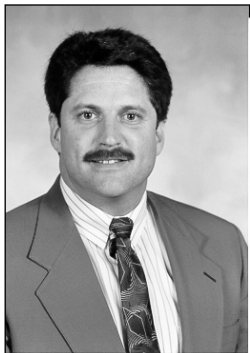
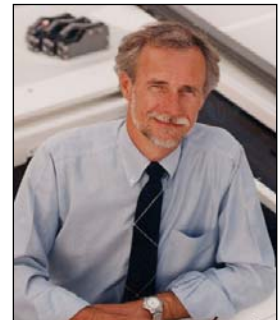
ABYC Announces New Board Officers & Directors

February 26, 2007, Edgewater, MD: ABYC recently announced the election of its new Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Technical Chair and Treasurer), as well as our new incoming Board Directors. Election results were validated at ABYC's Annual Meeting, which was recently held in Miami, FL. Representing key segments of the marine industry, ABYC's Board provides guidance in furthering ABYC's mission of standards and education. During the meeting, Past Chair Dennis Graham of Teleflex Morse, Inc. officially introduced the incoming Chair, Bill Drake.

Chair of the Board – Bill Drake. Bill is Vice President Engineering at Marinco-AFI and has been with Marinco since 1988. Bill serves on the Executive Committee, and he is a member of ABYC's electrical project technical committee, as well as a member of the Nominating Committee. He is also a speaker at ABYC's Electrical Systems in Boats seminar. Bill is a member of the National Electrical Code Technical Correlating Committee, past member of the National Electrical Code, Code Panel 5 and 17, member and past chairman of the NEMA, Wiring Device Section's Technical Committee, and member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.



Vice Chair of the Board – Gerry Douglas. Gerry is Vice President and a Principal of Catalina Yachts and has been employed with Catalina since 1976. Gerry most recently held the position of Treasurer of ABYC and chair of the Business & Financial Planning Committee. He also serves on the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee and is on the Technical Information PTC. Gerry is also a member of the Industrial Designers Society of America and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. He actively sails his own boat and pursues other sailing and volunteer activities.



Technical Chair of the Board – Dave Marlow. Dave is the Director of Product Integrity for the Brunswick Boat Group. Dave is a Past Chair of the ABYC Board of Directors and is a current member of the Board's Executive Committee and Nominating Committee, as well as Chair of the Technical Board and a PTC member. He currently serves as a presidential appointed member of the USCG's National Boating Safety Advisory Council. Dave is a member of the Recreational Craft Sectoral Group for the development of ISO

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standards, the Boat Owner's Association of the USA, Society of Automotive Engineers, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and a member of the Board of Directors for IMCI. He is a past Lippman Award recipient and a contributing member to ABYC's TC 188 Technical Advisory Group.

Treasurer – Dan Gribble. Dan Gribble is the President of Boatwain's Locker and a lifelong marine enthusiast who has raced sailboats his entire life. Dan graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in Mechanical Engineering with a specialization in Naval Architecture. He also has an MBA from UC Irvine. When Dan assumed ownership of the family business, he changed the focus of the company to the wholesale distribution and service of marine propulsion. He is a sponsor for various inner city boating programs and fishing tournaments.



Incoming Board Directors include:

- Barry Acker, President/CEO of The Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design in Kennebunkport, Maine.
- George Bellwoar, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Miami-based Perko Inc.
- Thomas J. Marhevko, VP, Engineering Standards for the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) in Chicago.

Returning Board Directors include:

- Joe Charles, Charles Industries
- Jim Ellis
- Dennis Graham, Teleflex Morse, Inc.
- F. Steven Herb, Nelson, Hesse
- Jack Hornor, Marine Survey & Design
- Rich Kolb, Volvo Penta of the Americas
- Eleanor Mariani, State of CT - Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Jeff Melby, Genmar Holdings, Inc.
- Tim O'Connor, LEM Products, Inc.
- Bill Parlatore, *Passagemaker Magazine*
- Lorenzo Pollicardo, UCINA
- John Sima, Sima Marine
- Chris Washburn, Washburn's Boatyard
- Jack Westerbeke, Westerbeke Corporation

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for over 50 years. ABYC is actively involved with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as certification programs for marine technicians. These standards are available on CD-ROM and in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by calling (410) 990-4460 or by visiting the ABYC web site at www.abycinc.org.

Editor's Note: High-resolution images are available of the above ABYC Officers and Directors in electronic format. Contact Caroline Chetelat (see first page).