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ABYC Announces New Board Officers & Directors

April 22, 2009, Annapolis, 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 at Broward College in Miramar, 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 Bill Drake of Marinco officially introduced the incoming Chair, Gerry Douglas of Catalina Yachts.

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.

Vice Chair of the Board – George Bellwoar. George has more than 30 years experience in the marine industry encompassing commercial, military and pleasure boats both in OEM and aftermarket. He has served as the Vice President of Sale and Marketing for Perko Inc. since 1995. He is the immediate past chairman of the board of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, NMMA. He was the Executive Committee representative on the IBEX merger team and has served on the IBEX and MAATS planning committees.

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 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.

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Treasurer – Jack Hornor. Jack Hornor is the President of Marine Survey and Design Company and a long-time surveyor, naval architect, supporter and current board member of ABYC. Jack is a member of both the National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS) and the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS).

Incoming Board Directors include:

- George Gallup, Owner/Operator of Gallup Yacht Surveying
- Jorge Guerra, Dean, Broward College's Aviation Institute, Automotive Training Center and the Marine Engineering Management program
- Jonathan Jones, General Manager, Haven Harbor Resort Marina
- Ken Kershaw, Technical Director, Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and European Boating Association (EBA)
- Bill Munger, Owner and General Manager of Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.

Returning Board Directors include:

- Barry Acker, The Landing School
- Joe Charles, Charles Industries
- Bill Drake, Marinco
- Stephen Felder, Senior Project Engineer, Walt Disney World
- Dennis Graham, Teleflex Morse, Inc.
- F. Steven Herb, Nelson, Hesse
- Brian Kempf, Director of Marine Services, NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and NASBLA representative.
- Rich Kolb, Volvo Penta of the Americas
- Tom Marhevko, NMMA
- Jeff Melby, Genmar Holdings, Inc.
- Tim O'Connor, LEM Products, Inc.
- Bill Parlatore, *Passagemaker Magazine*
- John Sima, Sima Marine

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for 55 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.