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Rock Hall, MD Gets Behind Regional ABYC Training – Sponsored by Port Supply

June 19, 2009, Annapolis, MD: In an effort to provide more regional training opportunities and as a benefit to their customers in the mid-Atlantic region, Port Supply will be sponsoring a four-day American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) Marine Systems Certification course in Rock Hall, MD on August 25 – 28, 2009. By sponsoring the ABYC Certification, Port Supply can offer these courses at reduced pricing, and with substantial savings in travel expenses. This event is being hosted by two premier marinas in Rock Hall - The Sailing Emporium and Haven Harbor Marina.

As a benefit to those attending, lunch will be provided each day at no cost to the students, by The Sailing Emporium, Haven Harbor Marina, and the town of Rock Hall. In addition to free lunch, on Friday evening and upon completion of the course, there will be a social networking event hosted by The Sailing Emporium.

Bob Cox, Mid-Atlantic Market Team Manager for Port Supply stated, “I first want to thank the Rock Hall marine community for their support of this initiative. As part of Port Supply’s ProBusiness program, we want to support the training needs of our customers and provide educational opportunities that are close to home. By partnering with ABYC, local marine facilities can receive useful and pertinent safety-based technical training that raises the bar when it comes to boat building and repair work in this area, and we are happy to facilitate this opportunity!”

Mike New, ABYC’s Education Director said, “This is a similar model that we’ve used in the Pacific Northwest, where the local marine community gets behind the course and supports the continuing education efforts of their local marine professionals. By sponsoring lunches, providing networking opportunities – and even giveaways, etc., the class becomes more than just an instructional vehicle.”

This class will have special Port Supply pricing. 1 – 2 people is \$745 per person, 3 – 5 people is \$720 per person, 6+ people is \$695 per person. For class and registration details, please visit the online Education Calendar at the ABYC web site, www.abycinc.org.

ABYC offers technical training courses that progress from basic to advanced, and includes eight workforce certification courses for marine technicians and professionals. All individuals who attend an ABYC

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Certification sit for a 200-question certification exam on the last day. To schedule an On-Site course, or to receive more information on customized training programs, both state-side and around the globe, contact Michael New at (410) 990-4460, ext. 31 or via email at mnew@abycinc.org. For a listing of regularly scheduled ABYC Certification courses and other training programs, please visit www.abycinc.org.

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 education and certification programs for marine technicians. These standards are available on CD, online (*Web-STIR* and the *ABYC Standards Powered by Rulefinder.net*) and in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by visiting the ABYC Web site at www.abycinc.org.