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**ABYC Announces Tri-Summer Webinar Series**  
***“2010 Changes to Marine Fuel Systems” Kicks off Summer Series***

**June 21, 2010, Annapolis, MD:** Following overwhelming success of last year’s summer Webinar series, the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) announced today that it will be launching its tri-summer series of technical education webinars starting off with *2010 Changes to Marine Fuel Systems* on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1 p.m. (EDT).

“As hundreds of professionals learned last year, the ABYC Web summer Webinar series is an excellent opportunity for us to present topics of significant use and importance to builders, dealers, yard personnel, law enforcement and government personnel, surveyors and technicians around global,” said Skip Burdon. And, what’s more exciting is the affordability for the participants – for just \$49.00 you can gather a crew around a computer terminal or project in on a screen to a roomful of professionals to view, participate and learn,” Burdon concluded.

The industry is facing new government regulations affecting fuel systems in boats. As marine systems and fuels are becoming more complex, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Research Board (CARB) have both imposed requirements that will directly impact boat propulsion systems, tanks, venting and the fuels they use. These new government regulations begin to affect boats built under the 2012 model year. The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) is working together with industry volunteers to develop industry standards covering the installation and performance of these new fuel systems. Through attending this seminar ABYC will acquaint you with the latest changes that will impact your shop, your business and your customers. To register online go to: [www.abycinc.org/commerce/eventRegistrationForm.cfm?eventID=389](http://www.abycinc.org/commerce/eventRegistrationForm.cfm?eventID=389)

The second seminar, entitled *Basic Electrical Fundamentals Every Technician Must Know*, will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at 1 p.m. (EDT) and will delve into ABYC electrical standards, basic electrical techniques and industry best practices in a changing 21<sup>st</sup> century boating environment. The final webinar in the tri-summer series will be on *ABYC Standards Supplement 50, What is new for 2010-2011!* This webinar will be held Wednesday, August 25 at 1p.m. (EDT). Not only will this webinar discuss the latest changes to the ABYC Standards set for release in July, it will also discuss the ABYC’s transition from the

paper manual to the internet-based global product, “WebSTIR,” the organization’s 24/7 online searchable set of standards. Included in the discussion will be a review of all the other technical documents featured as part of the new and expanded WebSTIR suite. Registration for these webinars is also available on line or by calling ABYC at 410 990-4460, x33, Cris Gardner.

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 online using *WebSTIR* powered by *Rulefinder.net*, and on CD and in printed format for an additional fee. Membership and general information can be requested by visiting the ABYC Web site at [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org).