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ABYC Updates 2008 Schedule of Certifications and Seminars *Also Announces Early 2009 Courses*

October 2, 2008, Annapolis, MD: The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC), a leader in technical workforce training, education and certification programs for marine industry, has updated its 2008 schedule of certification and seminar courses, and begun adding courses for the first half of 2009. Updated dates, locations and course descriptions can be found at www.abycinc.org. Included in the schedule is the newly revised A/C & Refrigeration Certification, which now includes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) refrigerants certification, as well as the recently updated Diesel Engine & Support Systems Certification course.

In addition to scheduled training, ABYC also offers flat-rate, on-site training courses, seminars and custom tailored technical education and training offerings that can be hosted at any location upon request - both nationally and internationally.

Registration information and detailed descriptions for any of the courses can be found at www.abycinc.org, or to host an ABYC course at your facility, contact the ABYC Education department at (410) 990-4460.

ABYC Certification & Seminars – 2008 - 2009

Month	Days	Seminar/Certification	Location
October	1 – 3	Basic Electric	Jacksonville, FL
October	21 – 24	Electrical Certification	Annapolis, MD
November	5 – 7	Basic Electric	Seattle, WA
November	11 – 14	Marine Systems Certification	Annapolis, MD
November	18 – 21	Electrical Certification	Miami, FL
December	2 – 5	Diesel Engines Certification	Mystic, CT
December	10 – 12	ABYC Standards Certification	Mystic, CT
January	13 – 15	Basic Electric	Annapolis, MD
January	20 – 23	Electrical Certification	Mystic, CT
January	27 – 29	Basic Electric	Seattle, WA
January	27 – 30	Marine Systems Certification	Orlando, FL

February	3 – 6	Marine Systems Certification	Portland, ME
February	3 – 4	A/C Refrigeration Certification	Cleveland, OH
February	5	EPA Refrigerant Certification	Cleveland, OH
February	10 – 13	Marine Systems Certification	Charleston, SC
February	17 – 19	ABYC Standards Certification	Portland, OR
February	23 – 25	ABYC Standards Certification	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale
February	23 – 26	Electrical Certification	San Diego, CA
March	3 – 6	Diesel Engines Certification	Mystic, CT
March	10 – 13	Marine Corrosion Certification	Norfolk, VA
March	10 – 13	Electrical Certification	Astoria, OR
March	24 – 27	Electrical Certification	Jacksonville, FL
April	7 – 10	Electrical Certification	Annapolis, MD
May	5 – 7	ABYC Standards Certification	Mystic, CT
May	12 – 15	Marine Systems Certification	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale
June	3 – 5	ABYC Standards Certification	Orlando, FL

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 education and certification programs for marine technicians. These standards are available on CD-ROM, online (*Web-STIR* and *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.