

NEWS from the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC)

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## **ABYC Offers 2 for 1 Certification Courses**

**Two for the price of one certification courses offered in select areas through December 2009**

**October 21, 2009, Annapolis, MD:** ABYC announced today that it is offering 2 for 1 pricing in select areas of the country through December, 2009. Through the remainder of the year when an organization or individual signs up for an ABYC course taught in one of the select locations listed below, a second student can attend the course at no additional charge. An additional fee of \$225 will be assessed if the second student desires to take the certification examination at the conclusion of the course. Single students will be offered a one time \$100 discount for signing up for a course in one of the selected areas. For students already registered to take a course in one of the selected areas, they can invite a work associate to attend the course at no additional charge by contacting ABYC before Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seats are limited on a first come, first serve basis. To take advantage of this program simply call ABYC at 410 990-4460 and ask for Cris Gardner.

Begin	End	Class	Location	Venue
11/03/09	11/06/09	Marine Systems Certification	Nashville, TN	Airport Marriot
11/10/09	11/12/09	Standards Certification	Mystic, CT	Mystic Seaport
11/17/09	11/19/09	Basic Electric	Mystic, CT	Mystic Seaport
11/17/09	11/20/09	Marine Corrosion	Seattle, WA	Columbia Crossing Marina
11/17/09	11/20/09	Electrical Certification	Annapolis, MD	Annapolis Sch. of Seamanship
12/10/10	12/08/09	Basic Electric	Cheboygan, MI	Walstrom Marine
12/15/09	12/18/09	A/C Refrigeration Certification	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	Broward Community College
12/19/09	12/19/09	EPA Refrigerant Certification	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	Broward Community College

“During the current economic recession we know how difficult it is to find the funds to allow employees to train,” said Skip Burdon ABYC’s President. “However, in order to remain competitive, now is the time to train for the future. We at ABYC hope this will aid to make training that much more affordable for both individuals and organizations,” he concluded.

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](http://www.abycinc.org).

ABYC offers technical training courses that progress from basic to advanced, and includes eight marine industry workforce certifications for marine technicians and professionals. Manufacturers, dealerships,

supply outlets, marine trade associations and others may pursue similar working agreements, schedule an On-Site course, or receive more information on customized training programs, by contacting Michael New at (410) 990-4460, ext. 31 or via email at [mnew@abycinc.org](mailto:mnew@abycinc.org). For a listing of regularly scheduled ABYC Certification courses and other training programs, please visit [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org).