



The American Boat & Yacht Council

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BETTER BOATING, BETTER BUSINESS

ABYC membership gives you the tools for success through safety standards, education, and training.



SAFETY



EDUCATION



STANDARDS

Who We Are

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) is a non-profit, member organization that develops voluntary global safety standards for the design, construction, maintenance, and repair of recreational boats.

ABYC has a long-established commitment to providing technical education, training, certification and professional development for marine technicians. Our seminars and technician certification courses are instrumental in increasing the level of knowledge and professionalism throughout the industry.

Our Mission

The role of ABYC is to be the essential source of technical information for the international marine industry. We will develop product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and other tools to equip our members to be successful. Everything we do will support our members to achieve the goal of making boating safer.

Our Vision

ABYC will maximize customer satisfaction with the boating experience through safety standards for products, service, and repair.

Quick Facts

- 90% of boats on the water are built to ABYC Standards
- ABYC Standards are the basis of quality construction and repair practices, certification programs, and marine surveys
- In the absence of military specifications (MILSPECS), ABYC Standards are referenced in many RFP's from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Homeland Security
- In product liability lawsuits, ABYC Standards are the authoritative reference for evaluating issues of design, construction, maintenance, and product performance.

ABYC Standards

Standards are the core of ABYC as they are continuously researched, developed, and revised by over 400 volunteer marine professionals on Project Technical Committees (PTCs) from all fields of the industry including the US Coast Guard, trade organizations, and private entities. ABYC collaborates with organizations worldwide such as Transport Canada and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The development and annual review of these standards correlates directly to the significant reduction in the number of boating accidents over the past 6 decades.

Technician Certification

ABYC's nationally accredited certification program provides standards-based, continuing technical education for the marine industry.

Professional Certifications Include:

- ABYC Standards
- Marine Systems
- Marine Corrosion
- Marine Electrical
- Diesel Engines
- Gasoline Engines
- Marine Composites
- A/C Refrigeration
- Advanced Marine Electrical

ABYC in the News

ABYC has been featured in trade publications and national media outlets, including with Good Morning America. Visit www.abycinc.org/gma to view the interview with ABYC President John Adey on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning on boats.

Contact Experts @ ABYC

ABYC is driven by industry experts including boat builders, technician, engineers, boat and accessory manufacturers, surveyors and investigators, law firms, government agencies and more. We can assist media with a variety of technical and boating safety topics.

Boating safety topics of expertise:

- Boat accidents, causes and prevention of boat fires
- Boat service and marine surveys
- Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)
- Carbon Monoxide poisoning
- Aquatic invasive species
- Safety equipment, signs and labels
- Boat load capacity
- Marine technician training/workforce development in the marine industry

Boat design, construction, maintenance and repair

- Marine Systems
- Fuel and Ventilation Systems
- Hull and Deck Structures
- Control Systems
- Marine Electrical Systems
- Gasoline and Diesel Engines
- Navigation Lights and Sound Signals
- Fire Fighting Equipment and Detection Systems
- Marine Corrosion
- Battery Installation and Maintenance
- Boat builder compliance and certification
- Global standards and product compliance



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