



# AMERICAN BOAT & YACHT COUNCIL



## 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 also provides 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 ISO.

The development and annual review of these standards correlates directly to the significant reduction in the number of boating accidents over the past 7 decades.

## TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

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

Professional Certifications Include:

- ABYC Standards
- Marine Systems
- Marine Corrosion
- Marine Electrical
- Engine and Fuel Systems
- Marine Composites
- A/C Refrigeration
- Advanced Marine Electrical
- Service Management
- USCG Recreational Boat Regulations

## ABYC STANDARDS DO, IN FACT, SAVE LIVES

Independent research prepared for the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed that ABYC standards have a measurable impact on boating safety. Boats certified to ABYC standards were found to be 43% to 47% less likely to be involved in certain types of accidents, while adherence to ABYC standards reduced the likelihood of fatalities by 26% to 58% in accidents that do occur. This research reinforces ABYC's role as a critical safety resource for the marine industry and boating public.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ABYC supports marine technology programs nationwide with standards-based curriculum, instructor resources, certification pathways and school accreditation through the Marine Trades Accreditation Program (MTAP). By helping students learn the same standards used by technicians, manufacturers, surveyors and repair professionals, ABYC gives schools the tools to prepare career-ready graduates for the marine industry.

Visit [teachboats.org](http://teachboats.org) to learn more.



# CONTACT EXPERTS AT 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

- Lithium ion batteries on boats
- Marine systems
- Fuel and ventilation systems
- Hull and deck structures
- Control systems
- Marine electrical systems
- Gasoline and diesel Engines
- Autonomous vessels
- Navigation lights and sound signals
- Fire Fighting Equipment
- Marine corrosion
- Battery installation and maintenance
- Boat builder compliance and certification
- Global standards and product compliance

## ABYC IN THE NEWS

ABYC has been featured in trade publications and national media outlets, including with Good Morning America and Inside Edition. Visit [abycinc.org/gma](http://abycinc.org/gma) to view the interview with ABYC President John Adey on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.





## MEDIA CONTACT & PRESS MATERIALS

Contact Shannon Aronson, ABYC Marketing & Communications, Sr. Director  
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View our recent press releases and media highlights at [abycinc.org/news](https://abycinc.org/news).

Access ABYC logos and photography here: [abycinc.org/ABYCphotos](https://abycinc.org/ABYCphotos)  
**DropBox password: BoatingSafety.**

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[teachboats.org](https://teachboats.org) (ABYC Foundation & workforce development)



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