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## **ABYC Offers Series of Webinars** ***“Insider’s Guide to ABYC Certifications”***

**April 6, 2009, Annapolis, MD:** The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) is offering a free “webinar conference” aimed at sharing knowledge of the ABYC Certification courses and technical topics. Three separate webinars will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. ET.

Mike New, ABYC Education Director said, “During these difficult economic times, now is the time to build credibility even further as a marine professional and distinguish oneself from the competition. This is a free opportunity for anyone who has been thinking about becoming ABYC Certified to learn about the most popular certification topics, what is involved, and the benefits of having these credentials.”

By attending one or all of the “Insider’s Guide to ABYC Certification” webinars, attendees will:

- “Meet” some of the ABYC Instructors
- Learn helpful standards-based tips that are applicable to your business
- Discuss class benefits
- Decide what certification course is best for you

The following three free webinars will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009:

- 1) Insider’s Guide to ABYC’s Electrical and Marine Corrosion Certification  
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET
- 2) Insider’s Guide to ABYC’s Diesel & Gasoline Engines Certification  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET
- 3) Insider’s Guide to ABYC’s Marine Systems & Standards Certification  
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

“ABYC has been using webinar technology for many of our project technical committee meetings, and it has proved successful,” said Skip Burdon, ABYC President. “Therefore, we wanted to explore some other ways we could use this technology to benefit our members. This will be the first webinar of this type that we will hold, and thus far, based on the strong response, we plan to offer more in the future,” concluded Burdon.

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The ABYC webinar is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about ABYC's technical workforce certification programs, but space is limited and registration is required. Registration information can be found on the ABYC web site, [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org).

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 on CD-ROM, online (*Web-STIR* and the *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](http://www.abycinc.org).