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**REVISED ABYC GAS ENGINE AND DRIVE SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION
COURSE DEPUTES AT WEST COAST VENUE WITH 2 FOR 1 OFFER
Industry Workforce Certification now includes outdrives and outboard engines**

April 15, 2010, Annapolis, MD: The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) will conduct its first certification class covering the newly revised Gas Engine Certification course on April 20 - 23, 2010, at the Columbia Crossings Marina, Portland, Oregon. The marina is located at 515 North East Tomahawk Island Drive, Portland, Oregon, 27217.

“ABYC has been working diligently for almost 18 months to extensively revise this course and its accompanying study guide to reflect the latest in technology and workforce demand for a more rigorous and inclusive course,” said Ed Sherman, ABYC’s Curriculum Developer, senior instructor and prolific marine systems author. “We are particularly proud to be deputing the course on the West Coast, where it has been in demand for quite some time,” Sherman stated.

The four-day certification course is designed to provide technicians with broad-based and thorough technical, standards-based knowledge of gas engines, drive systems and outboard engines. Ed Sherman will serve as the course instructor. The course is the only gasoline engine, third-party accredited and standards-based program to offer an industry recognized professional workforce certification upon successful completion of the examination.

New topics include:

- The latest in gasoline engine installations, troubleshooting and maintenance in accordance with ABYC standards.
- Information relative to upcoming EPA requirements for emission controls and important changes to fuel system installations.
- Expanded coverage of modern ignition systems.
- Expanded coverage of fuel injections systems.
- First time coverage for outboard engines maintenance and troubleshooting.
- New and expanded coverage of drive systems used today, including both inboard and outboard installations as well as sail drives
- A completely revised study guide in a new “textbook” format containing over 90 photos, diagrams and clarifying charts and tables; many in full color. The study guide also includes for the first time all relevant ABYC Standard excerpts.

Registration:

The education fee for this certification course is \$885 for ABYC members, \$1,030 for non-members, which includes the cost for the certification examination. However, for this inaugural course ABYC is offering a two

for the price of one policy (sorry, no half price for single attendees). To take advantage of the two for one offer please contact Cris Gardner, Education Manager and Registrar directly at 410 990-4460 x33. To register online at the standard single price and to view a full course description, visit the ABYC website at www.abycinc.org. Space is limited to 25 attendees.

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) is a not-for-profit organization that has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for over 55 years. ABYC is actively involved with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as provides workforce certification programs for marine technicians. ABYC standards are available online 24/7 using a product called WebSTIR, on CD-ROM and in printed form. Registration and membership information can be requested by also calling (410) 990-4460 or by visiting the ABYC website at www.abycinc.org.

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