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ABYC Composite Laminator Course and Study Guide in Spanish

July 20, 2011, Annapolis, MD: The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) announced today that their popular Laminator Course and study guide are now available in Mexican-Spanish. The ABYC is offering the course through translator for the first time on-site in Mexican-Spanish to all boat builders, composite manufacturers, Government Agencies and associations in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

The ABYC Laminator Course is a two-day composites course designed to provide students with a basic foundation and understanding of the strict guidelines and techniques required of workers when building a composite boats and structures. The course can also be expanded to three days to cover other non-traditional techniques. This course concludes with a 100-question comprehensive exam, after which the successful student will receive a completion certificate and be better prepared to work in a production or repair shop. The emerging composites specialists' next step in becoming a professionally certified composites technician will come by taking the prestigious ABYC Composites Boat Building Course and passing the challenging certification examination.

Assisting in the translation and product integrity effort were staff from Brunswick Boat Group who provided time and expertise in editing and proofing the translation into Mexican-Spanish., "We are excited to have assisted ABYC make this important program become a reality in Spanish. This course will better educate and equip our Spanish speaking production staff working in both Mexico and the United States with essential composite skill sets and competencies, said Dave Marlow, Director of Product Integrity and Government Affairs, Brunswick Boat Group and Chair of ABYC's Technical Board.

ABYC can now bring this course directly to any facility. Marine manufacturers, associations and government agencies interested in having the program presented at one of their facilities or conferences should contact ABYC's Educational Services Director, Mike New at 410 990-4460 x31 or at

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mnew@abycinc.org . The ABYC Spanish version of the Laminator Study Guide can be purchased independently for the introductory price of \$60.00 through August 2011. After that date the study guide will be available for purchase at the regular price of \$75.00. The price of study guides is included in any flat-fee pricing quote.

“This is another important step forward as we continue to develop and present instructional programs to enhance the skills sets and knowledge base of the boating industry’s technical work force,” stated Skip Burdon, ABYC’s President in a written statement. “As our standards and certifications’ expand in importance on a global basis we must ensure our programs of instruction include a multilingual approach and the Laminator Course in Spanish reflects our commitment to achieving this vision,” concluded Burdon.

Registration:

ABYC Laminator course in Spanish is \$375 for ABYC members, \$450 for non-members. However, on-site ‘flat-fee’ pricing is available for up to 30 employees at considerable savings for larger boat manufacturers, associations and government agencies for considerable savings. Smaller entities can also coop-together to work with ABYC to obtain the same on-site training discount. Additionally, local Workforce Development Centers may also provide significant funds for eligible incumbent workforce training and education. Contact ABYC for more information on on-site flat-fee pricing and incumbent workforce development opportunities.

This course has been developed and is taught in conjunction with Structural Composites, Inc. of Melbourne, FL, known world-wide for its excellence in composites technology and innovative research, development and product integrity. For more information on the ABYC’s advanced Composite Boat Builder Course visit the ABYC Web Site at www.abycinc.org .

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for 56 years. ABYC offers technical training and industry endorsed accredited certifications for the technical workforce in numerous disciplines. ABYC is actively involved with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). ABYC standards are available 24/7 online, on CD-ROM and in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by calling (410) 990-4460 x32 or x43.