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ABYC Names Technical Vice President

November 6, 2009, Annapolis, MD: The ABYC announced today the promotion of John Adey to Vice President, Technical Division. This promotion comes after Adey has served for over 7 years as the standards organization's Technical Division Director.

"This promotion is well deserved," remarked ABYC's Technical Board Chairman, Dave Marlow. "As ABYC has grown into a global player on the standards front, John has played a key role in our development and leadership. He is clearly seen as the industry's "defacto" authority on all things regarding marine standards and has literally improved the output of both international and domestic standards through his staff's involvement."

Skip Burdon, ABYC's President said in a statement, "I promoted John to this position quite candidly because he has earned it through mastering a steep learning curve, hard work and demonstrated professional commitment to ABYC, our industry and to the boating public. He is the face of ABYC standards around the world who has garnered and enjoys immense respect of industry and Federal and State governments' most knowledgeable technical experts."

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for over 50 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 in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by visiting the ABYC web site at www.abycinc.org.

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