



# TMTA NEWSLETTER

September 2007

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**MEETING WED. SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup>-6:30 PM PILOT HOUSE**  
Please attend, bring along a potential member or send a member of your staff to represent your business. Dinner will be fried chicken & BBQ with all the fixins. Please call to reserve a place: 804 776 7809.

(1) President Ron Hall reports there is good info on this website which should be of value to TMTA's trade school program: <http://www.uhi.umb.edu/publications.htm> ; Click on the PDF icon under "Massachusetts Marine Trades Workforce Assessment 2005".

## (2) BOATU.S. FOUNDATION SEEKS LOCAL HELP WITH FISHING LINE RECYCLING PROGRAM

“Discarded fishing line can last for hundreds of years, harming marine life and damaging boat propulsion systems,” said Boat U.S. Foundation Environmental Program Director Susan Shingledecker. “We’re looking to provide groups who have access to popular fishing spots, launch ramps or marinas, a free pre-made PVC monofilament bin and signage suitable for mounting outdoors. In return, all we ask is that you agree to keep an eye on the bin, keep track of how many containers get filled and when full, return the collected line to the recycler, Berkley Conservation.”

There are a limited number of bins, and bin locations will be determined by geographic area and demonstrated demand for monofilament recycling. For more information, please contact [CleanWater@BoatUS.com](mailto:CleanWater@BoatUS.com) or visit

<http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/Monofilament/>

(3) The July 2007 issue of Seaworthy magazine dealing with the Boat U.S. Marina Hurricane Preparation Symposium reports on the damage done during hurricane Ivan. It was found that at the Pensacola Shipyard Marine Complex: “Of the boats ashore that were blown over, all were sailboats, and all had their masts still in place. Even with the roller-furling jib removed, a mast creates a tremendous amount of windage. The lines (nylon), used to tie down the hulls stretched, and the jack stands that were supporting the hulls buckled under the tremendous loads. Conversely, the sail boats that had masts removed before the storm, as well as all of the powerboats, remained upright.”

(4) Unless current legislation is amended, pleasure boat owners could be required to obtain a permit to operate their bilge pumps. The permits could cost between \$200 and \$1000 per boat. You can learn more about this and proposed legislation bills H.R. 2830 and H.R. 2550 and request updates as they occur at [www.Gov.Track.us](http://www.Gov.Track.us). The [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com) and [www.boatblue.org](http://www.boatblue.org) are good sources of information. TMTA members are urged to write their government representative and to urge all their customers to do the same. Senator John Warner: [warner.senate.gov/contactme.cfm](http://warner.senate.gov/contactme.cfm). Senator Jim Webb: [webb.senate.gov/contact/](http://webb.senate.gov/contact/) You can find your congressmen at: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

(5) The TMTA board has voted to launch a new membership campaign. All members are urged to bring a prospective member to our next meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is free for your first time guest. In addition, if you know of a boating related business you think should be contacted and asked to join the TMTA, please make it known to Eleanor Cash at the next meeting.

(6) If you can't attend the next meeting, please send one of your employees as your representative. Dinner is free for any substitute you send in your place. Dinner is free for your representative, Please call to confirm.

(7) MARINA RETROFIT, REDESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21-23, 2007

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA MARINA & BOATYARD STUDY TOUR

OCTOBER 23-25, 2007

For more information, please visit [www.marinaassociation.org](http://www.marinaassociation.org), email [imitraining@marinaassociation.org](mailto:imitraining@marinaassociation.org), or call 401-247-0314.

(8) Annual Docks and Marinas Conference at the University of Wisconsin, Madison will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. For more information:  
<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/emaJ173>

(9) New joint venture offers powder anti-fouling coatings. Instead of liquid paint, the polymer formulation is a powder which is applied in a heat treatment and can be used on metal, fiberglass and wood hulls. Info at:  
[www.info@atlanticpowdercoating.com](http://www.info@atlanticpowdercoating.com)

(10) WEB BASED MODELS OF BOATER SPENDING. This system of web-based models allows users to estimate boater spending and the associated economic impacts in terms of jobs, sales, income, and value added associated with the ownership (e.g., craft spending) and use (e.g., trip spending) of different sizes and types of recreational boats. Economic impacts may be estimated for a marina, groups of marinas (eg, in a harbor), a boat access/ launch site, or for all registered power boats and sail boats in a designated region. <http://www.marinaeconomics.com/>

(11) “Like politics, all water access is local” Ryck Lydecker, Boat U S ‘s assistant vice president for governmental affairs, said at the opening of “Water Access 2007”, A National Symposium on Working Waterways and Waterfronts.” Much of the three-day event was spent reviewing and discussing case studies from throughout the country that highlighted actions, which were taken to preserve access and maintain working waterfronts. The hope, the organizers said, was for attendees to take some of the ideas and implement them in their own communities.

(12) There are 34 students enrolled in the Dual Enrolment Marine Trades Program. For details please contact Mark Drexler at the next meeting or email him at:  
[mdrexler@inna.net](mailto:mdrexler@inna.net)

“From the President.....

I hope this letter finds you at the end of a successful and prosperous summer season! The weather has certainly been conducive to boating activities. Now if we can just make it through hurricane season without incident...It is my pleasure to be serving you as President of TMTA for the 2007-2008 term and I look forward to meeting more of you and to working together to address some of the issues that affect us all in the marine industry. Your Board of Directors is also working on a slate of speakers who will bring their knowledge of industry trends and their expertise on a variety of topics of interest to us all. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

To act as an effective unified voice for the marine industry, we need a strong and involved membership. However, I've been troubled by the fact that some have left the organization citing most often that TMTA holds little of value or interest to them. Most of our membership never even make it to a meeting and I suspect they hold similar views. With this in mind, we want to hear from you! You should be hearing from one of us on the Board to find out what it is you like and/or don't like about TMTA and how we can make it better. You may have already been contacted by the time you receive this. We have also opted to begin "snail" mailing the newsletter since many members are apparently not getting the email version for one reason or another.

It is my primary goal as President to ensure that every member gains something from their membership in TMTA. I fully realize that we are all over-worked and understaffed and that between the demands of our business and family, finding time for TMTA is difficult. However, your involvement matters! Without you there is no TMTA and who would be there to lobby for beneficial legislation or against harmful legislation that threatens our livelihood? Second, there are many marine and marine-related businesses in the area who are not members and I would like to bring them on board. I'm continually surprised by the number of individuals who don't even know we exist or if they do they ask "what's in it for me?". One of the best ways to recruit new members is by word-of-mouth and a recommendation from a colleague. So spread the word about TMTA and inform them of the benefits of being a member. Bring them to a meeting to see what we're all about. At the very least they'll get a free meal!

Yours in boating,

Ron Hall"

Thanks!

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