

# News Release



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## **The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Elects its 2014-2015 Officers and Directors and Presents Sponsor Awards**

**Manasquan, NJ** –On April 17, 2014, the Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) held its Annual Dinner & Elections and elected its 2014-2015 Officers & Directors. Fred Brueggemann of Key Harbor Marina & Yacht Sales in Waretown will continue to serve as President of the Association. Walter Johnson, III of Johnson & Towers, Inc. in Mt. Laurel will continue to serve as First Vice President and Don Ditzel of Comstock Yacht Sales & Marina in Brick as Second Vice President. Ed Harrison, III of Baywood Marina in Brick remains the Treasurer and Raymond Bogan of Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan & West in Point Pleasant Beach continues as Secretary.

Rick Castellini of Island Marine Center, LLC in Ocean View was elected and will serve a staggering term. Brian Fischer of MESCO in Thorofare and Greg Wright of John B. Wright Insurance in Manasquan were both re-elected to serve another three year term. The following directors will be continuing their terms: Jim Cerruti of Fair Haven Yacht Works in Fair Haven; Chris Ohrenich of Christopher J. Ohrenich in Cape May and Michael Yachnik of Horizon Marine Group, LLC in Toms River.

Karen Gruppuso of Taylor, Wiseman & Taylor in Toms River was newly appointed by the President to serve as a Nominated Director for a one year term. The following Directors were re-appointed to serve another term: Karen Davidson of Green Cove Marina in Brick; Ray Fernandez of Bridge Marina in Lake Hopatcong; George Fuller of George Fuller's Marine & Machine in Bayville; Ed McCarthy of McCarthy's Marine Sales in Brick and Pat Salinas of Morgan Marina in Parlin.

The active Past Presidents that will continue to serve on the Board include: Ed Harrison, Jr. and Ed Harrison, III of Baywood Marina in Brick; Tom Leaming of Leamings Marina in Waretown; Paul Terzian of Causeway Marine Sales in Manahawkin; Rick Traber of Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood.

The Regional Board of Governor's includes Pat Salinas representing the Northern Region, Tom Leaming representing the Central Region, Chris Ohrenich representing the Southern Region and Ray Fernandez representing the Lake Hopatcong Region.

"I am honored to serve another term as President and would like to thank all of the members of the Association for their support over the years," stated Fred Brueggemann. "I would especially like to thank the Board of Directors for their dedication and time volunteering to help grow and strengthen the Association."

The MTA/NJ also held its Sponsor of the Year Awards at the Annual Dinner. The MTA/NJ established this award ten years ago to show its appreciation and to recognize the leading sponsors and supporters of the Association. This year, the MTA/NJ was pleased to be able to award three very deserving companies sponsorship recognition. The Top Sponsor of the Year awards went to: Interlux Yacht Finishes of Union, John B. Wright Insurance with offices in Waretown and Manasquan, and Travelers Ocean Marine of Edison.

### **About the MTA/NJ**

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry as a whole for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show held in February.