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The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Elects its 2018-2019 Officers and Directors and Presents Sponsor Awards

Manasquan, NJ –On April 19th, 2018, the Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) held its Annual Dinner & Elections at Doolan’s Shore Club in Spring Lake and elected its 2018-2019 Officers & Directors. Jim Cerruti of Fair Haven Yacht Works in Fair Haven will continue his term as President of the Association. Ed McCarthy of McCarthy’s Marine Sales in Brielle will continue to serve as First Vice President, and Brian Fischer of MESCO in Thorofare continues his term as Second Vice President. Ed Harrison, III of Baywood Marina in Brick remains the Treasurer and Raymond Bogan of Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan, West & Steuerman in Point Pleasant Beach continues as Secretary.

The following directors were re-elected to serve another three year term: Rick Castellini of Marine Max Island Marine Center in Ocean View, Ray Fernandez of Bridge Marina, Inc. in Lake Hopatcong, Eric Traber of Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood, Aaron Held of Octopus Yachts: Marine Electrical Systems in Wall, and Greg Wright of John B. Wright Insurance in Manasquan.

Mark Cassidy of Cassidy’s Breton Woods Marina in Brick, George Fuller of George Fuller’s Marine & Machine in Bayville, Karen Gruppuso of Coastal Environmental Consulting, LLC in Toms River, Pat Salinas of Morgan Marina in Parlin, and Debbie Mooers of Grassy Sound Marina in Grassy Sound will continue their terms as directors.

The active Past Presidents that will continue to serve on the Board include: Don Ditzel of Comstock Yacht Sales & Marina in Brick, Fred Brueggemann of Key Harbor Marina & Yacht Sales in Waretown, Ed Harrison, Jr. of Baywood Marina in Brick, Tom Leaming of Leamings Marina in Waretown, Paul Terzian of Causeway Marine Sales in Manahawkin, and Rick Traber of Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood.

The Regional Board of Governors includes Pat Salinas representing the Northern Region, Tom Leaming representing the Central Region, Rick Traber representing the Southern Region, and Ray Fernandez representing the Lake Hopatcong Region.

“As I start my second term as President, it is important to stay vigilant at all times, and be prepared to protect the interests of our members,” stated Jim Cerruti, President. “Operating a business from day to day is difficult enough. On top of that comes the fast pace of change in technology, environmental concerns, and new regulation. The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey not only promotes our

industry to the public through first class boat shows but also helps our members navigate the complex challenges that affect their business.”

Cerruti continued, “The current Board of Directors, active past Presidents, Executive Director and staff are some of the most dedicated professionals that I have had the opportunity to work with on a daily basis. We will continue our efforts to get the message out that the boating lifestyle is a top recreational activity and give our members the resources they need to succeed.”

The MTA/NJ also held its Sponsor of the Year Awards at the Annual Dinner. The MTA/NJ established this award fourteen 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 and incredibly supportive 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 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.