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ABBRA Plans Summer Symposium in Newport, RI

ABBRA to host networking and social event for members and nonmembers

Warren, RI—The American Boat Builders & Repairers Association (ABBRA) is hosting its inaugural Summer Symposium networking and social event at the OceanCliff Hotel in Newport, RI, on August 3 and 4, 2009. **This event is open to both ABBRA members and non-members.**

The ABBRA Summer Symposium promises to be an opportunity for boatyards, boatbuilding and repair businesses, and affiliated marine-industry partners to benefit from such purpose-driven content as panel seminars from industry leaders, attendee-led roundtable discussions on current issues, and a keynote presentation. All events and meals will be hosted in the comfortably elegant OceanCliff Hotel, which has agreed to a reduced hotel rate for event participants.

Full-event registrants may also participate in a field trip visiting two area boatyards to witness regional best practices firsthand. Event-attendees' guests will be able to purchase a reduced guest-registration rate, which allows them access to all symposium meals. As an added source of entertainment, friends and family will be offered reduced-rate tickets to tour historic Newport attractions.

For more information, or to register for the ABBRA Summer Symposium, please call Jessica Slemons at 401-247-0318 or email jslemons@abbra.org.

To benefit from the early rate, please register no later than June 30, 2009.

The American Boat Builders and Repairers Association (ABBRA), founded in 1943, strengthens and encourages professionalism in the boat building and marine service industry by providing its members with timely information, training, education, and business services.

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