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ABBRA Will Hold Regulatory Panel at Summer Symposium

EPA & OSHA representatives to participate in ABBRA's August event.

Warren, RI—The American Boat Builders & Repairers Association (ABBRA) plans to include a regulatory panel at its inaugural Summer Symposium networking and social event. The afternoon session will include representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). ABBRA's Summer Symposium is scheduled for August 3 and 4, 2009, at the OceanCliff Hotel in Newport, RI. This event is open to both ABBRA members and non-members.

"ABBRA has created this panel of regulatory representatives to address attendees and field their questions regarding the policies that affect repair, service and boat building professionals," says Doug Domenie, ABBRA President. "The session will provide an opportunity for all attendees to leave with their questions answered, and for representatives to explain the beneficial services they provide."

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 the regulatory panel mentioned above as well as attendee-led roundtable discussions on current issues and a closing keynote presentation by renowned legal advisor to the marine industry, Dennis Nixon. 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 participants will also be registered for 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. **Sign up by June 30, 2009, to benefit from ABBRA's pre-registration reduced conference rate.**

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

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