

VP Todd Roberts Awarded San Diego Metropolitan's 40 Under 40

(Chula Vista, Calif., Sept. 1, 2008): At age 35, Todd Roberts has accomplished quite a lot -- from serving as a port captain and vessel manager to designing yachts to redeveloping a major international boatyard in San Diego's South Bay. In recognition of his accomplishments, Roberts, vice president of Marine Group Boat Works, has been selected by *San Diego Metropolitan* as part of San Diego's ninth annual "40 under 40" honor roll for 2008. Roberts will be featured in the September issue of *San Diego Metropolitan*, as well as its Web site. All of the honorees will also be acknowledged during the "40 Under 40" awards luncheon on Sept. 25.

About Todd Roberts

By the age of 22, Roberts was already a licensed captain. By the age of 24, he had become the director of operations for the Star and Crescent Boat Co. dba San Diego Harbor Excursion, San Diego's oldest waterfront charter and harbor touring company. One of his main accomplishments there was designing two yachts. Shortly after working at The Marine Group, Roberts spearheaded a multi-million dollar initiative to renovate the facility, making it San Diego's premier boat and superyacht repair and refit destination. Most recently, he is overseeing the construction of a second Marine Group facility in Cabos San Lucas.

"Todd is an embodiment of Marine Group Boat Works' internal values." said Herb Engel, president of The Marine Group. "His exceptional work ethic, knowledge of the industry and passion to maintain first-rate services reinforce The Marine Group's commitment to unparalleled quality and craftsmanship for our customers."

In addition to his position with The Marine Group, Roberts also serves as port captain and vessel manager for the motoryacht *PANACHE* and has maintained his relationship with San Diego Harbor Excursion as its director of special projects. Roberts also volunteers his time to the California Maritime Academy Foundation.

Striving for excellent service is at the core of The Marine Group's mission, as led by Roberts. As such, the boatyard was also awarded *bizSanDiego Magazine's* Top 10 Fastest Growing Company Award for 2008, and Roberts was featured on the magazine's April cover.

Additionally, Roberts has been a Little League coach for three years and a supportive husband to his wife, Andrea, and father to his two children, Parker, 8, and Jillian, 6.

About Marine Group Boat Works

Marine Group Boat Works is a full-service, world-class boat and superyacht repair facility located on San Diego Bay. The modern facility's services include repair, retrofit, conversion and custom painting for yachts, superyachts, military and commercial vessels up to 665 tons. Since the expansion of the facility, The Marine Group has serviced prominent vessels including the ANDROMEDA LA DEA, TAMSEN, MORNING GLORY, RONIN, ROYAL EAGLE, ORION, BIG EAGLE, BANDIDO and many others. For more information, visit www.marinegroupboatworks.com or call (800) 281-5565 or (619) 427-6767.

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