

News Release

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Marine Group Boat Works Finalist for BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics and Workboat Environmental Award

*Southern California Boat and Superyacht Repair Facility recognized
For Ethical Business Practices and Comprehensive Environmental Program*

(Chula Vista, Calif., December 9, 2009): Marine Group Boat Works, a boat and superyacht repair facility located along the San Diego Bay, was recognized by the San Diego Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics for its outstanding business practices and by the Workboat Environmental Award for its contribution to greening the environment.

"It's a natural practice to treat things you deem valuable with the utmost care and respect whether it's at home, in the workplace or regarding the environment," said Todd Roberts, vice president of Marine Group Boat Works. "It's inspiring to be recognized for implementing such a simple philosophy."

The BBB Torch Award acknowledges companies that meet exceptional business standards and contribute to maintaining a fair and honorable marketplace. During the process of choosing recipients for the award, the BBB examines four areas: management practices, community relations, communications and marketing practices, and industry reputation. Seven companies and one non-profit organization were awarded winners of the award and Marine Group Boat Works was among eleven other finalists announced at the Town and Country Resort and Hotel in Mission Valley.

While the BBB examines the overall importance of ethical business practices, the Workboat Environmental Award hones in on organizations that exemplify innovative and effective environmental initiatives in daily business operations. Award recipients are chosen based on its sustainable practices; innovation towards environmental stewardship and compliance with environmental regulations and requirements.

To apply for the Workboat Environmental Award, Marine Group Boat Works submitted an essay talking about its curbed storm drain system where 100% runoff is captured in a 60,000-gallon storage tank and the 665-Travelift which allows them to lift vessels onto land and perform work away from the water to avoid pollutants from entering the bay. Projects that require sandblasting/painting are shrink-wrapped to prevent debris from entering the air. The company also has a recycling program that recycles metals, plastics, cardboard and paper. In addition, Marine Group Boat Works participates in bay clean-ups, copper-free bottom paint services and other various environmental programs throughout the community.

About Better Business Bureau

BBB is the authority on trust in the marketplace. BBB sets and upholds high standards for ethical marketplace behavior. BBB accreditation is a coveted honor earned by elite businesses and charities. BBB is the preeminent resource to turn to for objective, unbiased information on businesses and charities. Our free BBB Reliability Reports and BBB Wise Giving Reports help you make the right purchasing or donation decision. BBB is also a significant distributor of consumer and business education information and tips and alerts about marketplace scams. BBB also offers dispute resolution programs for consumers and businesses when there is difference in viewpoints.

The first BBB was founded in 1912. Today, 124 BBB's serve communities across the U.S. and Canada, evaluating and monitoring more than 3 million local and national businesses and charities.

About Workboat

WorkBoat Magazine is the leading publication written for workboat professionals on inland and coastal waterways. Each month, WorkBoat Magazine features detailed coverage of the boats, technology, regulations, economics, and operations that directly relate to Workboat professionals.

WorkBoat Magazine is the leading sponsor for the International Workboat Show in New Orleans and is the presenter of The WorkBoat Environmental Awards, now in its second year. The Workboat Environmental Awards recognize businesses and government agencies operating in the U.S. maritime industry that have successfully incorporated environmentally sustainable practices into their operations.

About Marine Group Boat Works

Marine Group Boat Works is a full-service boat and superyacht repair facility with locations along the San Diego Bay and Los Cabos (scheduled to open 2010). The facility's services include repair, retrofit, conversion and custom painting for boats, superyachts and government and commercial vessels up to 220 feet long. Marine Group Boat Works has been featured on The History Channel's "Modern Marvels" for having the largest Travelift in the nation at a 665-ton lift capacity. In 2008, the boatyard was awarded Fastest Growing Company by bizSanDiego Magazine and San Diego Business Journal for its 88% increase in revenues. Marine Group Boat Works has serviced superyachts including MR. TERRIBLE, RONIN, TAMSEN, MORNING GLORY, BOSSY BOOTS, ORION and BANDIDO; sportfishers including TALISMAN and CIELO MARE; commercial vessels for companies including Foss Maritime, Evans Hotels and San Diego Harbor Excursion; and government vessels for agencies including the U.S. Navy, Port of San Diego, U.S. Coast Guard and San Diego Harbor Police. For more information, visit www.marinegroupbw.com and www.marinegroupcabo.com.