

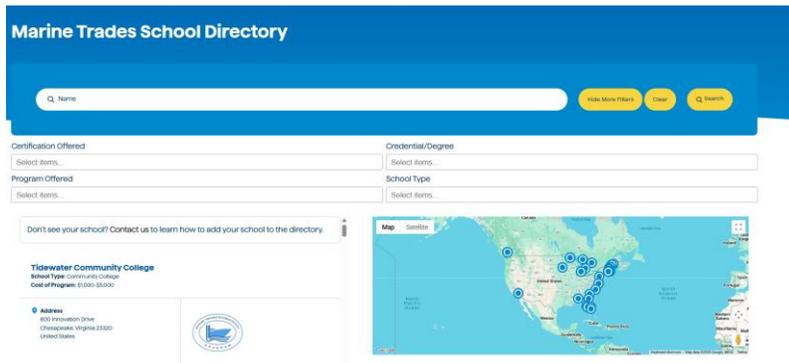


American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC)
613 Third St. Suite 10 • Annapolis, M.D. 21403
410-990-4460 • www.abycinc.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media contact: Shannon Aronson, saronson@abycinc.org, 410.990.4460 x105

Photos: https://abycinc.org/PRassets_schooldirectory



Students around the world are preparing for careers in the marine industry. The first-ever ABYC Marine Trades School Directory helps future techs navigate the path to the right educational program

ABYC Launches New Marine Trades School Directory

New school directory helps students explore marine training programs and build the next generation of technicians

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 29, 2025) – The American Boat and Yacht Council has announced the launch of the Marine Trades School Directory, the first and only marine-industry-specific resource designed to help students, parents and industry professionals search for educational programs.

The online directory, available at abycinc.org/schooldirectory, currently features more than 30 schools. Users can filter by program offerings, cost range, available certifications, prerequisites and whether a school holds an ABYC Marine Trades Accreditation.

“We regularly receive calls from individuals looking for training programs, and now we have a centralized resource to guide them to the experience they want, whether that be a full college program or targeted industry training,” said Sarah Devlin, ABYC accreditation director.

The Marine Trades School Directory was built using ABYC’s database as well as resources from BoatUS, the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association and Yamaha. ABYC encourages all marine associations to share the directory and ensure schools in their regions are represented. Schools not currently listed are invited to complete a free survey at teachboats.org.

As more schools submit information, ABYC plans to publish a benchmark report showcasing student demographics, program costs, available certifications and enrollment trends. Participating schools will receive a copy of the report at no cost.

“Workforce development is a priority for the marine industry, and like last week’s International Marine Service Technician Week, this is one of ABYC’s many initiatives to strengthen the pipeline for skilled technicians,” Devlin said. “The directory is not only a tool for students, but also a valuable resource for marine businesses looking to connect with schools for future hiring needs.”

For more information and to explore the Marine Trades School Directory, visit abycinc.org/schooldirectory.

###

Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipment, repair and maintenance. The essential global source of marine industry technical information, ABYC's product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and other tools help members make boating safer.