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ABYC Launches Online Course for New Boatyard Employees

"Introduction to Boatyard Basics" helps new general-labor employees build core skills and emphasizes safety

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Oct. 15, 2025) – The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has launched a new online course, "[Introduction to Boatyard Basics](https://abycinc.org/PRasset_BoatyardBasics)," designed to help newcomers build confidence and skills as they begin rewarding careers in the marine industry.

Boatyards across the country offer a variety of opportunities for both experienced workers and those just entering the field. With an aging workforce, the industry is looking for new talent ready to learn, grow and

build lasting careers in the trades. This course helps those hired for general-labor positions businesses by providing a strong foundation for onboarding and orientation.

“Boatyard jobs are plentiful and can’t be sent overseas or replaced by AI,” said Tim Murphy, ABYC education director. “Beyond steady work, these roles offer community, camaraderie and a connection to the waterfront. New neuroscience has demonstrated heightened well-being among people who solve problems with their hands. There’s never been a better time to build a career in the boatyard.”

“Introduction to Boatyard Basics” provides an overview of common general-labor tasks in boatyards, the responsibilities of new employees and what employers look for in team members. It covers day-to-day expectations, while emphasizing safety, professionalism and environmental responsibility that define successful workplaces. Learners also gain insight into specialized roles that may become available as they gain experience.

Topics include:

- Antifouling preparation and coating
- Corrosion protection through anode replacement
- Detailing painted and gelcoated composite surfaces
- Shrink-wrapping for transport or seasonal storage
- Developing safe working practices
- Applying environmentally responsible working practices

For more information about “Introduction to Boatyard Basics,” visit abycinc.org/onlinelearning.

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Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipage, 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.