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ABYC Foundation Hosts Free Educator Forum

Upcoming meeting on November 13 brings together marine service teachers and industry leaders to discuss resources and opportunities

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Oct. 28, 2025) - The ABYC Foundation will host an online [Educator Forum](#) on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, offering an afternoon of collaboration and discussion for high school and post-secondary educators, industry trainers, and administrators involved in marine service technology programs.

This free online event provides a valuable platform to share challenges, explore available resources, and discuss opportunities to prepare students for rewarding marine industry careers. Industry professionals are also invited to participate and learn how to collaborate with schools and build a talent pipeline of career-ready students.

The ABYC Foundation is encouraging the marine industry to help spread the word about this event to local schools.

"The Educator Forum is about building connections that strengthen marine education programs and, ultimately, our industry's workforce," said Sarah Devlin, ABYC Foundation Accreditation Director. "Whether a school already

offers a marine service program or is just getting started, this event offers practical insights and tools to help them succeed.”

The agenda includes:

- Open Discussion for Educators: Exchange ideas, challenges, and solutions with peers—an interactive session that has sparked many of ABYC’s recent education initiatives.
- Notes from SkillsUSA: Learn how to get involved in SkillsUSA and hear insights from David Broadbent, ABYC’s Senior Director of Business Development and new National Marine Service Competition Technical Chair.
- West Marine Pro and Your Students: Discover how ABYC’s partnership with West Marine Pro gives students access to professional accounts and industry discounts.
- What’s New in ABYC Education: Tim Murphy and Mike Bonicker share updates on ABYC’s growing curriculum, including *Advanced Marine Systems Technology* and *Intro to Boatyard Basics*.

To learn more and register free, please visit www.teachboats.org.

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