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A "Bigger Than Ever" Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo Cruises into FirstEnergy Park Next Week

Manasquan, New Jersey – Just around the corner is the 6th Annual <u>Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo</u> that is slated to get underway at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws from September 19th through September 21st. This popular and family oriented boat show is produced by the Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) and is a highlight of the fall boating season offering an amazing array of the industry's top selling brands in a fabulous setting.

With New Jersey's boating opportunities including more than 120 miles of ocean coastline, large saltwater bays, navigable rivers and numerous freshwater lakes, nothing compares to getting on the water with family and friends. Memories are made when you are on the water whether fishing, cruising, water skiing or simply anchored in a secluded cove enjoying the serenity of being so close to nature. If you have ever dreamed of owning a boat and getting on the water at first light, or watching the sun set as the water laps against the hull, owning a boat is a unique experience the whole family will enjoy for a lifetime.

The Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo is an excellent place to get started with a grand fleet of boats, which cater to every lifestyle and every budget. As boat shows go, this MTA/NJ event is particularly inviting for several reasons. For starters, more than 25 dealers in attendance will offer a broad selection of new, just introduced 2015 models. In addition, many dealers will also have an array of 2014 models with attractive end of season pricing and special offers.

Unlike any other boat show around, there will also be a fleet of well cared for previously loved boats that will be displayed in a separate area, an ideal option for the budget minded boating family or first-time boat buyer.

This year's show will be the biggest one yet with nearly 300 boats representing more than 60 of boating's best brands all in one place and available for your personal inspections including: *Angler, AquaPatio, Avalon, Bennington, Bentley, Berkshire, Boston Whaler, Bryant, Caravelle, Carolina Classic, Carolina Skiff, Chaparral, Cobalt, Cobia, Contender, Crestliner, Crownline, Cruisers Sport Series, Cutwater, Defiance, Edgewater, Formula, Four Winns, Fun Chaser, Glastron, Grady-White, Hurricane, Hydra-Sports, JC TriToon, Kawasaki, Key Largo, Key West, Livingston, Maycraft,*

Monterey, NauticStar, Parker, Premier, Pro Line, Ranger Tug, Razor, Regal, Regulator, Robalo, SanPan, Sea Chaser, Sea Fox, SeaHunt, Southwind, Sportsman, SteigerCraft, Stingray, Sundance, Sweetwater, Sweetwater Premium, Sylvan, Tidewater, Veranda, Wellcraft, World Cat, Yamaha & Zodiac.

Friendly and helpful dealers will be on hand answering your questions, providing valuable information and offering advice on choosing the right boat for your needs.

A boater's marketplace located outside and inside the stadium will offer attendees a chance to shop for marine equipment, electronics, professional services and more. And while you are busy poring over the boats on display, your little skippers will stay occupied and entertained with their very own nautical activities and attractions in the popular Kids Cove, sponsored by the Lakewood BlueClaws and the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium. New for this year, children 4 to 12-years old will get their chance to Run the Bases on a genuine Minor League baseball field both Saturday and Sunday.

The MTA/NJ is a tireless advocate for the promotion of boating in New Jersey. So to top this superb selection of new and pre-owned boats, boater's marketplace, family activities and knowledgeable retailers to answer questions and steer you in the right direction, you also can count on a most modest \$4 admission charge per person with children under 12 admitted for free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is free.

"This boat show is unique from the other shows in many ways. It is centrally located in Ocean County, which is home to many of New Jersey's boat dealers so the boats on display are there to fit the needs and wants of the boaters of New Jersey," stated Fred Brueggemann, MTA/NJ President. "No other boat show offers so much value, selection and convenience for the consumer."

The 2014 Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo is sponsored by PineBelt Enterprises, Inc. and Travelers Ocean Marine Insurance.

Event details including directions, a current list of exhibitors and show highlights can be found at <u>JerseyBoatExpo.com</u>.

Show Hours: Friday 11 AM – 6 PM Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

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All proceeds from the event return to the MTA/NJ to support its efforts to promote, advance, and protect the recreational boating industry in New Jersey.

About the MTA/NJ

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry as a whole for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at

the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show held in February.