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The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Elects its 2020-2021 Officers and Directors

Brielle, NJ – After the cancellation of their Annual Dinner and Elections due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Marine Trades Association of NJ (MTA/NJ) held a virtual election to select their 2020-2021 Officers & Directors. Ed McCarthy of McCarthy's Marine Sales will continue his term as President of the Association. Greg Wright of John B. Wright Insurance in Manasquan will continue to serve as First Vice President, and George Fuller of George Fuller's Marine & Machine in Bayville will remain Second Vice President. Ed Harrison, III of Baywood Marina in Brick remains the Treasurer and Raymond Bogan of Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan, West & Steuermaier in Point Pleasant Beach continues as Secretary. Jim Cerruti of Fair Haven Yacht Works in Fair Haven will stay on the board as Immediate Past President.

Jerry Bench of Win-Tron Electronics in Manasquan was appointed to the board as a new director. The following directors were re-elected to serve another two-year term: Ray Fernandez of Bridge Marina, Inc. in Lake Hopatcong, Eric Traber of Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood, Aaron Held of Octopus Yachts: Marine Electrical Systems in Wall, and Brian Houf of MESCO in Thorofare.

Colleen Blake of All Points Marina in Point Pleasant Beach, Mark Cassidy of Cassidy's Breton Woods Marina in Brick, Karen Gruppuso of Coastal Environmental Consulting, LLC in Toms River, Debbie Mooers of Grassy Sound Marina in Grassy Sound, and Pat Salinas of Morgan Marina in Parlin will all continue their terms as directors.

The active Past Presidents that will continue to serve on the Board include: Don Ditzel of Comstock Yacht Sales & Marina in Brick, Fred Brueggemann of Key Harbor Marina & Yacht Sales in Waretown, Ed Harrison, Jr. of Baywood Marina in Brick, Tom Leaming of Leamings Marina in Waretown, Paul Terzian of Causeway Marine Sales in Manahawkin, and Rick Traber of Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood.

“Having been in the marine business for over 60 years, I thought I had seen just about every challenge the industry could face but this is new territory for us all,” stated Ed McCarthy, MTA/NJ President. “I am honored to continue to serve as President of the Association and be a part of an organization that is working tirelessly to support our members and protect our industry. I am confident that we will all get through this difficult time together and be even stronger than ever.”



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 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.