



BLUE SEA SYSTEMS' WAYNE KELSOE RECEIVES ABYC CERTIFICATION, APPOINTED
TO ABYC BATTERY SWITCH SUB COMMITTEE

Blue Sea Systems has announced that Wayne Kelsoe, vice president of research & development, has completed the stringent Electrical Certification Program offered by the ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council), the organization responsible for developing and updating the voluntary safety standards for boatbuilding and repair in the United States.

The ABYC Marine Technician's Certification Program is the only national program of its kind to offer standards-based, continuing technical education. As a leader in marine electrical products and a company that's committed to improving boating safety, Blue Sea Systems regularly enrolls members of its technical staff in the ABYC electrical courses. To receive certification, Kelsoe had to demonstrate a practical knowledge of standards, boat wiring, systems and products. "This was a very comprehensive course of study followed by a very challenging certification test, and we're extremely proud of Wayne's achievement," said David Johnson, vice president of sales and marketing for Blue Sea Systems.

Even prior to undergoing this rigorous program, Kelsoe was an experienced engineer and, obviously, an ardent student of technical subjects. Kelsoe's credentials include an MS in Electrical Engineering, a state Professional Engineers License and over 30 years of electrical product design.

In addition to receiving ABYC Certification, Kelsoe was also recently appointed to the Battery Switch Sub Committee of the ABYC Electrical Technical Committee. As such, his knowledge and experience will play an important role in developing future safety standards for marine battery switches, with a goal of making boating safer and more enjoyable for all.

The practical application of Blue Sea Systems' expertise can be seen in the company's ongoing work with industry and government agencies to establish improved standards and product ratings based on real-world applications. In a recent article published in the June/July 2004 issue of *Professional Boatbuilder*, industry veteran Nigel Calder praised Blue Sea Systems' development of a new battery switch engine-starting standard, which is more representative of the load imposed on a battery switch during a typical engine starting cycle than the current standard of LJL 1107. Blue Sea Systems presented this standard to address discrepancies between ABYC standards and UL standards, and it's currently being evaluated and tested.

"Continuing education, such as the ABYC Marine Technician's Certification Program, will always play an important role in our corporate philosophy," said Johnson. "It is part of our commitment to providing better products to customers and better technical and design support for boat builders."

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