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## ABYC Updates 2009 Schedule of Certifications and Seminars

**February 25, 2009, Annapolis, MD:** The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC), a leader in technical workforce training, education and certification programs for marine industry, has updated its 2009 schedule of certification and seminar courses. Updated dates, locations and course descriptions can be found at [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org).

In addition to scheduled training, ABYC also offers flat-rate, on-site training courses, seminars and custom tailored technical education and training offerings that can be hosted at any location upon request - both nationally and internationally. ABYC has partnered with several marine trade associations to bring on-site training to their members at a reduced rate. The Maine Marine Trades Association (MMTA) and the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) are two organizations that are taking advantage of the on-site training program. For 2009, the MMTA has decided to sponsor four on-site classes for their members, and the NMTA is scheduling classes for 2009 - 2010.

Registration information and detailed descriptions for any of the courses can be found at [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org), or to host an ABYC course at your facility, contact the ABYC Education department at (410) 990-4460.

### ABYC Certification & Seminars – 2009

Month	Days	Seminar/Certification	Location
March	3 – 6	Diesel Engines Certification	Mystic, CT
March	10 – 13	Marine Corrosion Certification	Norfolk, VA
March	10 – 13	Electrical Certification	Astoria, OR
March	24 – 27	Electrical Certification	Jacksonville, FL
March	24 – 27	Diesel Engine & Support Systems Certification – <i>sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association</i>	Thomaston, ME
March	24 – 27	Electrical Certification	Jacksonville, FL
April	7 – 10	Electrical Certification	Annapolis, MD
May	5 – 7	ABYC Standards Certification	Mystic, CT
May	12 – 15	Marine Systems Certification	Miramar, FL

June	3 – 5	ABYC Standards Certification	Tampa, FL
September	8 – 10	ABYC Standards Certification	Annapolis, MD
September	8 – 11	Marine Corrosion Certification – <i>sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association</i>	Thomaston, ME
September	15 – 18	Marine Systems Certification	Seattle, WA
September	22 – 25	Marine Corrosion Certification	Jacksonville, FL
October	6 – 9	Electrical Certification	Philadelphia, PA
October	20 – 23	Diesel Engine & Support Systems Certification	Miramar, FL
October	20 – 23	Marine Corrosion Certification – <i>sponsored by the Northwest Marine Trade Association</i>	Location TBD
November	3 – 5	Gasoline Engine & Support Systems Seminar – <i>sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association</i>	Thomaston, ME
November	3 – 6	Marine Corrosion Certification	Miramar, FL
November	3 – 6	Marine Systems Certification	Nashville, TN
November	10 – 12	ABYC Standards Certification	Mystic, CT
November	10 – 13	Diesel Engines & Support Systems Certification	Annapolis, MD
November	17 – 19	Basic Marine Electrical	Mystic, CT
November	17 – 20	Marine Corrosion Certification	Portland, OR
December	1 – 4	Marine Systems Certification – <i>sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association</i>	Thomaston, ME
December	1 – 4	Electrical Certification	Miramar, FL
December	8 – 11	Marine Corrosion Certification	Mystic, CT
December	15 – 18	AC & Refrigeration Certification	Miramar, FL

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for over 50 years. ABYC is actively involved with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as education and certification programs for marine technicians. These standards are available on CD-ROM, online (*Web-STIR* and *ABYC Standards Powered by Rulefinder.net*) and in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by visiting the ABYC web site at [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org).