

## ABYC ANNOUNCES COMPONENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**Annapolis, MD** – The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC), the nonprofit organization responsible for developing global safety standards for the marine industry, announced a new component certification program that confirms the compliance of tested samples of marine components with the performance requirements in the current applicable ABYC standards.

ABYC has partnered with the International Marine Certification Institute (IMCI), an independent accredited certification body, to administer the component certification program globally. Components with valid certificates will gain approved marketing usage of the '[Certified to ABYC Standards](#)' logo as well as increased visibility through an online certified component listing.

“Today’s customer demands products and services that are high quality, reliable, consistent, and safe, but many don’t realize that there are [few Federal regulations](#) for the design and construction of recreational boats and their components,” said Craig Scholten, ABYC technical vice president. “This new component certification program adds confidence to the supply chain integrity by having third party verification that components have indeed been tested and comply with the latest ABYC safety standards.”

Component manufacturers have two options available for component testing:

**Option 1:** Select an IMCI-approved laboratory for component testing.

**Option 2:** Gain in-house laboratory component testing approval through IMCI’s laboratory assessment program. Once the in-house laboratory is approved for conformance with IMCI laboratory procedures, the component manufacturer can proceed with testing and submit test reports for component certification.

Laboratories can conduct tests to multiple requirements, providing test reports for compliance to both ABYC and International Organization for Standards (ISO) standards. IMCI will provide certificates declaring compliance to ABYC standards and also for ISO compliance.

To learn more about the program and to access application forms visit [www.imci.org/66](http://www.imci.org/66).

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