

**Massachusetts Marine Trades Association Workforce
Solutions
Amendment 301 Passes the 2019 Senate Budget**

Last week Amendment #301 to the Senate Budget Sponsored by Senator Humason and Co-sponsored by Senator's Tarr, deMacedo, Cyr, Feeney, O'Connor, Brownsberger, Moore, Boncore, Welch, Ross, Gobi & Pacheco was adopted to support workforce solutions within the recreational boating industry in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA) would like to express our appreciation to all 13 Senators for their support and leadership for this very important amendment for the recreational boating industry in Massachusetts. In addition we would like to thank our members for your support in reaching out to your local Senators to help support this amendment.

The recreational boating industry in Massachusetts has an economic impact of over \$2 billion dollars and employs over 11,000 men and women. The industry is currently facing a substantial workforce shortage in Massachusetts and on a national level. This amendment will go a long way in helping the MMTA fill the workforce demands of the boating industry in Massachusetts and specifically help work more with our members, educational partners and job seekers. Amendment 301 will now go to Conference Committee vote (3 House members / 3 Senate members) and then on to the Governor. We will keep you updated with more information as we move forward.