

Landing School set to Receive ABYC Foundation Donation of 2 Outboard Engines

Evinrude and ABYC have partnered to donate engines and teaching tools to schools like ours in 2019. Through an application process, we were able to secure the donation of two 250HP outboards for the Marine Systems program. The engines will come with diagnostic tools and access to Evinrude online technical manuals and its in-house technician forum.

The Massachusetts Trades Association provided assistance for Marine Systems Instructor Josh Mingels to attend an ABYC training conference in Annapolis. Josh said that the projected need for new technicians next year is about 18,000. The industry partners at the conference confirmed the need for qualified help and all seem willing to take on people with even basic skills, as well as help them continue their education. The outboard engines and curriculum around using diagnostic tools to problem shoot and repair engines will be a welcome addition to the Marine Systems line-up and help prepare students for the jobs waiting in the industry.

Josh had a chance to review the new textbook published by ABYC, *Fundamentals of Marine Service Technology*, that they call a comprehensive training program geared toward secondary and post-secondary education. He sees the book, engines, teaching aids, sample tests, and updated resources available to both instructors and students as important additions to the Marine Systems program at The Landing School