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**ABYC and Transport Canada Announce One Set of Marine Safety Standards Throughout  
North America**

*One Standard, One Continent*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** – Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security (TCMSS) has published a policy on the acceptance of ABYC standards as an approved alternative method for small vessel compliance in Canada. The policy is effective as of Oct. 30, 2019.

“Having one set of standards throughout North America is a huge benefit for engineering, manufacturing and trade for the marine industry,” said Craig Scholten, ABYC Technical VP. “Being able to design, certify and produce product to one standard will streamline and simplify everyone’s efforts.”

TCMSS will accept the equivalent standards published by ABYC with some Canadian modifications. The policy affects pleasure craft less than 24 meters and other craft of not more than 15 gross tonnage constructed, manufactured or rebuilt in, or imported into Canada.

The details of the acceptance policy are available on Transport Canada’s website; <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/acceptance-alternative-construction-requirements-small-vessels.html>

ABYC remains very active in international compliance support and continues to broaden the harmonizing of ABYC standards around the world. You can contact Craig Scholten at [cscholten@abycinc.org](mailto:cscholten@abycinc.org) to learn more how ABYC can support your organization in the ever changing world of global product compliance. Visit [www.abycinc.org/technicaltoolbox](http://www.abycinc.org/technicaltoolbox) to find ABYC’s compliance resources.

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Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipment, repair and maintenance. The essential global source of marine industry technical information, ABYC’s product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and technical tools help members make boating safer.