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Massachusetts Marine Trades Association Awarded MTA Technical Scholarship

TAMPA, FL, December 11, 2019 — The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA) has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Marine Trade Association Technical Scholarship, announced the MRAA Educational Foundation. The scholarship was presented to Randall Lyons, President of the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA), on Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, as part of the Dealer Week Awards Luncheon in Tampa, Fla.

The MRAA Educational Foundation's MTA Technical Scholarship funds will be distributed through MMTA's existing William Armstrong Scholarship Awards. Bill Armstrong was a boat dealer on the south shore of Massachusetts and an original member of the MMTA as well as serving on its board of directors. Bill felt strongly that education and training are the key instruments of advancing careers.

These awards may be given to a Massachusetts resident who is a high school senior or graduate pursuing an education or training at a qualified institute of higher learning, with the intent of entering or continuing to work in the recreational marine industry in Massachusetts up to fifteen hundred dollars may be awarded to a recipient.

Initially underwritten by the OMC Foundation and now made possible by industry donations, the purpose of the MTA Technical Scholarship is to offer financial assistance for technical training of current and prospective dealership personnel. Applying marine trade associations must show evidence of plans to offer a scholarship for technical training of marine dealership personnel in the year ahead and commit to matching the \$1,500 scholarship provided to the association, should they be selected.

"The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association shares our dedication to helping marine businesses train and grow their employees," says Matt Lodder of Lodder's Marine and the MRAA Educational Foundation Board of Directors. "We are proud to be able to support their efforts through this scholarship."

About MRAA Educational Foundation

As part of its mission to create a strong and healthy boating industry, the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas is committed to offering training, education and professional development opportunities to its members and the entire marine dealer community. In 2004, the association launched the MRAA

Educational Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 corporation, to provide financial support for education, training and professional development in the recreational marine trades. For more information or to donate to support the foundation's mission, visit MRAA.com/foundation.