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**ABYC Publishes Annually Updated Boat Building and Repair Standards**

**ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 3, 2020** – The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) published its 60<sup>th</sup> supplement of *Standards and Technical Information Reports for Small Craft*, which provides the marine industry with the latest in boat building and repair standards.

“This year’s supplement contains a much anticipated technical information report on lithium ion batteries, which provides valuable and much needed guidance to the industry on this growing technology,” said ABYC technical director Brian Goodwin.

“New technology was also addressed in the area of electric/electronic steering and propulsion control. Responding to market trends, the new standard, P-28, now addresses dynamic positioning, joysticks, and wireless controls.”

ABYC members can access the standards on ABYC’s website via the standards library. The online standards library includes an overview document that highlights the major changes in supplement 60. Additional technical tools found on ABYC’s website include: summary of changes at the beginning of each standard, an updated compliance audit checklist, updated test templates, and an online webinar reviewing supplement 60.

**New and revised standards and technical information reports:**

**Standards**

- A-14, *Gasoline and Propane Gas Detection Systems*
- A-23, *Sound Signal Appliances* -- **Technical Amendment**
- A-24, *Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Alarms*
- A-31, *Battery Chargers and Inverters*
- A-33, *Emergency Engine/Propulsion Cutoff Devices* -- **Technical Amendment**
- H-4, *Cockpit Drainage Systems*
- H-22, *Electric Bilge Pump Systems*
- H-23, *Water Systems on Boats*
- H-31, *Seat Structures*
- P-14, *Mechanical Propulsion Control Systems*
- P-28, *Electric/Electronic Control Systems for Propulsion and Steering* -- **New**
- S-7, *Boat Capacity Labels*
- S-33, *On-Water Engine Emissions Testing* – **New**

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### **Technical Information Reports**

TE-13, *Lithium Ion Batteries -- New*

TH-29, *Sewage Systems*

TY-28, *Boat Lifting and Storage*

ABYC standards are continuously researched, developed, and revised by over 400 volunteer technical experts and marine professionals participating in Project Technical Committees (PTCs). All are welcome to have a voice in the standards development process. Visit [ABYC's website](#) to learn how to get involved.

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