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CT MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION ROLLS OUT CLEAN MARINA PROGRAM

(Essex, CT) – The Connecticut Marine Trades Association (CMTA) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) announced today that the organization will re-launch the successful Clean Marina Program this week.

The program is designed for each participating marina to adhere to a series of regulatory benchmarks and operational best management practices designed to keep facilities in full compliance and to promote a cleaner water and healthier waterfront environment.

Each facility who passes a checklist of activities and receives approval from a certified professional will receive a Clean Marina Flag and will be listed as participating Clean Marinas.

The program was originally developed over a decade ago with input from all parties, public and private and administered by DEEP. Personnel changes and staff reductions at DEEP required that the program be administered by different methods and the two groups came together.

“This is a great example of how the public and private sectors can work in conjunction to achieve and maintain quality standards”, said Kathleen Burns, Executive Director of CMTA. “We have worked with DEEP to finalize this updated document and standards.”

“This is a smart partnership,” said DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee. “Long Island Sound is a precious economic and recreational resource and the continuity of the Clean Marina program will encourage voluntary environmental compliance at marinas and boatyards.”

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About Connecticut Marine Trades Association (CMTA): The CMTA is a not - for - profit trade association representing boating and related marine industries throughout Connecticut, from the Long Island Sound to the state’s rivers and lakes. Founded in 1954, the CMTA has over 320 member businesses and is dedicated to the well - being of the industry by promoting the interests of recreational boating, improving industry conditions, monitoring legislative and regulatory issues, and advancing boating education throughout the state