The Landing School selects John Adey of ABYC as Commencement Speaker

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The Landing School is pleased to announce that John Adey, President of the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC), has been selected as their 2013 commencement keynote speaker. The Landing School's graduation will be held on June 15 and in addition to Mr. Adey's speech will feature a variety of events including christening of the fleet, school tours and presentation of diplomas and Associate degrees.

Adey joined ABYC in 2002 after owning and operating a marine supply and fishing tackle business in New Jersey. He was also involved in marina management and brokerage services. An ABYC Certified Master Technician, Adey is widely respected for his far-reaching technical expertise in boat construction as well as his ability to work with diverse interests in the recreational boating arena.

In addition to serving as ABYC's President, Adey serves on a wide range of industry committees including Underwriters Laboratories, the National Fire Protection Association, the National Marine Manufacturer's Association, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and ISO's Small Craft Technical Committee. He also writes "Ask the Experts" replies for BoatUS Magazine and is a frequent presenter at boating conferences.

Adey previously served as Technical Director managing major boating safety grants for the U.S. Coast Guard and overseeing boating standards development. He was promoted to Vice President in 2009 and appointed President in March, 2012. He has a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a specialty in nonprofit organization management.

"We are tremendously pleased that John has accepted our invitation to speak at The Landing School's commencement," said Landing School President Bob DeColfmacker. "John can speak to these students in a language that they understand, with a focus on the skills, dedication and passion that is needed to be successful both in life and as professionals in the marine industry."

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to talk with these students as they begin a new chapter of their lives," said Mr. Adey. "I remember when I was new to this industry and so excited about
all of the possibilities that awaited me. I share their passion for all things boating and hope that my experience can offer them some insight as to what they can accomplish in their own careers."

About ABYC

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) was created in 1954 as a non-profit organization to develop safety standards for the design, construction, equipage, repair and maintenance of boats. The mission of ABYC is to improve boating safety and reduce the number of injuries and fatalities. Membership is recommended and rewarded. For more information, visit www.abycinc.org.

The Landing School

Headquartered in Arundel, Maine, The Landing School is a full-time post-secondary school that blends education in modern yacht design, boat building and marine systems technology under one roof. Founded in 1978, The School's inaugural program focused on Wooden Boat Building. Today, the school has grown to incorporate diploma and Associate's degree curriculums with concentrations in five programs: Wooden Boat Building (Small and Cruising Boats), Composite Boat Building, Marine Systems and Yacht Design. The Landing School's driving force is to bridge the gap between theory and practice, providing graduates with the skills and understanding necessary for current employment opportunities and future career growth. The Landing School is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). The Landing School is also approved as an institution of higher education by the Maine State Approving Agency for Veterans Education Programs. For more information about The School and their programs, please visit www.landingschool.edu