

Kevin Boughton

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I have been an NMEA member for over 20 years. I am currently employed at Midcoast Marine Electronics as Senior Tech. I am the son of an ex USN Radio Officer so I have been involved with marine electronics since the age of 8. After electronics trade school and working for a local R.I. company that built telephone communications exchange equipment, I joined the USCG and trained as a Boatswains Mate and was stationed at Station Castle Hill, Newport, R.I. Shortly thereafter, I was transferred to the USCGC Bittersweet (WLB 389), an ocean going buoy tender out of Woods Hole, MA. After leaving the Coast Guard I began work in the Rhode Island area for a marine electronics company. The rest is history. I now have 32+ years in the industry having installed or serviced everything from the smallest to the largest of mega yachts. At Midcoast, we cater to mostly Maine's lobster boat fleet as well as various recreational, commercial and military vessels including USCG and U.S. Naval vessels including the USS Zumwalt Class destroyers, so I have a broad base of knowledge and experience. I have been an NMEA Dealer member for over 20 years. I joined the NMEA's Education Committee in 2013 and subsequently became an instructor in 2014. I am adamant about promoting education in the industry and am dedicated to continuing down this road. To date I have trained well in excess of 400 or so installers worldwide and counting. I am currently on the NMEA's Board of Directors, Education Committee, Standards Committee and Master Dealer Committee. In addition, I hold an FCC GROL with Radar Endorsement since 1992 and am a Lifetime CMET.

Outside the industry I am an avid sailor and drummer and volunteer locally for several local Cruising Club Seminars. The goal is training mariners in the proper use of various marine electronics systems. A member of the Rockland Elks Lodge, I also volunteer for various events and assist annually with the Maine Lobster Festival.

I would very much like to thank you for your consideration as an NMEA Board Member and will strive for continued education and growth for our association.

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