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MANUFACTURER DIRECTOR PAUL COMYNS RE-ELECTED TO NMEA BOARD

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is pleased to announce that members have re-elected Paul Comyns to a second term on the Board of Directors. He has served as a NMEA Manufacturer Director since 2017 and will begin his new term on January 1, 2020.

Comyns has been involved in the recreational boating industry throughout his career, after studying electrical and electronic engineering at Coventry University, UK. He has worked for key marine electronics brands, such as Lokata, Cetrek, Teleflex, Robertson, Simrad, Navico and now Intellian as VP-Marketing. His focus has been on the sales and support side of manufacturing, creating safety, communication and navigation products for the recreational boater. He is an active member of the NMEA Board of Directors, and is involved with the marketing of the association and supporting the membership in local and national activities as well as serving for many years on the NMEA Awards Committee.

Also elected to the Board of Directors were Steven Katz (Steve's Marine Service, Dealer Member), as Chairperson, Brian Kane (GOST, Manufacturer Member) as Vice Chairperson, along with directors Brian Swanke (CWR, Trade Member) and Peter Braffitt (Gemeco, Trade Member).

The NMEA manufacturer membership category represents roughly 200 national and international companies engaged in the direct manufacture of marine electronics equipment. NMEA's other membership categories are Dealer, Boat Builder, Trade, and Associate, which gives NMEA the ability to represent the entire spectrum of the marine electronics industry to the benefit of the boating public.

NMEA President & Executive Director Mark Reedenauer said, "I want to congratulate Mr. Comyns on being re-elected as a manufacturer director. With his marketing expertise, Paul has done a great job representing the best interests of NMEA manufacturer member companies, which represents over one third of the entire NMEA membership. There will be additional board openings beginning in 2021 and beyond, as existing terms expire, so we will welcome new board member interest again later in the fall of 2020."

About the NMEA

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at www.NMEA.org or call (410) 975-9425.