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## **MARINE ELECTRONICS DEALER STEVEN KATZ ELECTED NMEA CHAIRPERSON**

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is pleased to announce that the membership has elected Steven Katz to take over as Chairperson of the Board of Directors after serving as Vice Chairperson for several years. He succeeds Mike Spyros, who will complete his three-year term at the end of December. Katz will take the reins in his new position on January 1, 2020.

Katz owns and operates Steve's Marine Service, a full-service marine electronics dealership based in Ocean City, MD. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology and has an MBA from Loyola University. Katz worked as an industrial engineer for large corporations before transitioning into the information technology field and ultimately starting his own marine service company. He holds a USCG 100-ton captain's license.

“Thank you to the members of the NMEA for your continued confidence and support. I look forward to serving our members and working with the entire board,” said Katz. “I will work hard to grow our successful programs and benefits along with researching new offerings we, as an association, can provide the marine electronics trade and the boating public.”

Also elected to the Board of Directors were Brian Kane (GOST, Manufacturer Member) as Vice Chairperson, along with directors Paul Comyns (Intellian, Manufacturer Member), Peter Braffitt (Gemeco, Trade Member), and Brian Swanke (CWR, Trade Member).

The NMEA dealer membership category represents roughly 200 companies across the USA, Canada, Europe, and the rest of the world. NMEA dealers routinely provide sales, installation and service of marine electronics. To qualify as an NMEA dealer, the company must buy direct from at least one NMEA manufacturer member company. NMEA's other membership categories consist of Manufacturer, Boat Builder, Trade and Associate categories. This 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. Katz on being elected into the chairperson position. I look forward to working closely with Steve and the rest of this exciting and energetic board,

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