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New Books Released by ABYC's Ed Sherman and Westlawn's Dave Gerr

February 17, 2009, Annapolis, MD: The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) is pleased to announce that ABYC Instructor and Curriculum Developer, Ed Sherman and the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology's Director, Dave Gerr, both recently released new technical books for marine professionals and boaters. Both books aim to provide readers with a thorough knowledge of their respective topics, and demonstrate how this knowledge can be applied to properly select, troubleshoot, repair and maintain marine equipment and systems. For the boater, these books provide essential information that will enlighten them on the how and why of keeping marine systems in good operational repair and condition.

The second edition of Ed Sherman's *Outboard Engines – Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Repair* is significantly expanded from the first. Four-stroke outboards and exotic, computer controlled fuel-injection systems have become mainstream. What hasn't changed, however, is the proper maintenance and an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of an outboard as prerequisites for trouble-free boating and maximum engine longevity. This book brings the subject up to date, with full coverage of the new four-stroke engines, conventional electronic and direct fuel-injection systems, oil-mix systems in the new clean two-strokes, and more. It provides information on how to keep engines running to avoid standing, expensive tows and downtime, clear step-by-step directions for all common procedures and covers every major engine brand, 2- and 4-stroke, from 2 to 300 horsepower.

For those interested in designing or installing mechanical systems on a new boat, retrofitting an existing boat, or evaluating a boat's operating condition, Dave Gerr's *Boat Mechanical Systems Handbook* will be an invaluable guide. Writing for designers, builders, owners, buyers, mechanics, surveyors and insurers of sailboats, powerboats and commercial vessels, Gerr provides design and installation guidance for each major mechanical system. He also includes pragmatic guidelines and real-world interpretations of ABYC and European standards.

Both books are now available for purchase at ABYC's online Ship's Store at www.abycinc.org. ABYC members are eligible for a discounted price. ABYC sells more than 20 marine related books, as well as archived standards, technical reports and other technical resource publications. All publications listed in ABYC's online Ship's Store are reviewed for valuable and pertinent information to ABYC members and the marine community as a whole.

Founded in 1930, the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology is the only nationally accredited and state-certified distance-learning school of small-craft design in the United States. As the not-for-profit educational affiliate of ABYC, the mission of Westlawn is threefold:

- To provide our students with the skills and knowledge required to build a rewarding career in the profession of yacht and small-craft naval architecture.
- To support continued growth of the recreational and small-craft marine community through the development of well-trained, safety-oriented, boat designers developing better products for the benefit of the boating public.
- To provide continuing education to marine industry professionals.

To learn more about Westlawn, please call (860) 572-7900 or visit the Westlawn web site at www.westlawn.edu.

ABYC has been developing, writing and updating the safety standards for boat building and repair in the United States for over 50 years. ABYC is actively involved with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as education and certification programs for marine technicians. These standards are available on CD-ROM, online (*Web-STIR* and the *ABYC Standards Powered by Rulefinder.net*) and in printed form. Membership and general information can be requested by visiting the ABYC Web site at www.abycinc.org.