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The Future of the Rhode Island Boating Industry

Subject of Business Roundtable at Providence Boat Show

December, 2009 Warwick, RI...The Rhode Island Marine Trades Association will be hosting a presentation and discussion by boating industry leaders looking at the future of the industry in the Ocean State. Moderated by Mark Murphy, Editor of *Providence Business News*, the event will take place on Thursday, January 7 at 2 PM in the Fifth Floor Rotunda of the Rhode Island Convention Center, prior to the 4 PM opening of the Providence Boat Show. Speakers will include Ben Hall, Vice President of Hall Spars in Bristol, Chris Watson, Director of Marketing at KVH Industries in Middletown, Rich O'Meara of Core Composites in Newport, Terry Nathan, President of IYRS in Newport, and Michael Keyworth, Manager of Brewer Cove Haven Marina in Barrington. In addition, Susan Daly, Chairman of RIMTA's Education & Training Committee will explain the education and training activities of RIMTA and a welcome will be extended by Tom Rich, President of the Association.

Hall Spars & Rigging is a builder of carbon fiber rigging for the world's fastest racing sailboats and has provided engineering and manufacturing services in the construction and defense industries. KVH is one of the country's leading designers of electronic devices for communications transmission used in boating, aviation and recreational vehicles, as well as a major supplier of guidance, stabilization and navigation solutions for the military. Core Composites supplies composite raw materials to boat building companies as well as to the wind turbine business and the construction industry. IYRS, the International Yacht Restoration School, offers programs in boat building & restoration as well as marine systems at campuses in Newport and Bristol. Cove Haven Marina is part of the Brewer Yacht Yards system doing business in New York and New England and a leader in environmental technology for boat yards and marinas.

Ms. Daly, chairman of RIMTA's Education Committee, noted that "The future of the boating industry in the State is bright because – with innovative people working in the industry, a demand for industry products by those even outside the marine market, a physical and educational infrastructure that supports growth, and the Bay's appeal both from an environmental and tax policy point of view – *BOATS WORK for Rhode Island's Future!*"

For more information about the "BOATS WORK for Rhode Island Roundtable", call Lisa DiRaimo, Executive Director, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association at 401-615-5419, go to www.BOATSWORKRI.com or visit the RIMTA Pavilion during the Boat Show...January 7 - 10 at the Rhode Island Convention Center.
