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## **ABBRA Annual Awards Presented at IMBC**

Warren, RI—The American Boat Builders & Repairers Association (ABBRA) held its annual awards celebration at the International Marina & Boatyard Conference (IMBC) in Tampa, FL, on January 29. These awards recognize individuals and companies from the boatbuilding and repairing industry for their excellence throughout the year. Awards were given in three categories in response to each recipient's performance in 2009.

The Dennis Snow President's Award—given annually to the individual or organization that makes a significant and lasting contribution to improving the state of the boatyard industry—was presented to Dennis Nixon, Associate Dean for Research and Administration at the Graduate School of Oceanography of the University of Rhode Island.

The Award of Excellence in Customer Care was presented to Camachee Yacht Yard, a full service boatyard located in St. Augustine, Florida. Camachee Yacht Yard specializes in quality repairs in mechanical (diesel and gas) electrical, A/C, fiberglass, rigging, woodwork, and painting. As a staple part of the Camachee Island Complex, the Yacht Yard's focus on ethics and honor is prevalent in all of their works and is appreciated by their loyal customer base.

Newport Shipyard located in Newport Harbor, Rhode Island, received ABBRA's 2009 Award of Excellence, or ABBRA's "Boatyard of the Year." Awarded to the service or repair yard that demonstrates excellence in all facets of business through commitment to customer relations, quality management, and positive vendor and employee relations, the Award of Excellence was given to Newport Shipyard for its dedication to exceptional support, refitting, and servicing of superyachts up to 300' as well as the impressive pool of craftsmen, talent, and experience found at Newport Shipyard.

ABBRA offers its congratulations to all the 2009 Award winners and thanks them for their willingness to share their accomplishments with the rest of the industry. For more information on ABBRA's annual awards' categories and nomination process, please visit [www.abbra.org](http://www.abbra.org).

The American Boat Builders and Repairers Association (ABBRA), founded in 1943, strengthens and encourages professionalism in the boat building and marine service industry by providing its members with timely information, training, education and business services.

**ABBRA: Dedicated to the Service and Repair Industry.**

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