

## RIMTALK

## President's Message

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Special points of interest:

**The next board/ member meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2004. The board meeting starts at 6:30, the member meeting starts at 7:15. Please call the RIMTA office if you are interested in attending..**

I hope your summer is going well. We don't want to spoil it but you should be prepared to handle a surprise inspection from the Environmental Protection Agency. **THEY ARE COMING!!!** Don't be shocked instead be ready. RIMTA has joined EPA to arrange for two workshops for you to learn about environmental compliance and management issues that could effect your facility. Some of the issues covered are:

- ◇ Hazardous Waste
- ◇ Storm Water Management and permitting requirements
- ◇ Oil and Fuel Management including Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Planning (SPCC)
- ◇ Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Requirements (EPCRA)
- ◇ Demonstration of marina best practices including; pressure washing, oil handling, bilge water handling, engine test tank disposal, sanding, painting, drain maintained, dumpsters, fueling pump out equipment, water quality testing, wash water recycling, etc.

Many of you have already participated with the Governor, EPA Regional Director Robert Varney , CRMC and DEM personnel at our July 21st Workshop at the Hinckley Yacht Services (East Bay). Or you can plan to attend our West Bay Workshop being held at Brewer's Cowesett on August 11, 2004. Bring a non-member, the information is important to everyone. Sign up now.

Thank you to all of those who contributed to our RIMTA PAC. We made the match so we are over \$4000 and moving towards our goal of \$5000. We still need \$500 to put us over the top. Without this effort we would stay home and not get to know our elected officials our partners in the health of our industry.

Legislative Score Card 5-1-1. We worked with our legislators so that nothing happened that could or would hurt us! Five bills that we worked on passed, helping our industry's future. One was vetoed by the Governor and another was left for the next session. Our work is not done, the legislature is coming back into session and we will try to help override the veto— a bill that created a dredge storage site by EDC at Quonset or a like site in size. Call if you would like to help!!

Thanks to all of those who attended the July 21st Workshop. If you did not I strongly suggest you attend the August 11th session. Call the RIMTA office at 401-247-9009 for more information.

Have a great summer.

Ken

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### FBI Warns of Floating Bombs at Marinas

It has recently been reported in several national news publications, including Time Magazine, CNN.com and Reuters of the FBI warning regarding the possible use of floating bombs in marinas by terrorist groups.

According to the Time Magazine article, a "lightly classified bulletin sent to 18,000 state and local agencies last week advised local authorities to look out for plastic-foam seen around marinas that could be rigged to blow up on contact." The FBI and Department of Homeland Security officials also say, however, "no such devices have actually been discovered, nor is there any current intelligence that terrorists are hatching plots involving floating bombs."

According to Jim Frye, MOAA Executive Director, "My guess is that this was among the many warnings included in the FBI report cited in the press. These kinds of booby traps can be found anywhere, not just among floating debris," He continues by saying, "Marina operators and boaters should add this concern to the vigilance that they are keeping already in all aspects of their waterfront experiences."

"Anything suspicious should be reported to the appropriate authorities-either the Coast Guard or local law enforcement," Frye says. "MOAA continues to make it a priority to work with the Coast Guard on issues that are important to marina owners and operators."

**Kids Aboard Get Kids into Boating with help from the Marine Industries**

This September 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> the Kids Aboard Academic Boat Building Workshop will be building boats with the kids attending the Newport International Boat Show. At the show kids and teenagers will be building two 10 ft. wooden sailing skiffs, while receiving instruction in simple building techniques, basic math, water safety, and much more during our fun workshops, which culminate with exciting races.

This award-winning program is partially funded by sponsors from the marine industry. They help make this event totally free for the kids, as well as help promote the boating & marine industry, and ensure many kids will become safe and intelligent boaters, now and in the future. Sponsorship opportunities are currently available for the Kids Aboard Workshop at the Newport International Boat Show. Please visit [www.kidsaboard.com/Boatbuilding/sponsors.htm](http://www.kidsaboard.com/Boatbuilding/sponsors.htm) to see how your company can help while benefitting from supporting this fun and educational event by having your logo and web address displayed in several different ways at the Kids Aboard Workshop, such as on the t-shirts, boats and with banners at the show. Contact Curtis Tucker at 786-525-3545 or email [curtis@kidsaboard.com](mailto:curtis@kidsaboard.com) .

**RIMTA would like to thank the three individuals who matched the funds donated to the Political Action Committee!!!!**

- ◇ Gerry DiSchino
- ◇ Tom Rich
- ◇ John Andrews

**We need your donations**

The Political Action Committee needs your help. We are trying to raise money for RIMTA’s PAC and we can not do it with out your help.

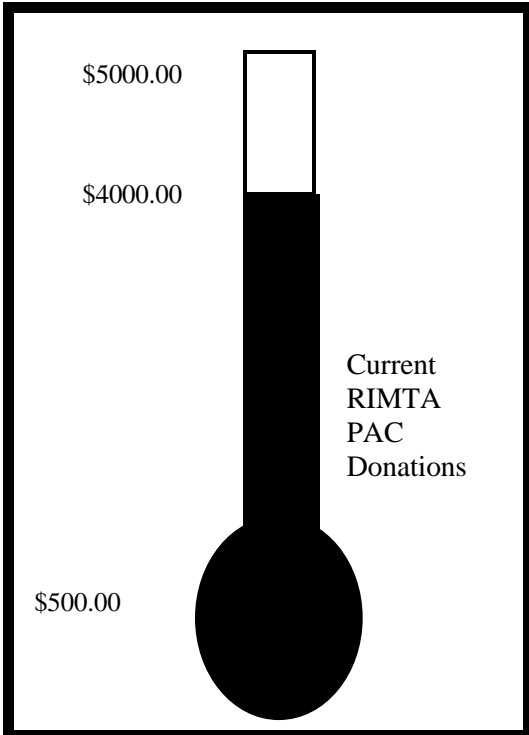
Please solicit your business associates, vendors and customers for contributions. These contributions are essential in helping us stay “tax free”.

Please send a *Personal Check* addressed to the ‘RIMTA PAC’ at 50 Water Street, Warren, RI 02885.

**Thank you for your contribution...**

The following people have made donations to the RIMTA Political Action Committee.

- ◇ **Ronald Messier**
- ◇ **Jeffery Johnstone**
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- ◇ **James Gray**
- ◇ **David Blackburn**
- ◇ **Andy Tyska**



## **RHODE ISLAND'S GOVERNOR CARCIERI ANDEPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR PROMOTE BEST PROFESSIONAL OPERATIONS FOR RI MARINA OPERATORS**

PORTSMOUTH, RI. - Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New England Regional Administrator Robert Varney lent their support to marina operators this week at the R.I. Marine Trade Association's "Best Management Practices Demonstration Day and Workshop" at Hinckley Yacht Services in Portsmouth, RI on 21 July 2004. Both Governor Carcieri and Administrator Varney took part in hands-on demonstrations of professional marina operations designed to protect the environment of one of the state's most valuable and growing industries. The full day of presentations and demonstrations of best practices for marinas, included Hazardous Waste Management, Oil Spill Prevention Control, Emergency Planning and everyday maintenance and operation.

"These types of workshops are important because they establish best practices needed to contribute to the health of Narragansett Bay," said Carcieri. "These steps build on the work of the Governor's Narragansett Bay Commission, which has identified short and long-term goals that address the major issues facing the Bay."

Governor Carcieri and Administrator Varney were keynote speakers at a luncheon along with R.I. Department of Environmental Management director Fred Vincent, and Michael Tikoian, chair of the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council. They took part in a question-and-answer session with the participants, and then participated in a hands-on demonstration of some of the featured best practices.

The R.I. Marine Trade Association (RIMTA) has been in the forefront of promoting and implementing best practices throughout Narragansett Bay and the region's marinas. For more than three decades, RIMTA has dedicated itself to promoting the recreational boating industry and job creation for the marine trades in the region, while recognizing the environmental concerns of the Bay and its watershed.

"We're pleased and proud to see that Governor Carcieri and Administrator Varney are aware of how marina operators are trying to do things the right way in their day-to-day operations. They know that the people involved in such an important industry also have a commitment to protecting one of the state's most precious resources, Narragansett Bay," said RIMTA President Ken Kubic.

RIMTA has worked in concert with the regional EPA for years, being one of the first states to implement a no-discharge policy, and coordinate best management practices for its members.

"Everyone has a role in keeping Rhode Island's waters clean and that includes the state's marina industry which services tens of thousands of boats in the Ocean State each year," said Varney. "From recycling shrinkwrap to capturing storm water, EPA is committed to working closely with the marina sector to minimize the environmental impacts these facilities have on Rhode Island's coastal waters."

## NOAA Warns of Active Atlantic Hurricane Season

As many as four major hurricanes and 15 tropical storms could rise out of the Atlantic Ocean in 2004 to threaten the United States, the Caribbean and Central America nations, according to the annual forecast issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Monday.

The historical average number of tropical storms to develop in a year in the Atlantic Basin is 9.7. NOAA research indicates a 50 percent probability of a greater than normal number of storms in 2004. "NOAA's 2004 Atlantic hurricane season outlook indicates a 50 percent probability of an above-normal season, a 40 percent probability of a near-normal season and only a 10 percent chance of a below-normal season," Director of the NOAA National Weather Service David Johnson said.

The average for storms that develop into hurricanes is 4.7, but NOAA is forecasting six to eight storms developing into hurricanes in 2004.

"The forecast is the result of thousands of hours of work by NOAA and its partners," said Conrad Lautenbacher, Undersecretary of Commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator.

"NOAA investments in high speed computers, improved weather modeling and extensive Earth observation systems enable our scientists and forecasters to gather and synthesize information and begin the process of preparing the public to take action," said Lautenbacher.

Emergency agencies are urging the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal residents to prepare for an active hurricane season, starting June 1 and continuing through November 30.

NOAA Scientists are not predicting El Nino or La Nina but neutral conditions through July, but that does not mean lack of storms.

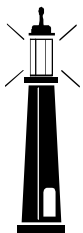
U.S. officials announced the forecast in Houston, a city located near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico with a history of dangerous storms. They also launched May 16 to 22 as Hurricane Preparedness Week.

"We cannot stop these storms, but we can take steps to limit our vulnerability," said Under Secretary for Homeland Security Michael Brown. "Awareness and preparedness for hurricanes, and even tropical storms, and knowing what to do to mitigate their devastating effects, are our best defense."

"Here in Houston, people know all too well that even without land-falling hurricanes, tropical storms can cause damage and death," cautioned Max Mayfield, director of the NOAA National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL. "Preparedness pays off in safety. Preparedness is planning in advance by every city, every business, every family and every individual, and then putting those plans into action if a hurricane threatens landfall near you," Mayfield said. "We are here in Houston this year to encourage coastal communities and families to prepare now," Mayfield

### Welcome RIMTA's New Members

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## Schedule of Events

RIMTA board meeting , September 13, 2004, at Chet's Quonset Inn, N. Kingston, RI.  
Please RSVP to attend, 401-247-9009.

Newport International Boat Show, September 16-19, 2004, Newport, RI.

Team Alinghi to host U.S. Regatta. Newport, RI, June 19-26, 2004.

Sail Rhode Island will take place from July 15th-20th, 2004. Quonset Point, RI.

Best Management Practices Demonstration Day and Workshop  
East Bay-July 21, 2004 The Hinckley Yard at Little Harbor  
West Bay- August 11, 2004 Brewer Yacht Yard at Cowesett

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### **NEIT announces local training opportunities.**

Basic Diesel Engine Training and Technician Certification	September 27-28, 2004
Advanced Diesel Technician Training	September 29- October 1
Fiberglass Repair and Technician Certification	September 27- October 1
Topcoat Application	Rescheduled Fall 2004

For more information and registration contact NEIT at 800-736-7744 x 3458