



NEWSLETTER

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KMA / TMA Joint 2010 Annual Meeting Review

The TMA / KMA Joint Conference and Trade Expo was again a huge success. We want to thank all of our associate members for their support. Special thanks to companies who sponsored events during the conference: They are Deka Marine Master Batteries, Floating Docks Mfg. Co., Atlantic-Meeco, Anchor Insurance Agency, Mari Corp US, HydroHoist Marine Group, Eaton Marina Power and Lighting, Shoremaster, Marina Development, R.A. Belter Insurance Agency, Formex Manufacturing, Browns Bridge Dock Mfg. Co., John McCluen Co., Marine Sales Group, True Course Captain's School and Life on the Water. Remember these companies, along with the other exhibitors who support our industry, by placing orders for their products and services.

Distinguished service awards were presented to Atlantic-Meeco, Floating Docks, Browns Bridge Dock Mfg. Co., Eaton Marina Power & Lighting, Marinas International and Belter Insurance Agency.

KMA / TMA Joint Annual Meeting 2011 – LOCATION CHANGE

The 2011 TMA / KMA Joint Annual Conference will be held in **KNOXVILLE, TN AT THE KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER AND HOLIDAY INN. November 15 – 17.** The previous location in Nashville, TN was unable to host our convention and other options had to be considered. The Knoxville Convention Center has all the accommodations we require at a very competitive price. Both organizations realize that members and vendors benefit from the joint conference. A larger trade show, higher quality speakers and increased participation make the event more profitable for both organizations. Mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend the 2011 Joint KMA / TMA Conference. **A money back guarantee will be offered to members who have not attended a previous KMA / TMA Conference.** If you do not gain any knowledge or benefit from attending the conference, you may express those concerns to the TMA Board of Directors and your registration fee will be refunded.

TMA's 2011 Priorities – From President Tom Allen

1. Lobby for and support state legislation that mandates a uniform school start date of the last Monday in August for Tennessee's Public Schools.
2. Lobby for and support state legislation that removes the Tennessee Road Tax from gasoline purchased at water based (marina) fueling stations.
3. Lobby the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reduce the rent on gasoline sales to a flat 1% rate.
4. Continue working with TVA to ensure a favorable lease structure for marinas with TVA lease agreements.

Tennessee Marina Association Political Action Committee Established

The Tennessee Marina Association has established a Political Action Committee Fund to enable TMA to influence state legislation that impacts the marina industry. TMA – PAC funds will be distributed to support legislators who support and protect the interests of Tennessee Marinas. TMA – PAC funds must come from a non-corporate structured entity such as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or LLC. Incorporated entities cannot provide funds to a PAC. If your marina would like to make a donation to the TMA – PAC to support the lobbying efforts that are underway for the 2011 season, please mail a check made out to Tennessee Marina Association PAC and forward to TMA. Remember to make sure the check is written on a “non-corporate” entity check. You will be hearing more about the TMA – PAC in weeks ahead so please plan on supporting this PAC as it enables the TMA Board of Directors to have a much greater impact in the State Legislative Arena. Regional TMA Fundraisers at various marinas throughout Tennessee are planned in 2011 and if your marina would like to host a reception / fund raiser in your area, please let TMA Executive Director Michele Edwards know.

TMA Board Members Are Appointed

Mitch Jones, TMA Vice President and immediate Past President, has been appointed to serve on the TVA Resource Stewardship Council. This appointment is a result of the past two years of involvement by TMA in TVA’s 26A process for marina and campground leases and easements. This position puts TMA in the forefront of discussion on TVA decisions that affect us all.

TMA Board Member, Bob McMahan has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Marine Retailers Association, representing marine dealers in KY, NC, TN and SC, for a three year term ending in December of 2013. Mr. McMahan can be reached by email at bmcmahan@erwinmarinesales.com if you have something you would like him to community to MRA.

TMA Membership

Your membership in TMA is very important to the ongoing programs of TMA. If you have not paid your 2011 membership dues, an invoice is enclosed, please do so today. Review the information on the TMA website, www.TennesseeMarinas.com, if you would like to make changes to your listing please notify Michele Edwards at 270-388-2532 or by email at mmyersky@apex.net. Make sure the links to your web site work properly. We like to keep an up to date email list of our members so we can correspond with our members more efficiently and economically. If you did not receive this newsletter by email please send your email address to mmyersky@apex.net so you can be added to our database.

A current list of the TMA board members and officers is included; please contact any one of them if you have any issue you would like the associate to address.

Meeting With U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A joint committee of TMA and KMA members will meet with Lieutenant Colonel, Anthony P. Mitchell and Nashville District staff members in late February. The main issue we plan discuss is reducing the rental rate on fuel sales to 1%. If you would like more detail on the meeting please contact me at mmyersky@apex.net or Corps Committee Chairman, Tom Allen at 931-864-3146.