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Brewer South Freeport Marine Becomes Maine's Newest Clean Marina

A little rain didn't dampen spirits as Brewer South Freeport Marine was presented with a flag and certificate designating their facility as Maine's newest Clean Boatyard/Marina by the Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program (MCBMP). On hand to share in celebrating the event were State Representative David Webster, representatives from the Friends of Casco Bay, the State Planning Office, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and a number of the boatyard staff. In presenting the designation to Brewer's General Manager John Brewer MCBMP program manager Susan Swanton noted the significant commitment that the company has made over the years as they have worked towards designation. "Achieving Clean Marina designation doesn't happen in an instant – it takes hard work and real dedication to the cause. That dedication is certainly in evidence here" said Swanton. Rep. Webster added his congratulations noting that it was especially heartening to see a company, even in the midst of these trying economic times, so committed to a clean environment. "Formalizing our commitment to protecting coastal waters and the marine environment is something we're focused on as a company," said John Brewer when accepting the award. "We operate 21 marinas and boat yards in the northeast, from New York to Maine, so we recognize that it's important for us to do our part to protect the resources upon which we depend for business and for recreation." Brewer Yacht Yard President Jack Brewer added "We've made a significant investment in becoming Clean Marinas. We're pleased to have achieved Clean Marina status. We're wearing our label proudly and pledge to continue to do our part to educate and inspire others to do the same."

The purpose of the program is to curb coastal pollution resulting from stormwater runoff, boat maintenance, fueling activities, waste storage and disposal and sewage. In order to qualify as a Maine Clean Boatyard & Marina a facility must demonstrate a high level of compliance in each of the five program areas. Participation in the Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program is voluntary, with participating companies signing a pledge, completing a self-assessment and then inviting an independent verification team to inspect the facility. The Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program is sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association with assistance from the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection and the Maine Coastal Program. For more information about the Program please visit

www.mainemarinetrades.com/clean_marinas.

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Suggested Cut Line for Photograph: Kristin Peterson (holding flag, left) and John Brewer (holding flag, right) of Brewer South Freeport Marine accept congratulations from State Representative David Webster and Maine Marine Trades Association Executive Director Susan Swanton on being designated as the newest member of the Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas program.

