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Global Standardization Advocate: ABYC's Craig Scholten Reappointed Chair of ISO/TC188 Small Craft Committee

ANNAPOLIS, M.D. (Aug. 17, 2023) – This August Craig Scholten, American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) technical vice president, has been reappointed as chair of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Technical Committee (TC) 188 *Small Craft* until the end of 2026.

"I am pleased and honored to serve another 3-year term as chair of ISO TC 188," said Scholten. "We have made excellent improvements to enhance boating safety and made major gains in standardizing global boat building requirements. Boating is enjoyed around the world and our work has a major impact on future products as well as the satisfaction of the experience."

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The ISO central secretariat congratulated Scholten's demonstrated skills and leadership capabilities as chair of the committee, thanking him for his continued collaboration efforts. ABYC President John Adey also praised Scholten stating, "Every boatbuilder who exports product benefits from Craig's appointment. The respect that Craig has earned over the years has a very positive influence over the standards and regulatory policies in Europe and all over world."

Advancing safety through collaboration

Working groups within ISO TC 188 continually develop and create over 80 Small Craft documents utilized in the design, construction, and testing of recreational boats up to 24 meters. The industry experts on TC 188 possess valuable insights that enhance overall boating safety, contributing to a global reduction in accidents. This work facilitates trade and makes it possible for consumers to purchase boats from other countries with a consistent level of safety.

ABYC's integral role in harmonization

ABYC is the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Technical Advisory Group (TAG) representative for U.S. positions on activities and ballots related to ISO TC 188. Collaborating closely with industry stakeholders, ABYC diligently works toward harmonizing requirements and promoting boating safety on an international scale.

Comprehensive resources for global compliance

With a comprehensive array of resources, ABYC supports enterprises engaged in global sales, providing in-depth insights into the evolving landscape of global compliance. For access, please visit: www.abycinc.org.

Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipage, repair and maintenance. The essential global source of marine industry technical information, ABYC's product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and other tools help members make boating safer.