

Dwight Escalera Becomes First Person to Earn All Eight ABYC Certifications



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ABYC is pleased to announce that Dwight Escalera of Wakefield, R.I., is the first individual to earn all eight American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) marine technician certifications. ABYC established the certification program more than 15 years ago to provide a measure of competence in the areas of Marine Electrical, Marine Systems, Diesel Engines, Gasoline Engines, Marine Corrosion, ABYC Standards Certification, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and Composite Boat Builder.

These voluntary certifications were created to assure the boating public that an individual understands and can apply ABYC Standards and generally accepted boat building practices. Over the past three years, Dwight has taken each of the multi-day courses and passed each of the certification exams, which are good for five years.

Skip Burdon, ABYC president said, "We want to congratulate Dwight on being the first person in the world to earn all eight ABYC certifications." Burdon continued, "ABYC course of study is comprehensive and the tests are challenging. When someone like Dwight completes the process and becomes certified, they can feel confident in their ability to apply ABYC Standards as a tool for initial installation or for troubleshooting problems. Eight certifications is truly an achievement!"

Dwight commented, "I love boats and have spent a lifetime learning how to operate and build them. When I settled on boat building as my career, I set a personal goal of earning all ABYC certifications to assure that I have an understanding of all facets of boat building. It's a great feeling to have reached that goal and to be able to offer my

customers the highest level of confidence in my knowledge and abilities to build, repair and survey boats that these certifications represent."

Dwight serves the marine industry in many capacities: marine surveyor, boat building instructor, marine surveyor, boat building instructor and industry compliance consultant through Executive Marine Services. Dwight is a member of the ABYC Galvanic Isolator Project Technical Committee (PTC) and takes a keen interest in the ABYC Hull Piping PTC. ABYC has 18 PTCs that are comprised of industry leaders who develop and maintain the ABYC Standards. Dwight is also a member of the ISO technical committee that looks at the quality of large yacht paint coating appearances (TC8/SC12/WG5).

Congratulations, Dwight!