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National Marine Propeller Association (NMPA) Annual Convention Set for November 10 – 12 in Las Vegas for Propeller Repairers and Manufacturers

Convention Adds New Pre-Convention Feature: Half-Day HydroComp Propeller School

Fort Lauderdale, FL – September 6 , 2016—National Marine Propeller Association, a leading trade group representing the recreational marine propeller repair and manufacturing industry, will host its Annual Convention November 10 – 12, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada at The Orleans Hotel. The Convention, currently celebrating 24-years, will focus on the latest industry trends in technology, products, information and best management practices with educational and information sessions and Convention floor exhibitions by industry product and service providers.

A new feature this year is a first-of-its-kind half-day version of HydroComp's "Propeller School" scheduled for the pre-convention registration day on November 10, 2016 from 11am to 3pm. Developed especially for NMPA Convention attendees, Donald MacPherson, HydroComp's Technical Director, will lead a unique four-hour learning opportunity for those involved in the sale or repair of marine propellers covering topics such as the basics of propeller operation as part of the larger propulsion system, introduction to how propeller hydrodynamics really work, and troubleshooting common problems - what is – and is not – a problem with the propeller. "It has been a busy year in the marine industry propeller sector and the success of our 2015 Convention has inspired us to bring even greater opportunities for our members to reconnect and learn about the latest happenings in our industry as we get together in Las Vegas. The Convention has proven to be a good venue for business leaders, professionals, manufacturers, product and service providers to network, and share the latest about products, services and what's going on in the industry," said NMPA president David De Witt.

Topics on this year's Convention agenda include a follow-up session to the popular 2015 presentation on business and operations efficiency/best management practices along with presentations on current techniques and technology in welding, discussions on topics such as prop slip, prop modifications, lab finishing, effective marketing techniques, and an introduction of new propeller repair tooling.



Confirmed sponsors and exhibitors at this year's Convention include Mercury Propellers/Quicksilver Propellers, Acme Propellers, Clubine Manufacturing, Linden Propeller Prop Press 360, Michigan Wheel Marine, Miller's Island Propellers, Pesco Inc., Advanced Finishing Technologies, PowerTech! Propeller, R.S. Hughes Industrial Suppliers (3M), Glidecoat, Solas Science & Engineering, Turning Point Propellers, Yamaha Motor Corp./Precision Propeller, Dynamics Research Corp., and Western Branch Metals.

About NMPA

NMPA is a not-for-profit marine trade association with member companies engaged in the business of propeller repair, or providing products and services to the propeller repair industry. Founded in 1992, the association promotes professionalism through training and certification, fosters growth through business development via events such as its Annual Convention, and generally represents the business interests of its members.