



## Boating BC Awards Marine Trades Scholarships

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – Three students from British Columbia have been awarded Glenn Spartz Scholarships from Boating BC in order to further pursue their careers in the marine industry.

Created specifically in response to the growing demand for skilled marine trades, the scholarship directly supports individuals working towards their educational and career goals.

“Our industry has experienced significant growth in the recent years and as a result, faces a shortage of qualified marine mechanical technicians,” said Boating BC President Don Prittie. “The Glenn Spartz Scholarship is one means of assisting individuals who are pursuing a career in the boating industry.”

Each scholarship recipient received up to \$2,000 towards their education, and are all entering Level-two of the Marine Mechanical Technician (MMT) Program at BCIT in January. The three scholarship recipients include:

Devon Norris, Chemainus, BC  
Employer: Stones Boat Yard, Nanaimo

Joonmin Song, Coquitlam, BC  
Employer: Peter Canada Enterprise, Surrey

Sebastian Eaves, Ucluelet, BC  
Employer: Rod's Power & Marine, Tofino

The Glenn Spartz Scholarship is a collaborative initiative led by Boating BC with contributing partners from the marine propulsion sector including: Mercury Marine, Volvo Penta, Yamaha, BRP/Evinrude and Suzuki Marine. It is named in honour of a former Boating BC board member who was instrumental in establishing the MMT program. For further details, visit: [www.boatingbc.ca](http://www.boatingbc.ca)

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***About Boating BC Association:** Boating BC Association, the voice of recreational boating in BC, is comprised of over 320 member companies that represent all aspects of the boating industry. As owners of the Vancouver International Boat Show, the Association strives to ensure the industry remains strong –working closely with all levels of government, cultivating marine career opportunities and promoting safe, responsible boating.*

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