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Boating BC & Quadrant Marine Institute Announce Marine Service Industry Bursary

Vancouver, BC - Boating BC Association and Quadrant Marine Institute today announced a partnership that creates a new bursary program for students enrolled in the Marine Service Technician (MST) Apprenticeship Training Program.

The initiative will be funded by Boating BC and administered by Quadrant Marine and will provide financial aid to students while they attend training in a field in which there is an existing skills shortage.

"We are thrilled about this new partnership, which will help ensure we are filling a very real need in the industry," said Don Prittie, Boating BC President. "We are in need of certified technicians and we hope this will provide support for MST students to help them complete their training."

Boating BC also funds the Glenn Spartz Scholarship for students enrolled in the Marine Mechanical Technician Apprenticeship Program as a means of supporting trades training and attracting new people into the growing recreational boating industry.

Developed by Quadrant Marine and designated by the Industry Training Authority (ITA), the MST apprenticeship training program exposes trainees to all aspects of the repair and maintenance of recreational and small commercial vessels. Specialization comes with practical skill development in the workplace. The program is delivered over four levels (years) in evening classes from September to May in Sidney and Vancouver, plus a new block-release course in Nanaimo.

"With a growing industry and an aging workforce, it's critical to promote Marine Service career pathways with credentials," said Shelley McIvor, Managing Director, Quadrant Marine Institute. "The bursary program will provide financial assistance to those pursuing these career opportunities, and that can only benefit the industry as a whole."

Applications for the Marine Service Industry Bursary are now being received. To be eligible, students must be registered with the BC ITA and Quadrant Marine Institute. The application deadline is July 31st for students attending school in Sidney and Vancouver and August 30th for Nanaimo.

To learn more about the MST program, the Marine Service Industry Bursary and to apply, visit:
quadrantmarine.com

Quadrant Marine Institute Inc. is a private trades training facility for boat and yacht building, repair, and maintenance. For more than two decades, Quadrant has designed and delivered apprenticeship training for technicians employed in the recreational marine industry.

Boating BC Association represents the recreational boating industry across British Columbia and is comprised of more than 300-member businesses. The Association offers counsel on business and governance issues, as well as representing and advocating on behalf of the boating industry to all levels of government.

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