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IMBC Honors Newest CMMs and CMOs

IMI recognizes a dozen new award recipients

Fort Lauderdale, FL—The International Marina Institute (IMI), the training arm of the Association of Marina Industries (AMI), will be holding its award ceremony for new Certified Marina Managers (CMMs) and Operators (CMOs), on Thursday, January 26, at AMI’s annual International Marina & Boatyard Conference (IMBC) in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

New CMMs and CMOs have completed a rigorous, multi-year training to receive the professional designation. As an added bonus, all domestic and international CMMs and CMOs are invited to an invitation-only celebration of the program’s 25th anniversary at IMBC later that evening at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina.

“This award ceremony and this year’s 25th anniversary celebration are part of many networking events we hold for CMMs and CMOs,” Merritt Alves, IMI Training Coordinator, says. “IMI has been bringing marina professionals together for decades so we can all build our industry through common experiences, shared information, and mentorship programs.”

This year’s CMM recipients

- Cory Ginsky, Black Canyon/Willow Beach, Willow Beach, AZ
- Jake Rowe, Pelican Isle Yacht Club, Inc., Naples, FL
- Timothy Baugh, Pelican Petes, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- Gili Wojnowich, Yacht Haven Grande Marina, St. Thomas, USVI
- Tony Anderson, Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas, Bullfrog, UT

This year’s CMO recipients

- Timothy Baugh, Pelican Petes, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- Ricardo Ermel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Martin Leemaster, Bay Harbor Lake Marina, Bay Harbor, MI
- Shane Spinner, Bridge Bay, Redding, CA
- Joe Monroe, South Beach Harbor, San Francisco, CA
- Lisa Buie, Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH
- Kelley Poe, Charleston, SC

Currently, there are 340 CMMs and 24 CMOs worldwide. To become a CMM or CMO candidate, marina professionals must satisfy specific criteria including a minimal number of years working in the industry in a supervisory role managing a marina. Once accepted into the program, CMM and CMO candidates take Intermediate and Advanced Marina Management classes with IMI to gain proficiency in financial management, sales and marketing, regulations, and personnel skills. For more information, visit <https://marinaassociation.org/certifications/apply>

AMI is a nonprofit membership organization that provides management training, education, and information about research, legislation, and environmental issues affecting the marina industry. AMI offers direct access to innovative and cost-saving business solutions, educational services, regularly updated news and publications, and research results. AMI is the independent voice for the marina industry at the national level on all related legislative and regulatory issues.

IMI is the global leader in training and certification for marina professionals and offers as well a wide range of other training and networking opportunities for those working in the marina industry.

For more information, please visit www.marinaassociation.org.