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MIE Grants Will Help Make Twenty-Two New Jersey Marinas More Eco- Friendly

(Sandy Hook, NJ)Fueled by funding from the NJ DOT's *I BOAT NJ* program, the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/New Jersey Sea Grant (NJMSC/NJSG) has awarded special grants to marinas throughout the state to help them implement projects and practices that will reduce potential environmental impacts associated with recreational boating.

The grants, averaging around ten thousand dollars each were awarded through the Marina Industry Enhancement (MIE) Program, which was created by NJMSC/NJSG to help the marina industry meet the many economic and environmental challenges it faces. The grant recipients were revealed at a special media event held in late June to kick off National Fishing and Boating Week. The grants will be used to cover the marina's expenses for products that reduce or prevent environmental impacts, promote environmental enhancements and for other expenses or projects that directly help the marinas meet or maintain the requirements of the state's *New Jersey Clean Marina Program*.

The 2009 MIE Grants Program recipients included: Brennan Boat Co., Brick; Bridge Marina Inc, Lake Hopatcong; Brown's Boat Yard, South Amboy; Chestnut Neck Boat Yard, Port Republic ; Comstock Yacht Sales, Brick; Cozy Cove Marina, Island Heights; David Beaton and Sons, Mantoloking; G. Winter's Sailing Center, Riverside; Good Luck Point Marina, Bayville; Hobby Lobby Marina, Toms River; Holiday Harbor Marina, Waretown; Lockwood Boat Works, South Amboy;

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Morgan Marina, South Amboy; Morrison's Seafood Inc., Beach Haven; Riverside Marina, Riverside; Robbie's Loveladies Marina, Loveladies; Sherman's Boat Basin, Brick; Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Forked River; Southwick's Marina, Beach Haven Garden, The Marina at Tall Oaks, Forked River; Vans the Boat Man, Barnegat Light and Wilbert's Marina, Forked River.

For details about the MIE Grant Program and information about current and future MIE activities and projects, go to <http://www.njmssc.org/MIE.html>

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