



USSA Announces Board of Directors for 2009-2010

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Fort Lauderdale, FL—July 9, 2009—The U.S. Superyacht Association (USSA) announced the 2009-2010 Board of Directors at the Captains Briefing & Reception at the Newport Charter Show in late June.

Tim Davey (Global Marine Travel) and Billy Smith (Trinity Yachts) will continue in their roles as Chairperson and Vice Chair, respectively. They are joined on the Executive Committee of five by returning directors: Mark Cline (Cline Financial Group), Michael Karcher (Karcher, Canning & Karcher) and John Mann (Bluewater Books & Charts).

The following are newly-elected to the USSA Board of Directors for a two year term:

Donna Bradbury – BWA Yachting
Kristina Hebert - Ward's Marine Electric
Kevin Quirk – LXR Marinas / LXR Resorts
Corey Ranslem – Secure Waters

Others who were re-elected and are returning for a consecutive term are:

Vicki Abernathy – PRAKTEK, Inc.
Mark Bononi – MHG Marine Benefits
David Reed – Triton Publishing Group
Gary Tice – On Call International
Derik Wagner – SeaMobile / MTN

Additional support for special projects from Karen Dudden-Blake (Palladium Technologies), Becky Castellano (Ocean Medical International) and Kitty McGowan (Nauticom Communications) will round out the team.

The USSA is a non-profit trade association, incorporated in 2006, that functions under written bylaws, within a committee structure. An all-day planning session is scheduled for August 6, to set strategic goals and benchmarks for growth during 2009-2010. "The USSA will continue efforts to promote and protect the superyacht industry of the United States through networking and advocacy," commented Chairperson Tim Davey, "promoting the USSA's member companies, both nationally and internationally, through networking events and representation at industry events, including the USSA Village at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show in October. "

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The U.S. Superyacht Association (USSA) is a non-profit trade association, whose stated mission is to protect and promote the superyacht industry of the United States. Membership is open to businesses and individuals having a bona fide U.S. presence and activity in the U.S. superyacht industry.