



The Massachusetts Marine Trades Educational Trust (MMTET) an affiliate of the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA), is conducting a boat auction/fundraiser to raise money for two causes near and dear to our pastime - Recreational Boating.

The first cause is the <u>WILLIAM ARMSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>.

Bill Armstrong was a boat dealer on the South Shore of Boston and an original founding member of MMTA as well as serving on the

MMTA Board of Directors. Bill felt strongly that education and training are the key instruments of advancing careers. This fund provides financial assistance to Massachusetts residents who are high school seniors or graduates pursuing an education or training at a qualified institute of higher learning, with the intent of entering or continuing to work in the recreational marine industry in Massachusetts. Lately a lot of the scholarship monies go to the training of marine technicians, in short supply in our industry. 50% of the total raised in the auction will go directly to this scholarship fund.

The second cause is the relatively new <u>KIDS in BOATING</u> initiative. This initiative is focused on coming up with ways to support the youth boating programs in the state and to help support new ideas/experiences that will be implemented in an effort to get more kids on the water and enjoying the boating lifestyle. 50% of the total raised in the auction will go directly to this initiative.

Special thanks go out to Robalo Boats and 3A Marine Service, Inc. of Hingham for the boat, motor and trailer donation.

The Boat Auction will end around 3PM on the final day of the New England Boat Show on Sunday February 19, 2017. The highest bidder at the end of the auction will win the boat package, complete with on the water delivery by 3A Marine Service in Hingham, MA. To make a donation to our fundraiser (tax deductible) or to bid on the boat package (no tax deduction by law) please visit the auction site at:

32AUCTIONS.COM/BOATAUCTION

For more information on the auction please contact: Randall at randall@boatma.com or 508-221-1378

Please visit the MMTA booth #D-80 at the 2017 New England Boat Show from February 11th to the 19th. We will have the auction boat on display at the show. In an effort to get the word out about this auction and fundraiser would you please consider sending this information out to your full database. The more people that know about the fundraiser the better chance we will have to reach our fundraising goal.

NOTE: Auction winner is responsible for all applicable taxes and government fees.

BOAT FUNDRAISER - DONATION INFORMATION







HELP WANTED

Is your business hiring? If so we would like to try and help you find the ideal candidate. We will have a jobs board available at our booth at the Boat Show. If you would like to add a job opportunity to the board please feel free to send to Randall in advance of the show and we will be sure to add the information to our jobs board.

Please email the information to

randall@boatma.com



BOAT SHOW REMINDER

The New England Boat Show starts on Saturday 2/11 and runs through Sunday 2/19. We hope to see you there...

www.newenglandboatshow.com









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