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EVENT: Clean and Green Boating Workshop

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

LOCATION: Mac & Ray's Banquet Center

COST: No Charge – Registration Requested

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Mt. Clemens, Mich. -- Anchor Bay Yachting Association and the Clinton River Watershed Council are joining forces once again this year to coordinate the 5th Annual Clean Boating Workshop (new class this year – *Clean and Green Boating Workshop*). Participants in this workshop will learn about simple practices they can use on the boat, around boat wells, gas docks, and marinas to keep harmful pollutants out of the lake, as well as general water quality information and other water-quality improvement projects happening on Lake St. Clair and the Clinton River. The harmful impacts of aquatic nuisance species will also be discussed, along with the role that boaters must play in limiting the spread of these unwanted members in the Great Lakes Waterways.

Special Guest Speakers include:

Ken DeBeaussiaert, Director, Office of the Great Lakes Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality, Luanne Laemmerman, Chief of the Environmental Unit Macomb County Prosecutors' Office and Steve Stewart, Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant College Program.

Protecting our water is up to all of us. Everyone likes to boat, fish, swim in clean waters, and drink safe tap water. When you think about the 2+ million boating trips that happen every year on Lake St. Clair and its connecting waters, those little spills that happen while cleaning the boat, at the gas dock, and in the bilge really add up. Just one (1) quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Boating is good clean fun; we need to keep it that way.

The Clean and Green Boating Workshop is open to the public and will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, registration 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm workshop from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Mac & Ray's Banquet Center (30675 North River Road, Harrison Twp.). All boaters and yes, even non-boaters are welcome to attend. **To register:** Please email the Clinton River Watershed Council, contact@crwc.org or call 248-601-0606. The Anchor Bay Yachting Association and Clinton River Watershed Council look forward to seeing you at our workshop.

The Anchor Bay Yachting Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1967. Its primary goals are to educate boaters and encourage clean and safe boating on our lakes, to form liaisons with government units to influence regulation, and to promote camaraderie and fellowship within its 29 member clubs. This organization currently represents over 4,000 members. At monthly meetings, members discuss problems relating to boaters, are updated on pending legislation, and listen to guest speakers talk about boating related issues. For more information, please visit us on the web www.abya.org.