

Industry, Government Leaders Join NMMA Canada for Marine Decarbonization Discussion

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Last week, NMMA Canada brought together federal officials and recreational marine industry leaders in Ottawa to discuss propulsion decarbonization and the future of marine fuels in Canada.

The meeting built on discussions held during NMMA Canada's 2024 Day on the Hill and included representatives from Transport Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, NMMA, and marine engine manufacturers Mercury Marine, Yamaha, Suzuki, Volvo Penta and Pleasurecraft Marine.

The session was led by NMMA Vice President of Environmental Compliance and Marine Technology Jeff Wasil and focused on how marine fuels and emerging propulsion technologies can support emissions reductions in the recreational boating sector.

Participants discussed available propulsion technologies, the operational realities of recreational boating, and the importance of technology-neutral policies that account for diverse vessel types, usage patterns and consumer needs across Canada's boating market.

Officials from Transport Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada shared perspectives on evolving regulatory and policy considerations, while industry representatives provided updates on technology development, fuel pathways and opportunities to advance long-term decarbonization goals.

The discussion reinforced the importance of ongoing collaboration between government and industry to ensure future policies are practical, evidence-based and reflective of how Canadians use recreational boats.

NMMA Canada will continue engaging federal partners as policymakers explore emissions-reduction pathways that support environmental objectives while preserving affordability, consumer choice and access to recreational boating.