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Caption: Participants attend a previous conference. ABYC is seeking speakers for its 2027 SUR/TECH.

ABYC Seeks Proposals for SUR/TECH Conference

ABYC's SUR/TECH will explore the technologies, challenges and opportunities shaping the future of marine service and surveying.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Oct. 15, 2026) — The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has opened a call for proposals for its biennial [SUR/TECH conference](#), scheduled for March 23-24, 2027. The two-day hybrid event will offer in-person attendance in Annapolis and online participation, with a focus on the technologies, challenges and opportunities shaping the future of marine service and surveying.

Nearly 300 marine industry professionals attended the 2025 conference, including manufacturers, surveyors, installers, repair technicians, engineers, consultants and educators.

ABYC is seeking presentation proposals on the following topics:

- Artificial intelligence: security, privacy, accuracy and risk
- Lithium-ion battery systems
- 48-volt and other emerging electrical systems
- New diagnostic tools and technologies
- Evolving marine systems and equipment
- Standards and compliance considerations
- Risk management and lessons learned from the field
- Emerging trends affecting the future of marine service and surveying
- Legal case studies
- Insurance panel discussions
- Wiring and charging system upgrades
- Fuel systems

Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 30, 2026. To submit a proposal and learn more about the event, visit https://abycinc.org/surtech_speakers/.

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Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipage, repair and maintenance. The essential global source of marine industry technical information, ABYC's product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and other tools help members make boating safer.