



Benefits of ESMTA – Legislative Wins

The ESMTA promotes the recreational boating industry throughout New York State, encourages the safe and proper use of boats, marine accessories, and facilities through means consistent with the public interest and welfare. And has a strong presence at the State Governmental Level.

COVID-19

ESMTA was the most influential advocate in having Marine Trades businesses deemed Essential Business in New York State during COVID-19.

- This included rental boats and recreation activities
- Charter Fishing

New York State Canal System

ESMTA has worked extensively to build a stronger relationship as stakeholders with the New York State Canal System and was able to fight back detrimental changes to the New York State Canal System:

- ESMTA was instrumental in making sure the Canal Champlain Lock 7 remained open and continues to promote the eradication of invasive species.
- ESMTA has worked to defeat legislation that would unnecessarily re-organize the canal system
- ESMTA continues to work on having the NYS Canal System Seasonal dates extended for a longer season.

Workforce Development

ESMTA has worked with the State to create the Marine Service Technician (MST) Apprenticeship Program - A non-union, NYS Department of Labor approved Four Year, +/- 8,000 Hour program that began in - September 2019.

The program will allow for the training of highly skilled Marine Technicians, which are in high demand in NYS. Individuals will be working in the following areas:

Safety and Workplace Orientation	Vessel Technology and Operation
Marine Operations	Coastal Piloting and Seamanship
Vessel Propulsion Systems	Marine Electrical Systems
Marine Electronics	Welding

The program just received funding from the Governor's Workforce Development Initiative. Kingsborough Community College received \$857,643 for the Maritime Technology Apprenticeship Program (MTAP), the first NYSDOL approved apprenticeship program for marine mechanics in the nation.

Regional Flood

- ESMTA works closely with the State on the water levels of Lake Ontario and works with the State REDI Commission

Boating Safety

ESMTA was instrumental in implementing a phased in boating safety certificate requirement.

Additional Benefits:

- Annual Meetings
- Information Sharing – Best Practices
- Monthly Newsletter
 - Industry Information
 - Legislative Information