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Congressman Herger Congratulates MariTech For Its Award Winning Technology

US Congressman Wally Herger, 2nd District California, made time in a packed schedule to meet with the principals of MariTech Industries onboard their demonstration boats on Shasta Lake in California .. He came to offer his congratulations receiving the Canadian Safe Boating Council's (CASBC) 2006 Marine Industry of the Year award. He also wanted to receive hands-on demonstrations of their various award winning technologies

Over the course of an hour visit, Congressman Herger and MariTech's CEO, Keith Jackson, discussed boating safety, current technologies available today, and industry history and insights. Following the briefing Congressman Herger witnessed MariTech's various safety products operation, including: COPS (Carbon Monoxide Prevention System), PropStopper (a ladder interlock device), SwimGuard (propeller Guard) and Virtual Lifeline (a wireless engine shut-off device). To properly experience the VL system in action, Congressman Herger piloted a boat on Shasta Lake from which Harry Bouge, MariTech's chief engineer, jumped overboard with a sensor on. He appreciated the dynamic demonstrations of MariTech's technologies effectiveness, commenting that, "All boats should be equipped with at least one of these safety products."

MariTech was further honored to receive a certificate and an American Flag flown over the national capitol from Congressman Herger.

Jackson commented after the meeting, "Congressman Herger seemed very impressed by all of the technologies demonstrated here today and expressed genuine concern for the annual number of boating accidents and fatalities in the United States. I think the Congressman left with a deeper understanding of how we partner with the industry to improve boating safety. We agreed that it must be improved for everyone, today. We were honored that Congressman Herger called to visit and then expanded the time in his schedule for a full demonstration of our technologies on the water."

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CASBC) Award for the 2006 Marine Industry, was presented January 14, 2007 in Toronto, Canada. This award was based upon MariTech's wireless lanyard engine shut off systems—Virtual Lifeline/CAST. Since its introduction, this technology has taken the industry by storm, receiving accolades from government entities, industry leaders, manufacturers, and enthusiasts alike. CASBC's recognition is the second major award presented to MariTech for this exciting new technology. VL/CAST received the U.S. National Marine Manufacturers Association's (NMMA) award for safety in 2005.

About Virtual Lifeline

How it works: Upon submersion, the sensor immediately activates—sending a signal to the onboard control module, which sounds an alarm and shuts off the motor. VL's Rescue Mode allows restarting of the engine to recover the person in the water. Once out of the water, simply shake excess water from the sensor, restart the motor and turn off Rescue Mode to reactivate the safety features of VL. Sensors are small, durable, reusable and are easily worn.

This patented, award-winning technology provides unparalleled falls overboard protection for recreational boaters, anglers, powerboat and racing enthusiasts, and government marine patrol units. It may also be found in commercial applications, like marina operations, salvage, and towing, just to name a few.

About MariTech

With over 15 years experience, MariTech Industries specializes in the analysis and development of effective solutions for maritime safety issues. As a recognized national and international leader in marine and boating safety engineering MariTech helps educate decision and policy makers, manufacturers and owners, operators and the public at large on how to minimize risk, increase safety and still make maritime activities enjoyable.

To learn more about Virtual Lifeline, MariTech and the other exciting products offered by this innovative company please visit them at www.powerboatsafety.com. For downloadable files for use in media kits and publishing please contact Penny Steiner at the number above for a secure web site address.

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