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#### **Four Inducted into MBIA Hall of Fame**

Livonia, Mich. - - Bob Hayes of Northville, MI; Gordon Torreson, Torreson Marine, Muskegon, MI; Marc Howard, Belle Maer Harbor, Harrison Twp., MI; and Ward Walstrom Sr., Walstrom Marine of Harbor Springs, MI were officially inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) Hall of Fame for the year 2002. A special awards dinner was held Thursday, December 5th during the 2002 Recreational Boating Educational Conference (RBEC) and MBIA Annual Meeting, held in Grand Rapids, MI.

MBIA has determined these four individuals to be outstanding contributors to the recreational boating industry in Michigan. They are being recognized for dedication, professionalism and longevity. Recipients and family members were invited to attend the recognition dinner. Each recipient was presented with a recognition plaque. Ron Schultz from Abonmarch accepted on Marc Howard's behalf. Inductees will also be added to the Hall of Fame recognition wall at the MBIA's office in Livonia.

The MBIA Hall of Fame was developed in 1991 to recognize those who have made extraordinary achievements in or contribution to the recreational boating industry. The award recognized individuals who, over the years, have proven to be outstanding in furthering the MBIA's objectives of advancing the recreational boating industry through promotion, education, the introduction or development of innovative products or techniques, and the commitment to quality, service and growth. "This award is given to those who have been dedicated to the perpetuation of the highest ideals, trust and professionalism for the industry," said MBIA President Van W. Snider.