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The Electric WaterCraft Forum Unites Marine Electrification Community

Industry professionals gather to drive innovation, policy, and future projects

BROOKLIN, Maine (November 3, 2026)—The Electric WaterCraft Forum (EWCF) is proud to announce the success of its inaugural event, held October 22-23 at Lyman-Morse in Camden, Maine, USA. By creating a platform for collaboration and conversation through education, exhibition, and firsthand experience, the EWCF is helping to position Maine as an international hub for marine electrification.

The Forum convened over 125 international industry professionals to advance marine electrification through case study panel discussions, exhibits, and on-water demonstrations. Attendees included boatbuilders, boatyard service professionals, naval architects, aquaculture farmers, electric motor manufacturers, policy leaders, and other stakeholders.

“Building this event from the ground up has been incredibly rewarding,” said Kate Holden, Forum Co-Founder. “As this community came together, the connections and conversations that took place showed us how much demand there is for this kind of event. The Forum offers a path forward for marine electrification in Maine and beyond, and we’re already planning next year’s event.”

“We were honored to welcome so many innovative marine professionals from around the world,” said Ellery Brown, Forum Co-Founder. “Despite all the planning, I couldn’t have anticipated how inspiring it would be to learn from and collaborate with this community in such a beautiful place. I

think we all returned to work this week with new ideas, new contacts, and a renewed passion for putting more electric watercraft on our waterways."

The core of the Forum was a program of five case studies focused on the use cases of electric boat projects and the technical, regulatory, and commercial considerations. The discussions featured *Wattson*, an electric working skiff developed for the Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-op, *Isobel*, a custom midcentury modern runabout, *Freya and Auk*, conversion of ICE vessels to electric propulsion, *Firefly*, the complexities of meeting U.S. Coast Guard certification requirements for electric passenger vessels, and a discussion about Charging Infrastructure. Phil Coupe, co-founder of ReVision Energy, delivered the keynote address, *Electric Watercraft Are Accelerating the Electrotech Revolution*, placing marine electrification within the broader transition toward renewable energy and electric technologies.

Industry professionals praised the inaugural event's impact on the sector:

"It was gratifying to meet key players that have made Maine a leader in real world applications of electric watercraft technologies. With a strong devotion to solar powered charging these leaders have made a great contribution to Maine and the future of electric watercraft adoption nationwide." -Ed Roberts, Boston Marine Services

"The inaugural electric watercraft forum was an unmitigated success! Thank you for getting the ball rolling for the industry in Maine!" -Peter Murray, Sunwake

"This is the best electric-focused event I've ever been to." - Nigel Watkins, VITA Power

"The Electric Watercraft Forum was an excellent opportunity to get together and see real work being done in this field and to be able to talk to others who are innovating in this field. It was an amazing opportunity to network and get ideas for future projects." - John Turner, SFVentures

"Great inaugural event. Glad to see Maine taking a lead on Marine Electrification. I look forward to attending next year!" -S/Y Zero

The 2026 EWCF was developed in partnership with the Island Institute, hosted by Lyman-Morse, and supported by the International Electric Maritime Association (IEMA). Sponsors include ATV Power, ePropulsion, Mack Boring, Hylan & Brown Boatbuilders, Torqeedo, Maine Technology Institute (MTI), Camden National Bank, 50Fish, Electric Boat Captain, Zero Emissions Marine Accelerator (ZEMA), and Maine Beer Company.

Plans for the 2027 Electric WaterCraft Forum are now underway. To learn more and sign up to receive updates please visit www.ElectricWaterCraftForum.com.

About the Electric WaterCraft Forum (EWCF): The Electric WaterCraft Forum is an annual event dedicated to advancing marine electrification through education, exhibition, and firsthand experience. Held in Maine,

the Forum brings together boatbuilders, designers, engineers, manufacturers, policy leaders, and other stakeholders from around the world to share knowledge and accelerate the adoption of electric watercraft. ElectricWaterCraftForum.com.

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