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The U.S. Superyacht Association Announces 2017-2018 Board of Directors at Annual Meeting During 58th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (November 14, 2017) - The U.S. Superyacht Association (USSA) proudly announced its 2017-2018 Board of Directors during its Annual Meeting on Friday, November 3, 2017 during the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. The Annual Meeting was held aboard the Grand Floridian yacht at Bahia Mar.

Incoming Board Members include:

Chair	Kate Pearson, Safe Harbor Marinas
Vice Chair	Diane Byrne, Megayacht News
Marketing Co-Chairs	Megan Binting, Port of Seattle Bert Fowles, IGY Marinas
Advocacy	Peter Schrappen, Northwest Marine Trades Association Jay Dayton, Avon Dixon Insurance
Membership	Clayton Swart, MHG Insurance Matt Rosenberg, Colony Hardware
Treasurer	John Fitzgerald, Saunders Yachtworks
Governance	Jeff Cox, Cox & Company
Past Chair	Rick Gladych, Raven Offshore Yacht Shipping

Regional Board Members include:

SE Region	James Maitland, Propspeed/Oceanmax International
SW Region	Todd Roberts, Marine Group Boatworks
NW Region	Marty Marchant, Westport
Great Lakes Region	Jim Ruffolo, Burger Boat Company
NE Region	Marc Gadbois, Tradesmen International
Mid Atlantic	Eyre Baldwin, Cape Charles Yacht Center
Gulf Coast	Ian Bowles, Alphatron Marine

At Large Board Members Include:

JB Turner	Front Street Shipyard
Brian Luke	Bluewater Crew Training
Ted McCumber	Feadship America
Aaron Leatherwood	RMK Merrill-Stevens
Steve Ryder	Bellingham Marine
Audrey Hodgdon	Hodgdon Yachts

"The strength and the talent of this new board are absolutely incredible!" said new chairman Kate Pearson, Safe Harbor Marinas. "We've increased the size of our Board this year to better represent our



growing membership base and to focus on those areas that will continue to be our major focus in the coming year. Membership and Marketing now have co-board positions to help share the load. It's an amazing group of professionals!"

Photo Credit to Tom Serio Photography.

The U.S. Superyacht Association (USSA) is a non-profit trade association incorporated in 2006, with the mission "To promote and support the U.S. Superyacht industry and its members worldwide through advocacy, marketing and education." For more information on the USSA and the 2017 Superyacht Summit visit ussuperyacht.com, call 800-208-5801 or email info@ussuperyacht.com. Like the USSA on Facebook at /USSuperyacht.

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