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## Blount Boats, Inc. joins Green Marine's certification program

**Warren, Rhode Island, December 12, 2019** – Blount Boats, Inc. becomes the eighth shipyard company to join Green Marine, the leading voluntary environmental program for North America's maritime industry.

Based in Warren, Rhode Island, Blount Boats is a family-owned private shipyard with 70 years of experience. Through the years, good workmanship, innovations and proven reliability have earned the Blount organization distinction as a successful marine industry leader.

"We're already committed to delivering vessels that exceed our clients' expectations and now wish to go beyond compliance in our work in terms of the environment as well," says Marcia Blount, the company's president. "The Green Marine framework is tailor made for the marine industry and scalable to our size of operations. It will provide guidance towards greater sustainability for our shipbuilding activities."

Green Marine is delighted to further expand its shipyard and U.S. East Coast membership by welcoming Blount Boats, Inc. into the environmental certification program. "Blount Boats increases the shipyard participation and is very timely with Green Marine releasing a new performance indicator for ship recycling in the coming year," adds David Bolduc, Green Marine's executive director. "It is also rewarding to see more shipyards joining from the U.S. East and West Coasts, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region, and British Columbia."

The Green Marine environmental certification program addresses key environmental issues through 12 performance indicators that include greenhouse gases, air emissions, spill prevention, waste management, environmental leadership, and community impacts – some applicable to shipping activities, others to landside operations. The certification process is rigorous and transparent with results independently verified every two years. Each company's individual performance is made public annually.

### **About Blount Boats, Inc.**

Blount Boats, Inc. is a full service shipyard that specializes in the design, construction and repair of steel and aluminum vessels up to 220 feet (67 metres) long. Founded as Blount Marine Corporation in 1949 by Luther H. Blount (1916-2006), a leading innovator in the shipbuilding industry, the company based in Warren, Rhode Island, is privately held and managed by the Blount family.

## Green Marine overview

Green Marine is a voluntary marine industry initiative with the goal of achieving levels of environmental performance that exceed regulatory requirements in areas such as air/land/water emissions. There are currently more than 140 ship owners, port authorities, terminals and shipyards from coast to coast in Canada and the United States participating in the program. Established in 2007, the program has earned support from more than 70 environmental organizations, scientific research programs and government agencies. These supporters contribute to shaping and revising the program. Learn more at [www.green-marine.org](http://www.green-marine.org)

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