

Press Release

Edenton, NC---August 4, 2009--- Department of Labor Commissioner Presents Regulator Marine Carolina STAR Award

Joan C. Maxwell, president Regulator Marine, announced that Regulator Marine after a three year endeavor was recognized today as the first boat manufacturer in NC to obtain the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHNC) Carolina STAR Award.

Along with more than 100 employees, state and local officials on hand, Cherie K. Berry, Commissioner – North Carolina Department of Labor presented Regulator Marine with the Carolina STAR flag and plaque. Regulator is among only 120 of the approximately 260,000 NC employers to be recognized as Carolina STAR sites. In keeping with the spirit of the day, Edenton Mayor, Roland Vaughan proclaimed August 4th, Edenton/Chowan Workplace Safety awareness day.

The STAR participants must meet all relevant OSHNC standards and have ongoing safety and health programs and have illness incidence rates and lost work day case rates 50 percent below the state average for their business sector. OSHNC verifies qualifications, exempts participants from programmed inspection lists for the duration of their participation, provides necessary technical support, and evaluates the safety and health programs of the participants. Being a North Carolina STAR firm demonstrates to its employees, the community and the industry that the most important asset of the company is its people.

“I am so proud of the hard work and effort every employee made in realizing this important milestone in Regulator’s history” said Joan Maxwell, president Regulator Marine. “The Carolina STAR recognition validates a cooperative relationship between Regulator management, our employees, and OSHA. The results of this effort are already paying dividends. We have seen a dramatic decrease in our incident rates, putting us well below that of the boat-building industry average. We have realized a reduction in our insurance costs by demonstrating that we have a safe and healthy work environment, and that by putting safety first our employees are going home safely at the end of their shift each and every day.” Regulator Marine’s Safety Director, Erik Wiborg, added, “Regulator’s management team and employees are completely dedicated to each employee’s safety. However, our commitment does not end here. Regulator looks forward to serving as a mentor to other firms in Edenton and throughout Eastern North Carolina seeking to achieve this important designation.”

As the first boat builder in NC to achieve this recognition, Regulator challenges its fellow boat builders to work toward this goal and offer its assistance to help keep NC’s workers safe.