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## PRESS RELEASE

### *Inaugural Docks Expo to Launch in St. Louis in December 2015*

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. – February 28, 2015** – The Waterways Journal, Inc. is pleased to announce the launch of a new trade show for the benefit of marinas, boatyards, and dock owners and operators in North America. The Docks Expo (Docks) will take place from December 2 to 4, 2015, at Union Station in St. Louis, Mo.

In 2015, Docks will be held simultaneously with Docks and Marinas©, a nationally respected educational course presented by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The trade show is expected to draw several hundred of the top decision-makers in the marina industry to the Gateway City. Docks is presented by *Marina Dock Age*, the leading magazine for marina and boatyard management for more than 25 years.

“Docks will give marina and boatyard owners and operators direct access to the companies that can help them manage, maintain and improve their facilities,” said Nelson Spencer, Jr., president of the Waterways Journal and publisher of *Marina Dock Age*. “In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to network with members of the marina and boatyard industry at our exclusive receptions and special events.”

Docks will include two days of exhibits as well as the announcement of annual awards from *Marina Dock Age* and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, plus additional social and educational opportunities.

“Having a marina trade show take place simultaneously with our annual Docks and Marinas© course, which already attracts the top professionals in marina design, engineering, construction and operation, is a ‘natural,’” said Howard Rosen, PhD, engineering professional development at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “We are thrilled to be cooperating with Docks this year and anticipate that it will be a great success.”

Target attendees include marina and marine facility owners, operators and managers; dock masters and harbor masters; industry manufacturers; marina contractors and engineers; industry consultants; service and support professionals; related government agencies and more.

Additional information about Docks can be found at [www.docksexpo.com](http://www.docksexpo.com).

#### **About The Waterways Journal, Inc.**

*Since 1887, The Waterways Journal Inc. has offered authoritative periodicals for the marine industry. Located in St. Louis, Mo., the company currently publishes The Waterways Journal Weekly, Inland River Guide, Inland River Record, International Dredging Review, Marina Dock Age, HeartLand Boating and Quimby’s Cruising Guide. To find out more, go to [www.wjinc.net](http://www.wjinc.net).*

#### **About Marina Dock Age**

*For more than 25 years, Marina Dock Age has been the only business-to-business publication serving the educational and informational needs of the U.S. waterfront facilities segment of the industry. In each issue marina professionals, service center operators and boatyard managers will find the timely and relevant*

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*information they need to perform their jobs more effectively and efficiently. Marina Dock Age also offers an annual Buyer's Guide that goes out free of charge to its subscribers. To find out more, go to [www.marinadockage.com](http://www.marinadockage.com).*

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