

NSW Industry Recruits Graduate



The 2008 Sydney International Boat Show will be long remembered as the occasion these new recruits received their graduation diplomas for their successful completion of Certificate III of the TAFE Marine Mechanics course.

The trade qualification involves a four-year employer-supported apprenticeship, together with three years at the Sydney TAFE institute at Ultimo, recognised as the centre of excellence for the marine mechanic course.

The graduates were presented with their diplomas at a function at Darling Harbour during the boat show by a number of presenters,

including Bill Breakspear, head teacher, Marine Mechanics, TAFE and President of BIA sub group MIMRA (Marine Industry Mechanical Repairers Association) and Roy Privett, General Manager, Boating Industry Association of NSW.

Four major awards were also presented.

The Mercury Marine Award, which recognises the apprentice with the highest pass achieved in the second year of studies and for showing exceptional ability in their early stages, was presented to Cameron Diaz, from Newport Marine by Mercury Service Manager Karl Roberts.

Nathan Barratt, from Britton Marine, received the Society of Engineers award for his grand effort in having the highest average marks of any marine mechanic apprentice in NSW.

The Yamaha Award, a perpetual shield acknowledging performance and attitude over the entire course was presented by Yamaha service technician John Burn to Cameron Parker, of Sydney Performance Boats.

Shaun Jones, from Watersports Marine, received the Aquapro Award from Bill Breakspear. This award recognises the apprentice who has proven diligent and practical throughout in their studies.