

Steve Prime of Gowrie Group

Honored for 24 Years of Service to the Rhode Island Marine Trade Association

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Steve began working with Carter Gowrie at Gowrie Group almost 20 years ago to help build out the company's commercial marine insurance division. Though Steve was new to the insurance business, he was a natural fit because of his extensive marine industry network and love of boating. Today he is a trusted insurance advisor to the company's thousands of commercial marine industry clients.

Steve's long-time friend, Robbie Pierce had this to say about Steve: "*Having known Steve from my years in the marine industry, I consider him a true legend amongst his peers. He has devoted years of his time and treasure to insure better and safer boating for all RI boaters. Bravo!*"

For the past 24 years, Steve Prime has sat on the Board of the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association. After helping establish a long-term vision for RIMTA at the Strategic Planning Session in April of 2011, Steve joined the Executive Board as Treasurer of RIMTA to help implement the plan. Since 2004, Steve has led RIMTA's Board Nominating Committee – engaging new board members from his vast network of marine industry peers; always balancing industry representation, passion for the sport, and the need for excellent communication skills.

Described as a motivator and positive change maker by his fellow Board members and industry peers, Steve believes in reinvesting in the marine industry. When asked by Wendy Mackie of RIMTA what he is most proud of in his marine industry career, he responded, "*Being an active member of the RIMTA Board.*"

Steve received his award for 24 years of Exemplary Service on the RIMTA Board on November 5th. Gowrie Group colleagues Ed Gumbrecht, Dawn Speros, Kellie Crete, Dan Cooney, and Barbara Cooper all attended the awards dinner to honor him. Though he is passing on his RIMTA Board baton after 24 years of service, he has already promised to join efforts with RIMTA's Membership Committee to ensure a strong and long-lasting Rhode Island Marine Trades Association.



Photo: Steve Prime

About Gowrie Group. Gowrie Group provides insurance, benefits, and financial services to individuals and businesses throughout the US, and specializes in customized marine, business, home, auto, and boat insurance products and services. Gowrie Group is the largest independent marine insurance group in the US and is ranked in the top 75 independent insurance agencies in the US. Gowrie is endorsed by US Sailing, the national governing body for the sport of sailing. Gowrie's 125+ dedicated professionals are primarily located in the company's main offices in Westbrook CT, Darien CT, North Kingstown RI, and Newport RI. For more information about Gowrie Group visit <http://www.gowrie.com> or call 800.262.8911.

About RIMTA. With more than 240 member companies, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association represents all aspects of the recreational boating industry in the State and is dedicated to the growth in recreational boating and the creation of jobs for the industry in an environmentally friendly, safe and responsible way. RIMTA's membership is comprised of a wide range of businesses, including boatbuilders and manufacturers, marinas, boatyards, service providers, retail and wholesale organizations, educational institutions and other organizations involved in the industry. They are located in 24 different towns across Rhode Island. Learn more at www.rimta.org.

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