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Washington Trust Joins Providence Boat Show as Presenting Sponsor **Rhode Island Bank Pledges Multi-Year Event Support**

November 9, 2015 — Washington Trust recently signed a multi-year pledge to serve as “Presenting Sponsor” of the 23rd Annual Providence Boat Show, an event managed by the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA). The Providence Boat Show, which takes place February 4-7, 2016 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, is one of the largest winter boat shows in New England.

“As Rhode Island’s largest state-chartered bank, Washington Trust is dedicated to supporting local businesses and organizations and helping improve the State’s economy,” said Joseph J. MarcAurele, Washington Trust chairman and chief executive officer. “Since Rhode Island is affectionately known as the Ocean State, partnering with the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association to sponsor the Providence Boat Show is a nice way for us to promote our State’s greatest natural resource.”

“We appreciate Washington Trust’s multi-year commitment to the Providence Boat Show and look forward to working with them,” said Wendy Mackie, CEO of RIMTA. “The Bank’s sponsorship is a great example of community partners working together to promote the Ocean State as a prime boating destination as well as our region’s strongest assets—our marine-trades industry and our coastline.”

The Providence Boat Show is a family-friendly event for all ages and features hundreds of powerboats, sailboats, and other watercraft; free seminars and hands-on activities with experts to give show-goers the know-how on boat handling, navigation and equipment; as well as special appearances of the

sport's leading personalities and experts. The event is designed to educate and inspire all levels of boaters, from seasoned veterans to novices who have never stepped foot on a boat.

The Boat Show has been expanded to four days; the show opens on the afternoon of Thursday, February 4 and closes on Sunday afternoon, February 7 to accommodate the Super Bowl. For more information about the event, please visit providenceboatshow.com. Companies interested in exhibiting at the 2016 show should contact the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (401-396-9619 / info@rimta.org).

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ABOUT RIMTA

Founded in 1964, the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association represents all aspects of the recreational boating industry in its home state. The organization is dedicated to growing the Rhode Island marine industry through advocacy, education, and promotion and positioning the Ocean State as a worldwide leader in the marine trades. RIMTA members are involved in a wide range of marine-trades activity; the membership base of over 300 companies includes boat builders, manufacturers, marinas, boatyards, service providers, retail and wholesale outfits, educational institutions and other organizations. RIMTA owns and manages the Providence Boat Show.