

Simply stated, the objective of the Bureau is to see that marine equipment that has been measured for its safety of operation, when used as intended, is available to the boating public. The objective is based upon the logic that safety begins with safe products and continues with how they are used. To accomplish the objective in acceptable fashion, the Bureau is basically similar in concept, organization and operation to Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. The Bureau stands today as a carefully defined organization devoted to the practical accomplishment of a public service without profit for anyone. For this, appreciation is due to the Bureau's sponsors, to the United States Coast Guard, to Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and to many many men associated with boating as an industry and as a recreation.

Administration

General authority to deal with all matters pertaining to the activities of the Bureau is vested in its Board of Directors. That Board is comprised of fourteen men with representation equally divided between the sponsoring marine underwriters and the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, Inc. Officers elected by and from the Board are the President, First Vice-President and the Treasurer. These officers serve without any compensation as do all Board members. The active, day-to-day, management of the corporation is the responsibility of the Executive Vice-President, who, along with the Secretary, is appointed by the Board.

The supervision of matters pertaining to safety testing is vested in the Operations Committee subject to final approval of the Board. This Committee is composed of technically qualified men from key parts of the industry and the United States Coast Guard. Its function is to render judgments on all testing requirements developed for use by the Bureau and on all test reports that include recommendations for product listings.

Facilities

The administrative office and initial testing station is at 336 Old Hook Road, Westwood, New Jersey. Here considerable capacity is in being and steadily being expanded for extensive physical testing of various classifications of marine equipment. Acquired or specially designed machines vibrate, rock, shock, burn, freeze, twist, pound, squeeze