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Press Release

Chris-Craft Commander Club Generously Celebrates 1000 Members

Portsmouth, VA, September 20, 2008 – The Chris-Craft Commander Club, headquartered in Virginia, celebrates a milestone in its membership. Todd Beauchamp, of Marquette, Michigan became the 1000th member of the worldwide Chris Craft Commander Club on September 17th, 2008.

In addition to a hearty welcome and gifts of recognition to its newest landmark member, the club has made a generous \$1000 donation to the Mariner's Museum of Newport News, VA to further its work with the exhaustive and inherited archives of the Chris-Craft Corporation.

The archives of Chris-Craft Industries were acquired by the Mariner's Museum in 1986. This collection is considered one the most complete histories of any boatbuilding company. The Chris Craft Corporation debuted its first all-fiberglass cruiser (the Commander) in 1964 at the New York Boat Show under much secrecy. The success of this 38' express cruiser led Chris-Craft to produce the Commander line in sizes 19' to 60'. The club hopes its monetary contribution will help further the museum's research and archival work, which provides current owners of these classics, information and history on every hull produced by the legendary boatbuilder, including every Commander built.

The club's leader, Chris Orphal, says, "The contributions of past and present board members, as well as the continued support of our many members have brought us to our 1000th member. As part of this celebration, the Chris Craft Commander Club is proud to be donating \$1000 to the Mariner's Museum, to continue the preservation of these historic artifacts from the country's oldest and most successful boatbuilder. I look forward to celebrating our next membership milestone!"

ABOUT - The Chris Craft Commander Club got its start in 1999 as a written registry of less than 30 Commanders and their owners. The club quickly took its mission to the World Wide Web where it saw an explosive increase in membership. Over the years the organization has evolved into a sophisticated operation to include a very successful online presence sporting an in-depth and informative website, email forum, and ship's store. Now incorporated, the club has registered 876 Commanders still in active duty – a testament to the quality of these finely crafted boats. The organization has held annual gatherings all over the country, including Florida, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Virginia. This year's gathering returns the group to Florida, where its members will meet in Delray Beach, October 30th through November 2nd. Members and non-members are all welcome. Located on the web at:

www.commanderclub.com

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