

# International Association of Marine Investigators

## Our History

The concept of IAMI began in 1986 when Major Dave MacGillis of the Florida Marine Patrol organized and published the Vessel Theft Investigators National Roster. The roster was intended to assist investigators combat marine theft, a high profit, low risk crime that was out of control, by providing contact persons from various agencies involved in marine theft investigations. The initial roster contained the names of nearly three hundred law enforcement, insurance industry, and marine community representatives who had agreed to provide assistance in the investigation of marine theft, insurance fraud, or title fraud cases.

In 1989, the first three-day training seminar was held in New Orleans, LA. The following year, 1990, the National Association of Marine Investigators (NAMI) was formed. As NAMI grew, our membership increased both nationally and internationally. In 1996, NAMI became the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMII). We are now represented by marine professionals from all over the world. Whether your case is local or a country away, IAMII members are ready to lend a hand. Worldwide networking is one of the best benefits of IAMII.

The International Association  
of Marine Investigators (IAMII)  
is a 501(c)3 non-profit international  
organization dedicated  
to combating marine theft  
and insurance fraud.

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Committed to Training  
Investigators Worldwide

## Our Mission

To develop and provide high levels of training to law enforcement, insurance investigators, and other marine professionals. Working and training together with both public and private sectors to combat marine theft, arson, fraud and other criminal activity in the marine environment.

## Our Objectives

The objectives of IAMLI, as stated in its constitution and by-laws, are as follows:

- Provide marine theft investigative training;
- Develop and disseminate educational materials to combat marine theft and fraud;
- Provide a forum for the discussion of marine theft and related investigative activities and other topics of interest;
- Promote marine theft prevention and suppression;
- Encourage cooperation between law enforcement agencies and marine organizations;
- Focus on the needs of the marine community;
- Unite for the mutual benefit of those persons who are eligible for membership;
- Accumulate and disseminate information of interest to all members;
- Eliminate all factors that interfere with the administration of justice;
- Operate as a non-profit organization;
- Appropriate no funding for political lobbying.

## Certified Marine Investigator

IAMLI initiated the Certified Marine Investigator training and testing in 2003. This designation will ensure that marine investigators are qualified in various aspects of marine-related investigations; marine terminology, cause and origin of fires, forensic photography, investigative techniques, admiralty law and insurance fraud.

## Our Training

Each year IAMLI holds two major training seminars. IAMLI Inc. holds a three-day seminar in conjunction with their annual business meeting. The training is open to law enforcement, insurance investigators, Coast Guard officials and other marine professionals. Some topics normally covered at the seminars are:

- Marine theft & fraud
- HIN formats
- Forensic Photography
- Outboard and inboard serial numbers
- Insurance fraud investigations
- Fire/arson investigations
- Updates on changes in Coast Guard regulations and policies
- Admiralty law
- Accident investigations
- Raising, tracing, and lifting HIN's

## Membership

The International Association of Marine Investigators offers a variety of memberships to persons interested in the objectives of the association.

**1**

The **Law Enforcement Membership** is open to those representatives of municipal, county, state, federal, national, or international law enforcement agencies who are full-time employees with peace officer authority or who are engaged in intelligence gathering. Coast Guard officials, special agents of the National Insurance Crime Bureau, or other similar agencies worldwide, and administrative officials of vessel registering and titling authorities are also eligible.

**2**

A **non-Law Enforcement Membership** is open to those persons not covered by Law Enforcement Membership, such as private marine investigators, insurance investigators, and marine industry representatives. It also includes part-time, reserve, auxiliary, or retired law enforcement officers. New applicants shall be sponsored by a member in good standing and approved by the membership committee.

**3**

A **Permanently Retired Membership** is open to those members from law enforcement and/or private industry that are fully retired.

Membership year runs from August 1st through July 31st of the following year.

Members are eligible to compete for the Investigator of the Year Award that is sponsored by BoatUS. This program recognizes one law enforcement and one non-law enforcement person annually for outstanding achievement in the area of marine theft/fraud investigations.