

MBIA announces 2011 Lighthouse Award

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LIVONIA, Mich. – The Michigan Boating Industries Association awarded Macomb County and county executives Mark Hackel and Gerry Santoro with the association's Light House awards during a special luncheon at the 2011 Recreational Boating Educational Conference held Dec. 1 in Gaylord, Mich.

Macomb County was honored for several of its contributions to the recreational boating and marine industries in Michigan, including its "Main Stream Main Street" river initiative and its continued support of the MBIA and its Boating & Outdoor Festival.

"Macomb County and its executives have been extremely supportive of both the boating industry in Michigan as well as the MBIA members doing business in this boating county," John Ropp, MBIA president, said in a release. "We feel they are worthy of recognition with an MBIA Lighthouse Award for Macomb County's support as well as for their desire to make waters accessible to more people through their 'Main Stream Main Street' river initiative."

The "Main Stream Main Street" river initiative was designed to incorporate more than 35-miles of river and Lake St. Clair Shoreline from Auburn Hills to Harrison Township, according to the MBIA.