



ABCMI BEGINNINGS

More than fifteen years ago, a gathering of organizations and individuals within BC’s marine sector came together to form the **West Coast Shipbuilding and Repair Forum (WCSRF)**. The informal forum brought together players from industry, government, and academia concerned with the development of a sustainable marine sector on the West Coast.

The aim of the WCSRF was “to promote a viable and competitive shipbuilding and repair industry on Canada’s West Coast that can provide high quality, reliable, innovative services to domestic and international customers.” The forum provided a focal point for raising and discussing matters of common interest that included building and sustaining a highly skilled workforce and safeguarding and expanding strategic industrial marine infrastructure necessary to support the industry.

The work of the WCSRF persevered and, where needed, created new trades unique and critical to the marine sector. It also led to the creation of the Industrial Marine Training and Applied Research Centre (IMTARC), now known as the Camosun Coastal Centre, which had done much to train and educate the sector’s evolving workforce.

The WCSRF was always meant to be an informal group but there was a real need to carry out labour market and other studies on behalf of the sector so, in 2015, the WCSRF evolved into an incorporated, not-for-profit association known today as the **Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)**.

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