

# CMPS POWERS MARITIME LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Founded in 1998, the Glacier Society is a US-based non-profit education society. Using a 39-foot (12 meter) motor vessel, *Arctic Scout*, the Society has developed a youth maritime education and leadership program. The vessel is a hands-on training platform, providing education on engine and vessel maintenance, seamanship skills, the marine environment and teamwork.



The *Scout* is a military quality Arctic survey boat built in 1965 and was originally used by the US Coast Guard. Unfortunately, the vessel's previous engine, a Detroit Diesel 6V-53 engine, raised safety concerns because the high noise levels would risk permanent injury to the students.

Marine Pre-Field Sales Rep **Amy Thompson** worked with the society's Youth Education Leader Joseph C. DeFranco to secure a 3126B propulsion engine with 350 BHP (261 BKW) 2800 RPM for donation. According to Glacier Society Chairman **Ben Koether**, "We love this Cat engine.

It's so quiet, you can barely hear it running." Amy attended a special launching ceremony at the society's headquarters in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she received a commemorative plaque and christened and piloted the boat!

As the Youth Program Leader **Joe DeFranco** noted, "Caterpillar is our premier sponsor."

Congratulations to CMPS for exhibiting Commitment and serving as a proactive member of our global community!

