

## **Inc. Magazine Unveils 35th Annual List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000**

**For the Third Time, Marine Connection Appears on the Inc. 5000 list  
Three-Year Sales Growth of 171 percent**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL., Sept. 1, 2016** — Inc. magazine today ranked Marine Connection NO. 2155 on its 35th annual Inc. 5000. This marks the third time the company has been named to the list, which is one of the most prestigious rankings of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents a unique look at the most successful companies within the American economy's most dynamic segment— its independent small businesses. Companies such as Microsoft, Dell, Domino's Pizza, Pandora, Timberland, LinkedIn, Yelp, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees of the Inc. 5000.

"Making the Inc. 5000 for the third year in a row, based upon our 2015 year-end revenue, is an achievement that we take great pride in," said Danny Goldenberg, Managing Partner, Marine Connection. "For a third year in a row, Marine Connection is proud to represent the boating industry as the only boat dealer to make the list. We are proud to have Marine Connection recognized as an entrepreneurial leader and to represent the boating industry on the Inc. 5000 2014, 2015, and now, 2016."

The 2016 Inc. 5000, unveiled online at Inc.com and with the top 500 companies featured in the September issue of Inc. (available on newsstands August 23) is the most competitive crop in the list's history. The average company on the list achieved a mind-boggling three-year growth of 433%. The Inc. 5000's aggregate revenue is \$200 billion, and the companies on the list collectively generated 640,000 jobs over the past three years, or about 8% of all jobs created in the entire economy during that period. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at [www.inc.com/inc5000](http://www.inc.com/inc5000).

"The Inc. 5000 list stands out where it really counts," says Inc. President and Editor-In-Chief Eric Schurenberg. "It honors real achievement by a founder or a team of them. No one makes the Inc. 5000 without building something great – usually from scratch. That's one of the hardest things to do in business, as every company founder knows. But without it, free enterprise fails."

The annual Inc. 5000 event honoring all the companies on the list will be held from October 18 through 20, in San Antonio, TX. Speakers include some of the greatest entrepreneurs of this and past generations, such as best-selling author and strategist Tony Robbins, SoulCycle co-founders Elizabeth Cutler and Julie Rice, Cornerstone OnDemand founder, president and CEO Adam Miller, Marvell Technology Group director and co-founder Weili Dai, and New Belgium Brewing co-founder and executive chair, Kim Jordan.

Marine Connection is South Florida's leading Cobia, Pathfinder, Sailfish, Sportsman, Hurricane, and Rinker boat dealer. Marine Connection covers over 250 comprehensive miles of territory on Florida's east coast with three award-winning locations in West Palm Beach, Miami, and Vero Beach. Selling and exporting boats since 1987, Marine Connection was founded on the principle of delivering value far beyond its price, doing so by providing the most pleasant and professional boat purchasing experience for thousands of satisfied customers. Ranked as the No. 1 Dealer in the World for Cobia and Sportsman Boats, No. 1 Dealer in Florida for Hurricane Boats, and one of Boating Industry's Top 20 Dealers in the Nation for three consecutive years, Marine Connection also achieved placement on the prestigious Inc. 5000 list as its only boat dealer for two years in a row. For more information, please visit <http://www.marineconnection.com/>.

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#### **Methodology**

The 2015 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2011 to 2014. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2011. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2014. (Since then, a number of companies on the list have gone public or been acquired.) The minimum revenue required for 2011 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2014 is \$2 million. As always, Inc. reserves the right to decline applicants for subjective reasons. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in Inc.'s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at <http://www.inc.com/5000>.

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The Inc. 500|5000 is a list of the fastest-growing private companies in the nation. Started in 1982, this prestigious list of the nation's most successful private companies has become the hallmark of entrepreneurial success. The Inc. 5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony is an annual event that celebrates their remarkable achievements. The event also offers informative workshops, celebrated keynote speakers, and evening functions.

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