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RJ Marine Group, GT Marine Services merge

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STUART — We are excited to announce that RJ Marine Group of Stuart and GT Marine Services of Fort Pierce have merged to become Marine Electronics of the Treasure Coast, or METCo.

The new company will build upon the rich history and stellar reputations of RJ Marine Group and GT Marine Services, offering a complete array of marine electronics products and services to customers throughout the Treasure Coast region.

As a certified NMEA Garmin and Raymarine dealer and service center, METCo offers the entire marine electronic product line of both brands including chart plotters, radars, VHF radios, auto pilots, depth sounders, transducers and more. METCo is also a Shadow-Caster Under Water Light dealer, Intellian and KVH Satellite TV dealer, and offers Gost and DeepSea products, among other national brands. Additionally, METCo sells, services and provides installation of Simrad, Furuno, Fusion, JL Audio, Clarion and Navionics products.

"We're excited about the opportunity to build upon the 30 years of combined history and relationships forged by these two well respected family-owned businesses, RJ Marine Group and GT Marine Services. METCo will continue to provide the product offerings and service their customer base and rapidly take our new company to the next level of growth and expansion," said Mark Palazzo, the new president and owner. "Our goal is to become the go-to, turnkey marine electronics dealer for customers from Jupiter to Sebastian."

Successful business executive and entrepreneur Mark Palazzo is well positioned to achieve that objective. Palazzo's diverse career includes more than 35 years in the global telecom and IT industries, including 21 years in senior executive positions with San Jose-based Cisco Systems and Atlanta-based Scientific Atlanta Inc. He was formerly a partner of TechCXO LLC, a technology consulting company that focuses on early stage start-ups, middle market growth and turnarounds providing high level business planning and product development services.

As a native Floridian, avid boater and angler,

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RJ Marine Group of Stuart and GT Marine Services of Fort Pierce have merged to become Marine Electronics of the Treasure Coast, or METCo.

Palazzo is very involved in the community, serving in leadership roles on a variety of county and nonprofit organizations. He is a Treasure Coast Hospice board member; Stuart Sailfish Club of the Treasure Coast board member and treasurer; and chairman of the Palm City Neighborhood Advisory Committee. He also serves as a mentor at FAU Tech Runway, a South Florida public-private partnership fostering technology start-ups and business acceleration.

METCo is a lead sponsor of the Stuart Boat Show.

The new METCo headquarters is at the former RJ Marine Group's location at 619 N.W. Baker Road in Stuart.

For more information call 772-600-5701 or visit www.marineelectronicstc.com. You can also follow them on Facebook.