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RJ Marine Group and GT Marine Services merge, poised to grow, as Marine Electronics of the Treasure Coast

Stuart, Fla. – We are excited to announce that RJ Marine Group of Stuart and GT Marine Services of Ft. Pierce have merged to become Marine Electronics of the Treasure Coast (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, Fusion Audio and Lumitec Lighting products, amongst other national brands. Additionally, METCo sells, services, and provides installation of Simrad, 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," explained the new president and owner, Mark Palazzo. "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, Mark is also very involved in the community, serving in leadership roles on a variety of county and non-profit organizations including: 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, which takes place on January 13 to 15 and looks forward to meeting and greeting our customers and other exhibitors and to showcasing their products and services at the show.

The new METCo headquarters are at the former RJ Marine Group's location at 619 NW Baker Road in Stuart.

About Marine Electronics of the Treasure Coast

In October 2016, RJ Marine Group of Stuart merged with GT Marine Sales of Ft. Pierce to become Marine Electronics of Treasure Coast (METCo). The business is a NMEA certified Garmin and Raymarine dealer and provides sales, service and installation of marine electronics to the entire Treasure Coast Region. In addition, they carry a variety of other products and brands of electronics including Simrad, Fusion, Clarion and Navionics. METCo is located at 619 NW Baker Road in Stuart, FL. For more information call 772-600-5701 or visit their website www.marineelectronicstc.com. You can also follow them on Facebook.