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**Waterway Cleanup Essay and Short Story Contest Winners Announced
at 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup Press Conference**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (March 5, 2010) – In order to further promote the educational aspects of the 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup presented by the Florida Inland Navigation District and the “Our Waterways, Our Future...Our Responsibility” campaign, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) conducted writing contests at its two Marine Magnet Partner schools. Seventh grader Janelle Lewis is the winner of the short story contest conducted at New River Middle School and tenth grader Chelsea Currie of South Broward High School is the winner of the essay contest. Lewis will receive a \$250.00 savings bond from the MIASF. Currie will receive a \$500.00 scholarship check and have her winning entry published in an upcoming issue of the MIASF newsletter *Tide-ings*.

“It is a breath of fresh air to see how much these young students care about the environment,” said Tara Piana, MIASF’s Assistant Public Relations and Event Coordinator. “After all, they are our future, and the more educated they become about our environment, the more they can do to preserve it,” Piana concluded.

The Annual Waterway Cleanup is an integral part of the Association’s “*Our Waterways, Our Future... Our Responsibility*” initiative, a campaign that seeks public participation in charting a course for the sustainability of Florida’s most precious resource, its waterways.

For more information about the 33rd Annual Waterway Cleanup or the Annual Essay and Short Story Contests, contact Melanie Daily, Public Relations and Event Coordinator at (954) 524-2733, melanie@miasf.org.