



Gowrie Group Expands into Crew Medical & Marine Health Insurance

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Gowrie Group, New England's premier independent insurance agency, is excited to announce that Rick Bagnall has joined the company's growing benefits and healthcare division. Rick will focus on Crew Medical Insurance, Association Marine Health Insurance, and Employee Benefit Consulting. Rick brings to Gowrie Group deep marine industry expertise and a unique ability to create new medical insurance programs for marine oriented teams, groups, and industries.

Rick commented, "I am thrilled to be joining the Gowrie Group team. The synergies between my crew medical expertise and Gowrie Group's national marine insurance presence open up a wide array of exciting opportunities."

Skip Young, Gowrie Groups President and Principal, Benefits Division said, *"We are excited to welcome Rick Bagnall aboard. Rick is a leader in the marine health industry and we are very happy that we now have his expertise in the Marine Benefits arena. We look forward to continued growth in this exciting area."*

Rick's expertise in crew medical insurance runs deep. He created and grew highly successful group programs for several associations, including a [crew medical program](#) for members of US Sailing. He also has worked closely with several Americas Cup's syndicates, providing health insurance for the crew and shore team. Several large offshore commercial fishing operations take advantage of his specialized health insurance solutions for their [paid crew](#). His solutions are also at work protecting expatriates, international cruisers, professional sailors, crew on mega yachts, and paid captains.

Prior to joining Gowrie Group, Rick was a producer for the Allen Insurance Agency in Maine for almost 8 years. Before he began his insurance career, Rick owned and operated two Baskin Robbins franchises in Lake Tahoe CA, and worked with Preferred Capital, as a business leasing sales manager throughout the United States. Rick is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley. He resides in Guilford, CT with his wife and two young children. Rick will work out of Gowrie's Westbrook CT office and can be reached at rickb@gowrie.com or 860.399.3634.

Learn more about Gowrie's benefits and health insurance solutions:
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