

## **2005 Investigator of the Year**

IAMI presented its 2005 Marine Investigator of the Year award at its annual conference recently held in San Diego, California.

All four recognized for their work on a case involving a multi-state and multi-county stolen boat ring. The case. Believed to be the largest stolen boat ring in the county, involved 30 vessels and has resulted in the indictments of 26 people.

Individuals faced eight federal charges, 15 states charges, and a federal RICO action. Charges included interstate transportation of stolen property, sale of stolen goods, interstate shipment carrier, false official statements, and title fraud. Many of the boats recovered to date have been returned to various insurance companies and subrogation action has been initiated, the association said.