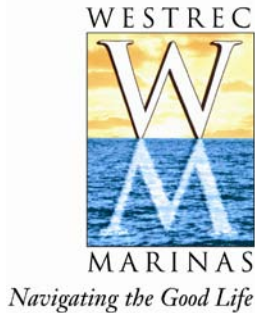


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## **HARBOUR TOWNE MARINA TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW DRY STORAGE FACILITY OCTOBER 29th**

### **The First New Commercial Boat Slips Permitted Since Broward County's 2004 Moratorium**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL** September 22, 2008- Broward recreational boaters will soon get their first new boat slips in over four years as Harbour Towne Marina in Dania Beach celebrates the commencement of construction of their new dry storage facility on Wednesday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. with an official ground breaking ceremony and reception to immediately follow.

The new dry-stack project at the marina is the first new commercial marina facility permitted in Broward County since 2004. Over the past four years, Broward County has enforced a moratorium on new commercial boat slips, pending the adoption of the Broward County Boating Facility Siting Plan, as part of a greater Manatee Protection Plan. The Boating Facility Siting Plan was years in development, but finally adopted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in late 2007.

“We are very pleased that this is the first dry dock facility to be approved under the new Manatee Protection Plan,” said Gary Groenewold, Vice President Southern Area for Westrec Marinas, the project developer and owner of Harbour Towne. “The new dry stack project will be a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly facility located directly on the Dania cut-off canal and will accommodate recreational boats up to 43 feet in length,” Groenewold said.

Groenewold said he expects to have the new slips operational in early 2009. 33-acre Harbour Towne Marina, just south of Fort Lauderdale, is one of the most notable marinas in all of South Florida and is widely recognized as a model of efficiency and effective marina design. The facility encompasses some 164 wet slips and over 450 dry stack spaces. In this marina, wet slips generally offers space for vessels 40-ft to 120-ft in length, with a few slips accommodating yachts to 200 feet LOA. In addition, the dry stack services boats in the 20-ft to 43-ft range. Besides the variety of storage options and boat services, the facility also includes 80,000 square feet of office and retail space available to a variety of businesses. These include boat maintenance and services, including engine and diesel repair, generator sales and service, custom woodworking, fiberglass, electronics, canvas, interior design, as well as yacht and shipbrokers selling a

variety of new and used vessels in all size ranges. The property also provides a ship's store, gas and diesel fuel dock, sanitary pump out station and boatyard with 88-ton travel lift. By combining all of these elements in one facility, Westrec can meet the needs of most boaters. Most of these businesses are interrelated and are economically dependent upon one another. This unique feature insures that boaters receive the highest level of service and tenant businesses reach their potential. An environmental award winner, located minutes from Port Everglades inlet with no bridges and 2 miles from Fort Lauderdale International Airport, Harbour Towne was the first marina in Florida to receive simultaneous Clean Marina and Clean Boatyard designations by the State. Named 2003 Marina of the Year by Marina DockAge Magazine, Harbour Towne has also received the Green Boatyard Award and is the annual recipient of Broward County's Emerald Award designation.

Westrec Regional Office put together a project team that included Stephen Tilbrook, an environmental and land-use planner at the Fort Lauderdale office of the Florida law firm Shutts & Bowen, LLP, and Tyler Chappell, Vice President of The Chappell Group, an environmental consulting firm.

“Because of the moratorium, there is a significant pent-up demand for dock slips in Broward County,” said Tilbrook, who is also a member of the City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board. He further stated, “Harbour Towne has the capacity to provide the new boat slips in an existing marina that is well located and environmentally sensitive.”

The number of registered recreational boats in South Florida has grown more than 16 percent since 2002, while the number of boat slips has actually decreased in the recent wave of condo developments. The trend of more boats and fewer boat slips has forced boaters to move to the Bahamas or elsewhere in the state. “Harbour Towne's new state-of-the-art dry storage facility comes at a critical time and will go a long way toward meeting the needs of recreational boaters in Broward County, while balancing the interests of manatee protection,” said Frank Herhold, executive director of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, a trade group that represents more than 800 marinas, boatyards, boat dealers and marine-related businesses. “This project demonstrates Westrec's commitment to help grow our marine industry and the region's \$13.6-billion marine economy.”

Founded in 1987, Westrec Marinas currently operates a portfolio of over 25 marina facilities comprising some 15,000 wet and dry storage spaces served by over 500 employees. Facilities are located in both salt and fresh water and can accommodate a multitude of vessels – from personal boats to mega-yachts. In addition, the scope of Westrec's services includes risk management, design and consulting. It is this comprehensive nature of Westrec Marinas that poises the company for continued growth in the future.

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