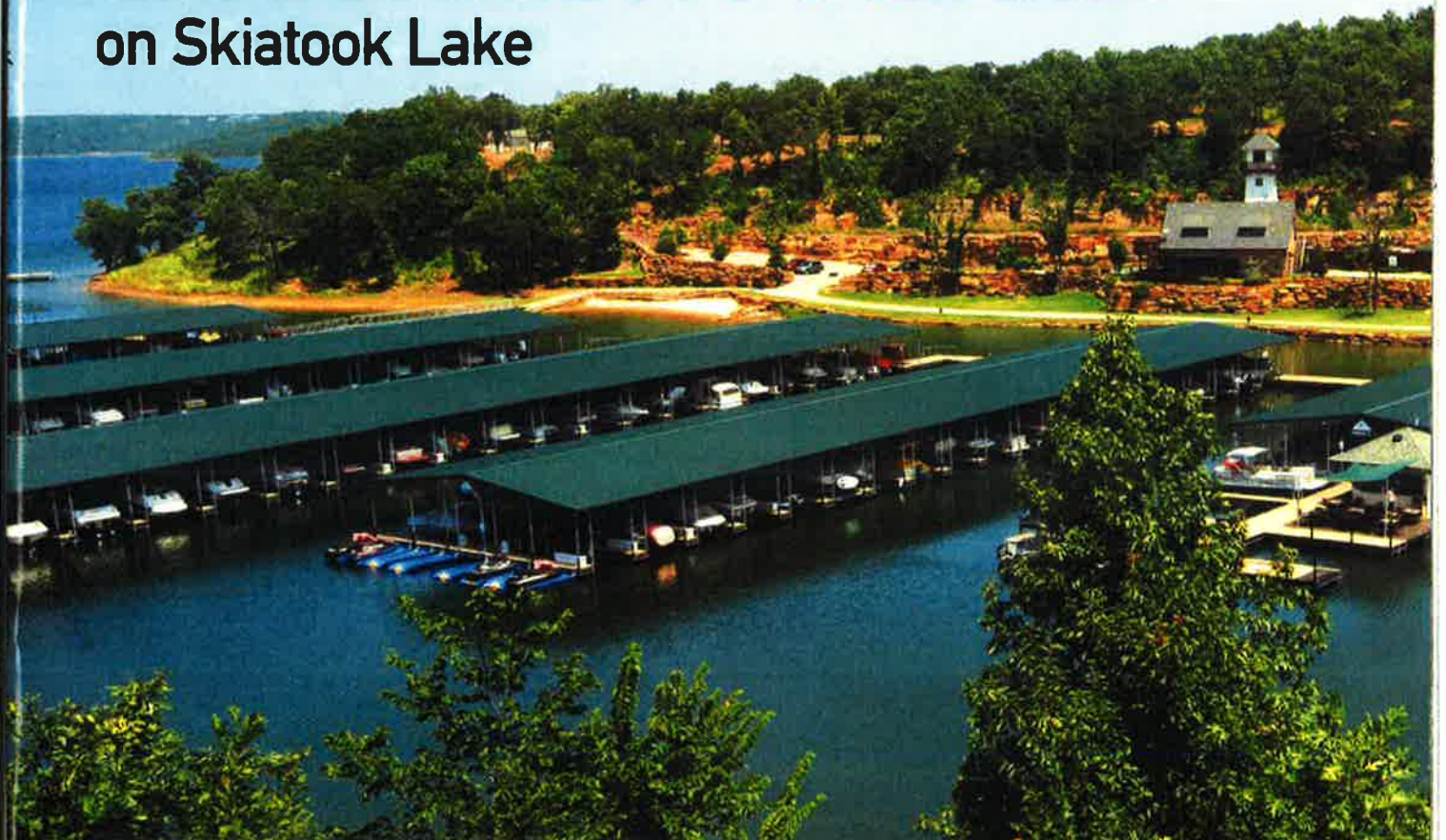


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building the structure,” said Steve Ryder, manager of project development, USA southeast division.

Bellingham’s scope of work for the entire project included demolition and replacement of the existing fixed pier structure and the demolition and replacement of the existing 220-foot walkway that leads out to the fuel dock and the new ship store. The new pier will consist of Unifloat concrete floating docks and will have 20 slips for transient vessels as large as 50 feet. Bellingham also installed all the necessary utilities for the new dock area.

One of the challenges of this project was working around all the boating activity. “Unlike the rest of Florida at this time of year, a lot of people come down here in July and August going after lobsters,” Ryder said. “You have a very, very busy marina and you’re doing construction in the middle of it.”

Since Marathon Marina included transient docks in its new dock, it was able to obtain a Boating Infrastructure Grant to pay for some of the project. Bellingham expects to complete its work in October.



*Marathon Marina in Marathon, Florida, is working on replacing its ship store and fuel dock. It worked with Bellingham Marine to develop a unique construction plan that helped work around a busy marina.*

## New Jersey Marina Celebrates Reopening after Sandy Devastation

There was nothing left of Sandy Hook Bay Marina after Hurricane Sandy swept through in 2012. “The storm completely obliterated the barrier island where the ocean met the bay and wiped out pretty much everything,” said Gloria VanBiert, the marina’s manager.

But after a great deal of hardship and years of planning and construction, Sandy Hook Bay Marina reopened



*Sandy Hook Bay Marina, rebuilt after Hurricane Sandy, reopened in May. Already the marina is at 98 percent occupancy.*

this year, ready to welcome its boating customers with an array of new amenities.

“Prior to Sandy we had approximately 90 slips in the marina, some floating docks, a restaurant, a mechanic’s shop, travel lift and parking lot,” VanBiert said. “Now the marina has been rebuilt with 130 slips—15 reserved for transients—with space for boats from 25 feet to 70 feet.” Albert Marine Construction of Waretown, New Jersey, installed the new floating docks manufactured by Meeco Sullivan. The slips offer both 30- and 50-amp service.

The project included the installation of new boardwalk and new wave screens. “The bulkhead is built up to an elevation of 14 feet so that we’re not going under; it can take us up to a Category 2 hurricane,” VanBiert said. “The property also offers a lot of amenities, including air conditioned restrooms and showers, an outdoor pool, a barbecue area and fire pit and a private veranda deck for marina members that overlooks the Manhattan skyline. “We will soon be opening a new restaurant called the Bay Point Inn and a Captain’s Bar out on the point.”

Sandy Hook Bay Marina will be offering in-water winter storage and has installed the Pilemate system to prevent freezing. It will be putting in a de-icing

system as well.

Since the marina reopened on May 1, demand for slips has been high and by late July the marina had 98 percent occupancy.

## Ocean City Marina Install Boatlifts

Over the past several years, Rolfe Gudelsky, operations manager at Ocean City Fishing Center (OCFC) in Maryland, has seen a change in the boats that its fishermen are using. “Everybody is making a high-end center console,” he said. That’s just one of the reasons that the marina is in the process of installing 28 new lifts from Golden Boat Lifts.

Boaters today are less willing to wait for lifts to take their boats in and out of the water, Gudelsky said. “They want the ability to go whenever they want; the lift gives them the ability to go in and out at their convenience.”

OCFC hosts numerous large, offshore boats, many with quad 350s and oversized fuel tanks. The facility chose Golden’s 4-Post lifts with 24,000 pound capacities because it was adaptable to a wide range of hull shapes.

The marina reconfigured its docks to make room for the lifts, since the slips in this section of the marina were originally designed for boats much smaller than then 40-foot vessels the new lift will be

able to handle.

Ocean City Boat Lifts of Bishopville, Maryland, which handled installation of the marina's new lifts, found a way to make more efficient use of the space. Instead of the six taller posts and top rails that lifts of this size would usually require, it was able to multipurpose the center piling so they would work for both sides of the slip. Working with the marina, it also repurposed the original piling from the small slips it was taking out and used them for finger piers for the new construction. That provided a substantial cost savings, Gudelsky said.

By late July, OCFC had seven of the 28 planned boatlift slips completed. "We were originally setting them up for monthly leases, and we had such a demand that we moved straight to seasonal and year round," Gudelsky said. The boatlift slips are full, and every time one becomes available it gets leased out immediately.

"I'm astonished by the demand I've seen," he said. ⚓



Ocean City Fishing Center in Ocean City, Maryland, cannot install boatlifts fast enough to meet the demand for them. It is installing 28 boatlifts at its slips, which are rented to annual slipholders as soon as they are complete.

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### Upcoming Events

2016 SOBA Conference  
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Dear readers,

The September/October 2016 issue will be out in a few weeks. We've got stories featuring updates to the National Electric Code for marina electrical systems; dock-lift equipment; lots of renovations and projects; and more dry storage statistics from the annual survey.

This year's survey will go out in October. Don't miss it!

We're gearing up for the busy conference season. I'll be at the Slips for Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) conference in early October, and the Marine Recreation Association (MRA) conference in San Diego later in the month.

Make a good registration for The Docks Expo in December. Visit [http://www.marinaexpo.com](#)



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