

## WHAT'S NEW WITH MARINAS

### Lauderdale Marine Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

The Lauderdale Marine Center recently expanded: It has added 20 acres to an existing 50 acres, making it the largest yacht-repair yard in the U.S. With the expansion, it now has 156 wet slips for vessels up to 180 feet and 19 covered slips for vessels up to 150 feet and over 40 contractors on-site and three travel lifts.

### Salty Sam's Marina, Fort Myers, FL

The Parrot Key Caribbean Grill, located at Salty Sam's Marina, was recently voted Best Waterfront Restaurant. The world famous Salty Sam's Marina is a full-service marina with boat service, repairs, boat sales and storage, and offers powerboat and kayak rentals, fishing and sightseeing charters, and the Key West Express ferry.

### Renaissance Vinoy Resort Marina, St. Petersburg, FL

The marina has recently re-opened and features an exclusive 74 slip marina, accommodating vessels up to 120 feet. The marina offers state-of-the-art dockage facilities and convenience to downtown St. Petersburg. Guests can enjoy the Vinoy Club's world class amenities and dining experiences.

### Wells Cove Marina, Grasonville, MD

Wells Cove recently re-opened after a major renovation that included 76 new deep-water floating docks, heads and showers, laundromat, and a pool. It also includes a mixed-use project with town homes with 10 slips reserved for town home purchasers.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM MARINALIFE

### CRUISE PLANNING CENTER

Cruising with your boat is easy with Marinalife's unique Cruise Planning Center. Members can choose from one of our many pre-planned cruise itineraries or start from scratch using the create-your-own-cruise tool. You can use a variety of tools, including viewing your cruise route on an interactive map or add, edit and delete marina stops. With one simple click you can "book this cruise" to submit all of your reservations. Also, e-mail your cruise to friends and family as a float-plan or download it to an excel spreadsheet for easy offline viewing.

### FUEL LOCATION AND PRICES

You can now view marina fuel prices online at [www.marinalife.com](http://www.marinalife.com). Prices are located in participating marina details pages found through a marina search. Any marina can participate for free and update their prices as often as desired! Submitting fuel prices for your marina or area by emailing [info@marinalife.com](mailto:info@marinalife.com). Check back for updates!

### BOAT SHOWS...STOP BY OUR BOOTH!

The Marinalife team wants to meet you! We will be exhibiting at the following shows:

- **Annapolis Power Boat Show**  
October 16th-19th: Booth D-38
- **Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show**  
October 30th-November 3rd: Booth 1606

### COMING SOON...NEW BOATER PROFILE

Marinalife members will enjoy a new, easy-to-use boater profile that can be customized to your preferences including weather and marinas in your area.



## Member Spotlight: Hall Palmer

Hall Palmer has been a Marinalife member for 2 years. An avid boater, Hall enjoys both power boats and sail boats. He has traveled the world extensively including a trans-Atlantic trip on his 53-foot sailboat.

### How long have you been Boating?

I have been boating for 58 years, having started at age 10. My first boat was an 18-foot Crosby Seagull class sailboat that my father bought in 1952. That vessel started a family sailing experience, which has continued ever since.

### Tell us about some of your boating adventures.

My favorite boating place has been the Mediterranean with the Turkish Coast, Ionian, and Balearic Islands being the high points. My best boating experience was the Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally in 2001; Turkey, Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Egypt, and back to Turkey via Cyprus all in 8 weeks with Turkish escorts and 38 other yachts. The Mediterranean is an incredibly interesting place with so many different cultures and so much history that it would take lifetimes to see it all.

We just wanted to travel there and followed our noses after sailing the boat over after I retired. Our second favorite trip would be crossing the Atlantic on RELATIVITY in 2000.

### Did you face any challenges on your Mediterranean trip?

### How were the amenities at those marinas?

There are a number of challenges chiefly related to all the different languages and customs. There is a tremendous difference between countries in the state of amenities available. Turkey has a major chain of marinas that are equal to those anywhere with reciprocal reservation capability, etc. while other places are much more chaotic. There are a lot of places where anchoring out is the only option.

### Where do you boat the most?

I have spent the most time on the Pacific Coast between Vancouver Island and Manzanillo, Mexico while based in the San Francisco Bay area.

### Many of our members spend most of their time on the East Coast. What are the differences in West Coast boating compared to the East Coast?

The Pacific Coast is for the most part much windier and rougher with fewer harbors of refuge so that most boating is much more localized. There is nothing like the ICW to allow smaller boats to move from one area to another in sheltered conditions.

### What do you look for in a marina?

We like marinas with safe and clean berths, heads and showers and access and proximity to local attractions. I also find it helpful to have a helpful crew for arrivals and departures!

