

what's new

Taine Pechet has been a Marinalife member for three years.

How long have you been boating?

I have been boating since I was about 10 years old but had taken a hiatus after getting married. About 4 years ago that we purchased a SeaRay 390 MY - we wanted to see if the boating lifestyle worked for our family! Two years ago, we cruised from Maine back to NJ, and had a fantastic time - even encountering a pod of whales between Boston and Providence. After that experience, we move up to our present boat, a Ferretti 620.

Where are your favorite areas to boat?



We spend most of our time in the Naples area at our "home" marina, the Naples Boat Club. The marina has a great pool and clubhouse, a wonderful dock staff who we look forward to seeing, and spotlessly maintained facilities. We love swimming off of Keewaydin. Our favorite place to venture to is the

South Seas Resort on Captiva, which has an outstanding marina, great activities for the kids, and nice restaurants. We can put the boys to bed aboard, and then have our adult time.

What are your priorities when you select a marina?

Our children are our priority -- we have two boys ages 9 and 11. Marinalife helps us plan our cruises in segments about 4-5 hours long. We have particularly enjoyed some of the more upscale and modern marinas that we have visited recently, although we really enjoyed Newport during our long cruise. From the Captain's perspective, I look for power, preferably 100amp. A sheltered slip that is relatively quiet is also important to us.

What is your favorite trip?

The latest adventures are always freshest in our minds, and our most recent "big" trip was to the Bahamas for the week between Christmas and New Years. This was our first time ever in the Bahamas, and we started in Ft. Lauderdale, and headed to Bimini. Our plan was to stay for a few days, then slowly adventure through the cays, but Joy and Katie worked the phones tirelessly for 2 weeks and found us a slip at Atlantis. We spent five awesome days there. It is a neat marina, but a bit humbling amongst the megayacht! The boys couldn't get enough of the water slides and activities. We were able to slip in early to one restaurant where we sat next to a glass wall of a giant tank filled with sharks and rays. We ended up stuck in Paradise Island by the weather, and when we had to leave Atlantis to make room for others to play, Marinalife was able to find us a great alternative with no warning.

Do you have a memorable story you like to share?

At Atlantis, everyone is issued a guest "charge" card with their name on it. Since we were in the marina, our card had our boat's name, Wicked Cool. We didn't realize that everyone else had their names on the card until our last day there, when one of the clerks called me Mr. Cool. This had happened a couple of times, but neither my wife nor I had listened closely. This time, my wife asked the clerk if she had thought the name unusual. It turns out that she didn't think that "Wicked" was unusual for a first name, but thought "Cool" was an odd surname.



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What's new in the world of marinas

Marinalife provides the most up-to date information about new marina projects and renovations.

St. James Marina, Southport, NC

All are looking forward to the summer's grand opening of the Harborside Marketplace, St. James Marina's new collection of shops, fresh market grocery and waterside grille. And, there is no better neighborhood to take full advantage of the marina's nearby shopping, boating, fishing and dining attractions than the spacious condominiums of HarborWalk. These three-bedroom flats offer the ultimate location for enjoying everything you love about life in a coastal community.



St. James Marina, Southport, NC



Daytona Marina

Aqua Marine Properties Assumes Management of Daytona Marina and Boatworks Facility, Daytona, FL

The marina is a particularly popular destination during race events held at the nearby Speedway, and features amenities such as a fueling station, Wi-Fi service, brokerage, full service boat yard and reciprocal privileges with other AMP facilities. The marina also features a boaters' lounge with laundry facilities and showers, dockage for mega

yachts up to 200 feet in length, undercover storage for yachts up to 116 feet and cable television hookups. There are plans for additional upgrades in the near future.

What's new at Marinalife

Marina Approach/Layout Details

Marinalife has partnered with EarthNC and Jeppesen Marine (C-Map) to make your boating experience even more stressfree. Members can now use EarthNC technology to access buoys, markers, lights and charted shore structures (docks, jetties etc.) through Google Earth for each marina. In addition a partnership with C-Map allows Marinalife members to access slip layout information for hundreds of US marinas. The approach information and slip layout chart can both be found on the details page for each marina.



Marinalife outing - Stevensville, MD



Search by Map

Members now have the ability to search for marinas by map. The map feature is accessed directly from the homepage and helps you narrow your cruising area.

Message Board

Marinalife connects boaters through a new Marinalife Message Board that can be used by members and non-members. The message board allows boaters to share stories, travel tips and advice and marina recommendations. The message board is easy to access on the new Marinalife homepage. Hundreds of marina reviews have already been posted and we want you to add more!



New Home Page

Marinalife has launched a new website that is easy to navigate and more efficient for planning and booking marina reservations. The new homepage includes a direct account log-on, quick find and most importantly, is designed to provide you direct access to the entire reservation process (research, plan, and book). Icons now directly link visitors to various services and tools including

cruise itineraries, weather and tide information, port reports and ratings and reviews.



Marinalife vessel and our mascot - Cally

LOOKING FOR A HIDDEN TREASURE?

Try the following
"off the beaten path"
member favorites.

Tangier Island, VA
Vinalhaven, ME
(Winter Harbor)
Oriental, NC
Silver Bay, MN
Plymouth, MA

Vermillion, OH
Cumberland Island, GA
Onancock, VA

Have your own favorite treasure?
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