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Lauderdale Marine Center

A world-class facility in South Florida

Lauderdale Marine Center (LMC), situated three and a half miles west of the Intercoastal Waterway on the South Fork of the New River in Ft. Lauderdale, has continued to expand to create a world-class facility for yachts of all sizes. The property on which Lauderdale Marine Center is located has been a shipyard and marina since the 1930s. LMC's current owners purchased what was once called Lauderdale Yacht Basin in 1997 and began an extensive restoration project. The entire marina was rebuilt including new offices and boat sheds as well as a captain's lounge and other amenities for visiting

boaters. LMC recently completed an expansion into the adjacent property, the former Broward Marine yard, where during World War II mine sweepers were built and later the famous



Lauderdale Marine Center, conveniently located on the New River in Fort Lauderdale, can handle vessels up to 180 feet.

Bimini Bay Resort & Marina

Your Bahamas Playground

Bimini Bay Resort & Marina is not your typical luxury hotel-and-dockage set up. Located on the Bahamas' North Bimini Island, just 48 nautical miles from southern Florida, the property understands boaters' needs and puts them on equal footing with its non-boating guests, delivering a truly luxurious experience. With two years now under its belt, the resort has had time to perfect its approach, and this commitment to excellence shows.

There are two marinas here, one devoted to megayachts, and as you pull up to either of them you'll quickly notice how this place goes about doing things differently. Both marinas are equipped with concrete floating docks—yes, you read that correctly: floating docks, in the Bahamas—that can accommodate vessels up to 230 feet. The megayacht marina has even been given a prime location within the resort, adjacent to one of the two pools and steps away from the Mediterranean-inspired restaurant (an upscale pizzeria and a poolside bistro round out the on-site dining venues). “We understand the importance of the marina and the marina guests, and our goal when building was to create an environment where the marina and the resort blended together,” says Ash Tembe, sales and marketing director for

Bimini Bay.

It is immediately obvious upon arrival that the property takes customer service very seriously. As you approach your slip, Hylan, one of the amiable, first-rate dock masters, and his crew will help you tie up. Everything else proceeds smoothly from there. Staff can make restaurant reservations for you and even help you rent a golf cart, which you'll definitely want to do for the duration of your stay—the resort's facilities cover several acres, and beyond the complex's borders is the rest of the island, which is worth exploring.

Marina amenities include a weigh-in and cleaning station for when you come in with your freshly caught yellow tail (the surrounding waters are renowned for excellent sport fishing), WiFi, and a satellite customs-and-immigration office (available on-site most weekends in season) and the wider resort itself has a well-stocked grocery store, concierge desk, spa, beach, and organized kids-only activities. The newest addition to the



One of the two pools at the resort, this one steps from the mega yacht marina.

An aerial shot of the 50-acre facility that now includes 19 covered slips on land, 13 covered wet slips, and over 150 slips in the marina.



Broward yachts. This 50-acre facility now includes 19 covered slips on land, 13 covered wet slips, over 150 slips in the marina, and super-yacht dockage up to 180 feet. They have three travel lifts with a maximum capacity of 330 tons for haul outs and launches.

LMC is known for its expansive repair facilities and its unique service/repair model. While most yacht repair facilities employ a large crew to provide a variety of repair services, the LMC business model is quite different. At LMC they will haul your boat, pressure-wash the bottom, and provide additional related services – however all other work is performed by independent contractors. This allows the owner and captain to compare quotes and select the best craftsman at the most competitive price. While many of these companies are located

on site, the owner has the option to bring in any licensed and insured vendor from outside the property, and there is never a mark up to you or the vendor. John Terrill, Dockmaster at Lauderdale Marine Center, commented that each customer has different needs, “many of our customers find the marina to be the perfect location to relax and enjoy many of the amenities such as a well-appointed Captain’s lounge. Other customers have a work list that must be completed in a timely manner. They appreciate the ability to work on the boat themselves or employ the finest of craftsmen – it’s their choice.”

LMC boasts a “Clean Marina” designation from the state of Florida and is located in one of the best hurricane holes. The Clean Marina program requires strict adherence to environmental standards. Yacht owners and crew frequently comment on the cleanliness of the marina and shipyard. With the superior breakfront for westerly winds, and a natural and man-made high barrier to the west, you can store your boat with peace of mind.

Always keeping the yacht owners in mind, they never have hidden charges or unwelcome surprises. In this difficult economic environment, managing the quality and costs of a yacht refit has never been more important. Owners and captains appreciate Lauderdale Marine Center’s consistent ability to stay on schedule and within budget.

Visit www.lauderdalemarinecenter.com for more information.

resort will be a casino slated to open in April 2010 and located only steps from the mega yacht marina. A full-time events coordinator helps plan and execute boater-specific outings and gatherings.

If for some reason you prefer to stay on land, you won’t be disappointed by your options. From two-bedroom suites to three-bedroom tree houses, all the hotel-type offerings have beachy-chic interiors and sweeping views of the ocean and bay.

When you finally find a moment to wander into town, you’ll discover a low-key, laid-back Bimini much like the once avid fisherman Ernest Hemingway fell in love with in the 1930s. Sadly, Hemingway’s favorite watering hole, the Compleat Angler, burned down a few years ago, but the away-from-it-all vive lives on at places like Big John’s, where the Kalik beers are served ice cold and reggae or rock-and-roll bands take the stage several nights a week. Don’t miss stopping at one of the roadside conch stands you’ll pass on the way between Bimini Bay and the main town. The



Aerial view of the expansive Bimini Bay Resort & Marina which offers 200 well-appointed luxury vacation rentals, the Bahamas largest full-service, state of the art marina two swimming pools, restaurants, shopping, and beaches.

shells are cracked and meat retrieved a few mere feet from the stalls, often by the same guys who plucked the conch from the water that morning. The scrumptious, beautifully simple conch salad is made to order, naturally. Eating

a bowl of it, sitting in this slice of paradise beneath the rustling palm trees, it’s difficult to believe that you’re only a hop, skip, and a jump from the roar of Miami.

For more information about Bimini Bay visit: www.biminibayresort.com.

Naples Bay Resort

Visitors enjoy over-the-top amenities and a dedicated staff

Naples Bay Resort is a one-of-a-kind south Florida retreat: a high-end hotel with luxury amenities and its own fully operational yacht club and marina

Naples Bay Resort has what dockmaster John Donaldson says is the “wow factor:” a combination of top-notch



staff, immense respect for guests, and oodles of amenities and activities. The 97-slip marina can accommodate boats up to 90 feet, and among the resort features are six tennis courts, a full spa, a stand-out gym, and six pools, including a lazy river, adult-only pool; three hot tubs; and an infinity pool.

The resort and its marina are centrally located on Fifth Avenue and close to the Venetian Village, known for excellent shops and restaurants. Downtown Naples is just a five-minute stroll away. Visiting boaters can easily access the historic 1888

Swim in one of 6 on-site pools including a lazy river; infinity edge lap pool; adults-only pool/whirlpool; and bay front pool.

The marina offers private dining facilities both indoor and out and an outstanding captains lounge.



Naples Pier, the Naples Zoo, excellent shopping, live performances at the Sugden Community Theater, and the acclaimed Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The resort concierge can arrange shuttles to nearby beaches, fishing excursions, and jet ski rentals.

For those who want to unwind close to the docks, the resort’s own restaurant, Olio on Naples Bay, is bright and stylish, inspired in equal parts by the casual sophistication of Napa Valley and the rustic, honest cooking of Italy—oven-roasted grouper with ricotta gnocchi, and



Aerial view of North Palm Beach Marina offering boaters a secure harbor with no required evacuations for hurricanes.

Old Port Cove Marinas

The North Palm Beach’s Hottest Marina Destinations

Old Port Cove Holdings is the umbrella company that owns and operates Old Port Cove Marina, New Port Cove Marine Center, and North Palm Beach Marina, all in northern Palm Beach County, Florida. The three complexes have undergone large-scale renovations in the past few years, demonstrating the parent company’s commitment to maintaining and upgrading its facilities. “We want to provide the best dockage and accommodations for our clients, for literally every boat size,” says Rick Morgan, president and C.O.O. of Old Port Cove Holdings. “And we want to make it possible for the mega-yacht owner to access and enjoy the elegance of the Palm Beach lifestyle.”

The three individual properties are each close to the Palm Beach-Lake Worth Inlet. Since there are no drawbridges to the inlet, it’s easy to get to the ocean for sport fishing and island hopping. The marinas’ locations are also convenient to I-95, Florida’s turnpike, Palm Beach International Airport, and various private airfields. Before the recent refurbishments, the Palm Beach area could only accommodate a few mega-yachts at a time. Old Port Cove Holdings redrew their properties’ footprints, creating ample space for yachts up to 190 feet.



An onsite concierge can arrange charters or boat rentals for sightseeing or fishing.

house-made fennel sausage. The bar is the perfect place for a sunset drink, and there's a pretty outdoor patio. The pool-side BlueWater Bar & Grill does simple, delicious sandwiches and salads for lunch, and killer tropical cocktails.

Getting to Naples Bay Resort is very straightforward, and once in the marina vessels are well protected from wind and currents. The marina offers fuel and in-slip pump-out services. The recently expanded ships store is stocked with beer,

wine, bait, tackle, and boating basics; and the Captain's Lounge has flat screen TV's, internet access, weather-service updates, and shower and laundry facilities.

Just coming up on its two-year anniversary this February, it's easy to understand why Naples Bay Resort already enjoys one of the highest levels of repeat customers in southern Florida.

For more information call Naples Bay Resort at 239-530-1199 or visit naplesbayresort.com.

Nearby Palm Beach Gardens and the PGA Corridor, adjacent to North Palm Beach, have been substantially refreshed and now offer upscale shopping centers and more than 90 restaurants, cafes and bars. The neighborhood has become trendy but is still low-key, and is a terrific alternative to the hustle and bustle of Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Old Port Cove Marina

Set on a 60-acre peninsula in the heart of North Palm Beach, Old Port Cove Marina completed \$7 million in renovations in November 2007, and nearly \$23 million in work in November 2008. All existing docks, piers, and pilings were torn out, and a beautiful new state-of-the-art hardwood decked floating-dock system installed. The marina now features new power pedestals with 100-amp single and 3-phase electric, plus cable, phone, and WiFi hook-ups, and in-slip pump-out. The bulkheads have been lushly relandscaped and new lighting illuminates the walkways. The fuel dock has been upgraded with new top-of-the-line equipment. The next phase of work will reopen the marina's waterfront restaurant and bar.

North Palm Beach Marina

Located on the Intracoastal Waterway between the north end of Lake Worth and the Parker Bridge on U.S. Highway 1, North Palm Beach has the latest in floating docks: a sheltered, secure harbor, a ship store, and diesel fuel and more than 100 slips for vessels from 35-150 feet.



Aerial view of the renovated Old Port Cove Marina with all new state-of-the-art floating docks for vessels to 200 feet.

New Port Cove Marine Center

The 45-slip marina sits on the mainland just west of Peanut Island and the Lake Worth Inlet. Completely rebuilt in 2005, the complex accommodates vessels to 65 feet and has one of the best dry-storage facilities in the region: room for 280 craft up to 40 feet maneuvered around with the help of two custom-built fork lifts.

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