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# Member News

## PROJECT ROUNDUP

Renovations, Updates and New Builds  
by Gordon Wilson



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### Naples Yacht Club Opens After Hurricane Destruction

**P**elican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, Florida, is one of the first marinas in the southwest Florida area to cut the ribbon on a newly renovated campus after being destroyed by Hurricane Ian in 2022.

A complete restoration of the marina included 190 boat slips, with 120 being floating concrete able to accommodate vessels up to 55 feet, and the remaining slips being fixed timber with lifts, ranging from 40 to 55 feet. The project also replaced nearly 1,500 feet of seawall and brought some fixed timber docks up a couple of feet from their legacy elevation to match the seawall cap.

Like so many other marinas, finding themselves in the path of Hurricane Ian came as a surprise to Pelican Isle.

"There is only so much preparation you can do for a catastrophic event, even in the best circumstances," said Ali Feezor, general manager of Pelican Isle Yacht Club. "Having a good recovery plan is critical."

The marina was at about 60% occupancy during landfall, with many boats still in the slips.

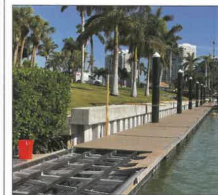
"Our entire property was under 5 to 10 feet of water," Feezor said. "All of the fixed docks' electrical utilities were completely submerged. All the floating docks came completely off the pilings. Gangways had sheared off at the seawall or at their access point on the dock. Boats wound up on shore, some submerged, some wedged between docks, some untouched. Our insurance company said the docks were a total loss."

Pelican Isle called on Bellingham Marine to act as the general contractor with Kelly Brothers Inc. on board as the marine contractor to perform the installation. Bellingham came out in October, shortly after the storm.

"[Bellingham] was the original contractor in 1996," Feezor said. "We used them for regular maintenance, so we had a good relationship. They were



Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, Florida, replaced 190 slips after the facility was destroyed during Hurricane Ian in 2022.



Nearly 1,500 feet of seawall was replaced as part of the project. Some fixed timber docks were also brought up a few feet to match the seawall cap.

down here right away; didn't waste any time."

Feezor said that the marina made a conscious effort to improve resiliency, opting for 50-foot steel piles with HDPE sleeves instead of the legacy 40-foot

concrete piles. Matching the fixed dock elevations with the seawall cap brought the electrical components a little higher and away from the water. The yacht club also brought the lift controllers and motors a little higher and integrated the pilings into the finger piers to minimize the marina footprint.

Feezor was grateful to the yacht club members who made the renovation possible.

"Our members re-invested in our marina," she said, "allowing us to complete this major project in just 20 months."

The marina received its certificate of completion from Collier County in June. Feezor also expressed her gratitude to the contractors for their professionalism and experience.

"They did everything you could ask for, especially on a project of this magnitude," she said.

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## Allied Marine Welcomes Back CHRIS BURKARD, YACHT BROKER!

Chris Burkard, a native Floridian, is an avid lifelong boater with over 30 years of yacht sales experience.

Growing up in Ft. Lauderdale, Chris' father and grandfather were both boat owners and maintained a small fleet of boats and yachts up to 57'. Nearly all the family's free time and vacations were spent on the water aboard a vessel.

He began his career in the Yachting industry in 1993 at Allied Marine in Stuart, Florida. In 1994 Chris sold his first yacht, a 53 Hatteras Motor Yacht. In 1997 he moved to Naples and began selling yachts in the Southwest Florida area.

We are excited to have Chris back on our team and are looking forward to his contributions and expertise! If he's not out with clients, you will find him at our Naples office!

Stop by and say Hello!



## Member News & Events



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**MIPAC 4th Quarter Contributions****Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens**

In 2002 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County formed a Political Action Committee named Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC). This action was taken so that we can support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, the MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from each member. The MIPAC's mis-

sions and goals are to act upon problematic issues that must be addressed at the legislative level for the growth and protection of the marine industry. Monies collected from the MIPAC donations are used in supporting political decision makers that will tackle the very issues that affect all members of our industry. As a good steward of our member's donations, MIPAC adheres to uniform contribution criteria when determining how much and

to which candidate assistance is allocated.

MIPAC will educate you about the political landscape and issues facing our organization and will strategize political impact. In addition, the committee is always open to suggestions, questions and comments.

Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101

*Our Mission: Marine Industries Association of Collier County (MIACC) is a not-for-profit membership-based organization focused on the responsible growth of the marine industry for the benefit of its members, recreational boaters, the community, and the environment.*

*Our Goal: MIACC represents recreational boating and member interests at the Local, State, and Federal levels; Issues of interest include Water Access, Recreational Boating, Commercial Boating, Free Trade, Advocating for Property Rights, and Legislative or Regulatory initiatives that impact these interests.*

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**4th Quarter Contribution requests will be sent soon!  
Please make checks payable to MIPAC**

**Upcoming Events**

Docktail Party  
Celebration of Life for Henry Lowe: Naples Boat Club  
Christmas Boat Parade  
Naples Boat Show

October 11-13  
October 12 5:30  
December 14  
January 23-26, 2025

