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Governor Crist and DEP Announce Florida's 200th Clean Marina
- Sunset Bay Marina & Anchorage joins growing list of environmentally friendly marinas -

STUART ♦ The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) together with the *Clean Boating Partnership* and a host of community leaders recently welcomed Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage into DEP's ever-expanding *Clean Marina* program, as the 200th designated *Clean Marina*.

Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage, which opened in June 2009 along the St. Lucie River, features a 69-buoy mooring field, 128 boat slips, 135 parking spaces, 910 feet of free public dock space and 3,000 feet of transient dock space for guests. Throughout construction, the marina worked to install environmentally friendly products and develop practices that adhere to the Florida *Clean Marina* program's guidelines.

♦ With Florida's marine industry representing an economic output of more than \$18.4 billion and supporting more than 220,000 jobs, it is vital to have our marinas help protect Florida's marine resources, ♦ said Governor Crist. ♦ The Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage is leading by example, demonstrating how Florida's businesses can help protect our waterways and our way of life. ♦

The Florida *Clean Marina* program is a voluntary designation program with a proactive approach to environmental stewardship. To become designated as a Clean Marina, facilities must implement a set of environmental measures designed to protect Florida's waterways. These measures address critical environmental issues such as sensitive habitat, waste management, stormwater control, spill prevention and emergency preparedness.

♦ Protecting Florida's aquatic resources requires more than just the professionals at DEP. We need the assistance of the state's cities and private industry to truly accomplish our environmental priorities, ♦ said DEP Secretary Michael W. Sole. ♦ Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage is setting a great example for the thousands of boaters who enjoy the waters of Florida. ♦

To achieve designation, Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage implemented a host of environmentally friendly design features such as:

- ♦ Constructing the permanent docks with Trex ♦ that is made from approximately 50 percent recycled and reclaimed plastic, and 50 percent reclaimed wood.
- ♦ Installing a 240 gallon solar water heater to conserve energy in the rest rooms and laundry.
- ♦ Installing low voltage lighting for energy conservation.
- ♦ Installing motion detectors in the restrooms to conserve energy.
- ♦ Installing moisture detectors to ensure sprinklers do not operate during a rain event.
- ♦ Using Florida Friendly landscaping throughout the property.
- ♦ Installing a pumpout by the slips and implementing a twice-a-week schedule for the pumpout boat to service moored vessels.

♦ We are honored, not only, to receive the 200th *Clean Marina* designation but to be able to work with such dedicated and loyal people, ♦ said Pam Alexander, owner and operator of the Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage. ♦ From the very beginning of this project all team members have been determined to build a top notch marina with regards to all aspects; facilities, quality and environmental responsibility. We look forward to being an active participant in keeping Florida's marine environment healthy, and we thank everyone who has helped make this important achievement possible. ♦

The *Clean Boating Partnership* is a consortium of industry leaders who contribute time and input to the *Clean Marina*, *Clean Boatyard*, *Clean Marine Retailer* and *Clean Boater* programs, which DEP administers to protect Florida's waterways. To date, the *Clean Marina* program has recognized 203 *Clean Marinas*, 30 clean boatyards and eight clean marine retailers.

♦ The *Clean Boating Partnership* applauds Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage for its commitment to Florida's environment, ♦ said the Partnership's Chair Mark Leslie. ♦ The dedication and hard work in becoming a *Clean Marina* is an accomplishment this facility can be proud of and we welcome it to our growing *Clean Marina* family. ♦

For more information on the Florida *Clean Marina* program, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina. For more information about Sunset Bay Marina and Anchorage, visit www.sunsetbaymarinaandanchorage.com/index.html.

DEP's Office of Sustainable Initiatives is comprised of three voluntary, non-regulatory programs that assist Florida industry and citizens in protecting the environment. The *Clean Marina* program, the Clean Vessel Act grant program and the Florida Green Lodging program offer a variety of services including consultations, speakers and workshops, all at no cost to citizens or organizations. The goal of the Sustainable Initiatives programs is to meet the needs of the present population without compromising resources for future generations. To learn more about DEP's Sustainable Initiatives, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/green.



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