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Business is Booming at Bohicket Marina

Seabrook Island, SC – The \$15 million renovation of Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club was completed just in time for the second leg of the 17th annual Governor’s Cup Invitational Billfish Tournament. The monumental task of restoring the marina included the use of 50,000 square feet of “Ipe,” a sustainably harvested South American Hardwood (treated to look like teak), 2000 tons of Granite Rip Rap and painting 80,000 square feet of wood. New boardwalks, decking and floating docks were installed. The 33,000 square feet of retail and office space at the marina also underwent a major face lift. The parking lots were resurfaced, landscaped and reconfigured to add more spaces. Nationally recognized landscape architect Robert C. Chesnut supervised the marina’s renovation.

RESTORE BOHICKET MARINA TO ITS PLACE OF PROMINENCE

"Our goal with this renovation is to restore Bohicket Marina its place of prominence among East Coast marinas and yacht clubs," comments Bryan Richardson, Dockmaster at Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club. "We foresee Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club (BMYC) not only as a destination marina, but the premier marina in South Carolina. It has the advantage of easy access to the ocean, the Ace Basin and the Intracoastal Waterway." The marina is strategically located on Bohicket Road, right after the new "round-about" and Freshfields Village, just before the entrance to Seabrook Island. "Business is booming all over Johns Island," says Michael Quillan, one of the Partners in Bohicket Marina Yacht Club, LLC. "Record setting real estate sales on Kiawah and Seabrook, as well as the newly opened Sanctuary on Kiawah Island and Freshfields Village are bringing many new visitors to the area. We see the metamorphosis of the marina as fitting in with the regeneration of the island. We are really excited to be a part of the transformation," concludes Quillan.

A PLACE TO STAY AND PLAY

"We know our fine shops will attract the islands' visitors as well as pleasure boaters and fishermen," says Michael Quillan. "With restaurants like The Privateer, Bohicket Yacht Club, Rosebank Café, Fischer's Sports Pub, the Bistro at Bohicket, and Cyber Creek Ice Cream Café ... there's a dining experience here for everyone!"

With all Bohicket Marina has to offer, there's still more. Plans are underway for special events like nightly entertainment, oyster roasts, fishing tournaments and boat shows. For those looking to enjoy the water, take the family for a sunset cruise aboard the Island Breeze or rent one of the new 19' Sea Pro's with a GPS. Looking for a charter? BMYC offers sailboats with captains or inshore and off shore fishing charters.

But the best of what Bohicket Marina has to offer is free... breathtaking views of an emerald green marsh, soft breezes off Bohicket Creek and a sunset more spectacular than any place on earth.

WATERFRONT REAL ESTATE FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST

Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club is once again becoming an upscale boaters' destination. A well-maintained marina with a strong amenity profile and first class service insures that BMYC will be considered the "marina of choice" by many local and transient boaters.

Of the 194 deep water slips, 118 slips are being offered as dockside condominiums, or "dockominiums," with all the benefits associated with real estate ownership. "The availability of permanently owned wet slip space at BMYC has been extremely well received. Sales are running nine months ahead of projections," continues Quillan who is in charge of BMYC wet slip sales. In addition to local boaters, Kiawah and Seabrook property owners without boats have purchased wet slips to increase the value of their real estate by linking it to deep water/ocean access. Savvy buyers understand that it is highly unlikely that there will ever be another marina on the island."

Three of the nine docks are reserved for long and short-term rentals, transient boaters, charter boats and tour boats. The "T's" at the end of the docks are dedicated to accommodating the larger luxury yachts. An 18' depth, even at low tide, allows Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club to comfortably accommodate yachts in excess of 125 feet. By boat, Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club is only 7 miles from the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW Marker 110) and a short 5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

Amenities for wet slip purchasers include:

- New floating dock system
- 30/50/100 Amp Service per Slip
- Fresh water showers

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- Laundry facilities
- Wireless Internet Service

Visit www.bohicket.com, or for more information about the advantages of owning a “dockominium” at Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club or call the sales office at (843) 991-6336 or (843) 768-1280. For qualified buyers, wet slip financing can be provided by BB&T.

DRY STACK STORAGE

To accommodate an 18 month backlog of boat owners who have been unable to store their boats in the dry stack facility at Bohicket, the marina’s owners plan to expand the operation by adding another 80 to 100 storage spaces. A new, state of the art forklift was purchased to assist with moving boats in and out of dry storage. BMYC also has wet slips available for long and short term rental.

A PRIVATE YACHT CLUB

The Bohicket Yacht Club was organized in July, 2004 to promote safe boating and cruising and social activities for its members. Featuring a private dining room and bar, the former Bohicket Creek Grill has been redecorated and is open as the Bohicket Yacht Club. Ron Turner, owner of Bohicket Creek Grill, in partnership with BMYC, will manage the new club and continue his tradition of fine food and service. Bohicket Yacht Club is recognized by the United States Yacht Club Association and will be collaborating with other yacht clubs around the country. Bohicket Yacht Club offers three membership opportunities. For information about the club membership, check out the BYC website, www.bohicketyachtclub.com

CONCLUSION

"It's really a showplace," concludes Michael Quillan. “The completed renovation is the first step toward our goal of restoring Bohicket Marina to the place of prominence it once enjoyed. We are positioning Bohicket Marina & Yacht Club to become the center of activity for Kiawah, Seabrook and Johns Island... for visitors and local families too. Come see for yourself just how much we have accomplished!”

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