



Aqua Marine opens dry storage marina

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Aquamarina Hidden Harbour recently opened as Broward County's first new conventional dry storage marina in the last decade, since a three-year moratorium on new commercial marina construction was lifted in 2007, the company says.

Aqua Marine Partners designed, developed, constructed and will manage the marina, which cost about \$8 million to construct. Last Wednesday's grand opening included a tour of the new facility for 400 boating enthusiasts. Thirty of them signed storage leases on the spot, according to AMP marketing director Katie Baron Nullman.

Located in Pompano Beach, Fla., Aquamarina Hidden Harbour is a full-service facility with 384 drystack slips designed to hold boats up to 43 feet in overall length. It was built to withstand Category 4 hurricane-force winds. Amenities include a shipyard with 75-ton Travelift, high-speed gas and diesel pumps, ice, bait, pump out and a ship's store.

Aquamarina replaces another marina facility that had been torn down by its former owners, a corporation controlled by Huizenga Holdings. Aqua Marine Partners purchased the property in January 2008 and construction began less than three months after. AMP has future plans to develop retail, restaurant and office space along the 6.7-acre site.