

BAHIA MAR YACHTING CENTER, A TRULY UNIQUE FACILITY AND WINNER OF THE 2010 PIANC MARINA EXCELLENCE DESIGN JACK NICHOL AWARD

The Recreational Navigation Commission is excited to announce that the Bahia Mar Yachting Center has won the 2010 PIANC Marina Excellence Design Jack Nichol Award. The selection committee determined the Bahia Mar Yachting Center best represents the functional, aesthetic, and environmental evaluation criteria.

Located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Bahia Mar Yachting Center is a start-of-the-art, dual function facility serving as both a public yacht center that offers world class facilities to some of the world's most luxurious yachts and a boat show venue - home of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.



The marina's principle features include large full-service slips with corresponding clear water widths to accommodate today's longer and wider boats, Bellingham Marine's Unifloat® concrete floating dock system with extra wide walkways and high dock freeboard, a functional slip layout that meets the needs of the marina as well as the boat show, and a site electrical transformer and distribution system that provides ample power to account for the high utility demands imposed by the boats on a daily basis as well as the massive utility demands of the boat show.

The marina's full-service slips offer the latest in modern amenities including multiple telephone lines, high speed digital lines for computer equipment, high speed internet access, direct access to sewage pumpouts, and an option of single- or three-phase electrical service for slips over 80 feet. Floating walkways and finger piers are extra wide and stable designed to cater to large vessels and to handle golf carts, small forklifts, large crowds, and the extra boats that come for the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Bahia Mar also includes a number of innovative design features that enables the facility to make an easy transition from marina to boat show venue. Utility and structural connection points for temporary docks, storage cabinets, and extra utility outlets are just a few of the items incorporated into the design of the marina to accommodate the boat show.



In addition to its highly functional design centered on comfort and convenience, the marina is a certified Clean Marina by the state of Florida. Also, a number of design features and operational programs have been incorporated to promote water quality and reduce the marina's impact on the surrounding environment.

Operating as a dual purpose facility, ease, convenience, and accessibility are at the very core of Bahia Mar's design. The elegance of Bahia Mar reflects the beauty of the boats moored along her docks. A truly unique facility, Bahia Mar seamlessly combines innovation, functionality, and beauty to create a marina that promotes public access and the boating lifestyle.