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### **City of Miami Grand Opening of Dinner Key Municipal Mooring Facility**

(Miami, Florida) - The City of Miami, with the generous assistance from the Florida Inland Navigation District will have the grand opening of the Dinner Key Municipal Mooring Facility on Monday, November 2, 2009. The new facility lies just offshore from our flagship facility, Dinner Key Marina in historic Coconut Grove at 3400 Pan American Drive.

As a part of the Biscayne Bay Aquatic preserve, the City pursued the opportunity to provide transient and liveaboard customers with access to a managed mooring field which protects seagrass beds and other aquatic vegetation. In addition, the City recently purchased a Pump out vessel which will aid the disposal of vessel waste and improve water quality. This vessel, along with another, was obtained through the assistance of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Inland Navigation District, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Clean Vessel Act. These vessels will also serve as customer shuttles to and from the mooring field from the Seminole Dinghy Dock. The design and construction cost of the project is \$650,018. The funding sources came from the Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond and FIND Waterways Assistance Program.

The new 225 vessel Municipal Mooring Facility has new light buoys and navigational aids to help boaters navigate accessible waterways. Our moorings feature high quality steel helix anchors coupled with Helmken "StormSoft" mooring systems, and can accommodate vessels up to forty feet. A boater will anchor to a mooring buoy which is attached to a screw type anchor with a swivel and an underwater float. This type of anchorage system allows the vessel to rotate with the wind and tide without scraping the bay bottom.

Upland amenities at the existing facility that are available to City residents and visiting boaters include a Harbormaster's Office & Customer Lounge; restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities; dinghy dock with customer shuttle service; vehicle & bicycle parking; trash pickup and recycling. Applications for moorings are taken on a first come, first served basis and can be completed online at [www.miami-marinas.com](http://www.miami-marinas.com) or in person at Dinner Key Marina. Only seaworthy vessels with the proper title and registration will be accepted.

The City of Miami's municipally operated marinas are Miamarina at Bayside, 401 Biscayne Boulevard (downtown); Marine Stadium Marina, 3501 Rickenbacker Causeway (Virginia Key); and Dinner Key Marina, 3400 Pan American Drive (Coconut Grove). Miamarina and Dinner

Key Marina have been designated "Clean Marinas" by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for their efforts to reduce water pollution. Furthermore, the City will have available information on how boaters can help to improve the quality of Florida's waters and natural resources.

**Our hours of operation:** 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM from Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 AM through 8:00 PM Friday through Sunday.

**WHAT:** Grand opening of the Municipal Mooring Facility

**WHEN:** 10:00 AM, Monday, November 2, 2009

**WHERE:** City's Dinner Key Marina – Mooring Facility, 3400 Pan American Drive.

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