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### Houston Yacht Club Repairs Moving Forward

The 17-foot storm surge caused by Hurricane Ike destroyed most of the docks and boat slips in the Houston Yacht Club (HYC) marina but the rebuild is going smoothly. With a cost of nearly \$6million dollars, the rebuild will revitalize HYC and includes many structural and functional improvements as well as a few environmentally friendly additions. Building Products Plus was selected as the primary supplier of the specialty marine-treated wood products for the HYC rebuild.

# **Floating Docks & Green Initiatives**

Many structures in the marina are being rebuilt stronger than before but the main improvement is the addition of floating docks and boat slips. Based on market research and suggestions by many current members HYC leadership determined the addition of floating docks is essential.

HYC leadership also decided the rebuild is an excellent opportunity to introduce some "modest, but important, green initiatives" into their "harbor mentality." The green improvements include the addition of slip-side sewage disposal, floating slips sewage pump out capability, disallowance of bottom sanding and bottom painting on the HYC premises, and the disallowance of fiberglass grinding or sanding that creates "excessive" dust.

# Contractors

The primary contractor, Shirley & Sons Construction, has been in the marine and shoreline construction business for over 20 years, is familiar with the conditions of the harbor, and has extensive experience doing similar work for marinas throughout the Texas Gulf Coast and for the Corps of Engineers.

The primary electrical contractor is Pfeiffer Electric, who has been HYC's primary electrical contractor for about 20 years. Pfeiffer also does a significant amount of work for the City of La Porte with very high recommendations.

Building Products Plus, a respected marine and shoreline materials supplier in Houston since 1993, is supplying the marine-treated pilings, timbers, and lumber for the docks and boat slips. Numerous structures along the coastline of Texas and Louisiana are built with treated wood materials from Building Products Plus.

#### **Houston Yacht Club Facts**

- First organized in 1897
- Located at Shoreacres location since 1927
- 27,000 square foot clubhouse
- 500 boat marina
- Immediate access to Galveston Bay
- Year-round boating
- Top-notch youth sailing program

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