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# Docklines

Gasparilla Marina

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## Grand Opening Celebration of the New Fully Enclosed Building

Customers, community and business leaders celebrated the official grand opening of our 2-acre boat storage facility, the first fully enclosed boat storage facility in Southwest Florida and Gasparilla Marina's latest initiative, held April 13th, 14th and 15th.



Pictured L-R are John Chaplin, Assistant General Manager; Mary Smith, President of the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce; Tom Moore, County Commissioner; Lee Levy, Owner; Gaspar the Pirate, Michael Wisotsky, Owner; Dick Loftus, County Commissioner; Ann Dever, Coordinator; and Dan Widgeon, General Manager.

It was great to see so many customers in attendance at the Grand Opening Celebration. Friday evening began with Ann Dever welcoming visitors and congratulating Gasparilla Marina owners and fellow employees on their continued success and commitment to their customers and the community with its official grand opening of the new storage facility and meeting place.



Pirate Gaspar uses his sword to cut the ribbon.

The program continued with Lee Levy, one of Gasparilla Marina's owners, who provided the audience with a little Gasparilla Marina history. Lee was followed by County Officials Mary Smith, Tom Moore, and Dick Loftus who highlighted Gasparilla Marina's success in Charlotte County commenting and thanking Gasparilla Marina for what they have to offer the community. The ceremony ended with owner Michael Wisotsky thanking all of its customers and community members for joining in the celebration and support of the project.

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### Points of Interest:

- Gasparilla Marina Offices are now located in the new building.
- As previously advertised, for your convenience we now have air conditioned 5 X 7 Storage Lockers available on site for rent. Storage Lockers are perfect for storing your fishing equipment or electronics. Only \$65.00 per month. (Storage is for



## Upcoming Events

August 11, 2007 is the sixth annual National Marina Day. National Marina Day promotes the important role marinas play as safe, family-friendly gateways to boating, and the invaluable service marina operators and owners perform as stewards of the environment. Gaspa-

rilla Marina is planning to participate in National Marina Day this year with informational and safe boating clinics, tours of the facility, a barbeque and entertainment. Mark your calendar now more details to come on this celebration.

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If you don't see your picture in the newsletter visit our website [www.gasparillamarina.com](http://www.gasparillamarina.com) for a link to all of the photos taken at the Grand Opening.



Pirate Gaspar poses with guest Redfish representing Redfish Baseball at Charlotte Stadium.

No one went away hungry from the cocktail party as there was an abundance of food and beverages prepared and served by the Rotonda Hills Country Club.



Guests mingled and some danced as they enjoyed music performed by Sax on the Beach.

The celebration continued Saturday and Sunday beginning Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with live broadcasts from two local radio stations, SEAVIEW 104.9 and KIX Country 92.9, followed with entertainment by local favorites EZ Street Band and Sax on the Beach.



There was another appearance by Pirate Gaspar who danced with the children and handed out beads.

Food Saturday and Sunday was prepared and served by volunteers of Project Graduation.



Pier One Yacht Sales and Ingman Marine both co-located on Gasparilla Marina property were on hand with a full line-up in the water ready to test drive. Gasparilla Properties provided tours of the condos adjacent to the Marina.



If you missed this year's celebration don't worry, we're already beginning plans for our anniversary celebration next year.

## Travel With the New Gasparilla Marina Boat Club!

Are there places you would like to travel to in your boat but haven't because you don't want to travel alone? Gasparilla Marina is starting a boat club! The club will meet to plan both day and overnight trips. Being a member of a boat club not only allows you to spend more time with your family it provides the opportunity to travel with other boating enthusiasts to places or distances that you might not travel alone.

Join us for our first Boat Club meeting, Friday, June 1, 2007 at 6:00pm as we plan our first day trip. RSVP to [gasparillaboatclub@yahoo.com](mailto:gasparillaboatclub@yahoo.com) or phone 941-697-2280 and ask for Christine or Jeff if you are interested in hearing more about the boat club, joining us at our first meeting or attending our outings. We look forward to participating in this adventure with you!



