



A place for boats —

In an age of diminished boat slips and owner-only facilities, Loggerhead Club & Marina has opened in Riviera Beach and is taking reservations. The building has sheltered indoor storage for 300 boats up to 46 feet long.

On the site of the former Inlet Harbor Marina, the new facility on Blue Heron Boulevard on the Intracoastal Waterway overlooks Singer Island, Peanut Island and the Lake Worth Inlet. In time for the 2006 storm season, Loggerhead has installed two of the world's largest marine forklifts to place and retrieve large vessels, said Raymond Graziotto, co-owner. The Caribbean-style, structural-steel building is fully hurricane rated, "with luxury accommodations in a boating club atmosphere."

"Boat owners are increasingly required to be better prepared, and this building can be the solution," said Jeff Moore of Anderson-Moore Construction Co., which built the boat barn on 30-foot augered piles. The method involves filling steel cages with concrete designed to prevent erosion and to keep the piles from pulling out of the ground, Moore said.

Loggerhead Club & Marina won the Marine Project of the Year award in 2005 from the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County. Owned by Seven Kings Holdings based in Jupiter, the company has marinas in Palm Beach Gardens, Lantana and four other cities in South Florida. Membership benefits include trip planning and special events such as a Bahamas Rendezvous planned for July 27-31.

For information on boat storage, call 840-6868.