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### **Great Kills Marina Completes Total Rebuild That is Stronger and Designed to Last Longer**

**Warwick, NY**— Meeco Sullivan has completed a total rebuild of the Great Kills Marina in Gateway National Park on Staten Island, N.Y. which serves the New York metropolitan area and northern New Jersey and was completely destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. The National Park Service owns the real estate and Marinas of the Future, Inc., based in Mamaroneck, N.Y., is the concessionaire and purchaser of the new timber dock system.

*“Restoring the beauty and functionality of this marina was an important step in the recovery from Superstorm Sandy,”* commented JT Cleary CEO, Jim Cleary. *“Looking forward, there is a real movement now in the mid-Atlantic region toward improving coastal resiliency measures, and we look forward to playing a role in protecting local infrastructure.”*

The Great Kills Marina rebuilding project was a collaborative effort led by Ed Tomanek, Great Kills Marina Manager and included the following entities:

- National Parks Service
- Federal Highway Department
- JT Cleary, Inc. of Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. was the Marine Contractor
- VHB Engineers, of Virginia Beach, Va. handled all the marina engineering, anchoring and utilities design
- Meeco Sullivan designed and built all the timber dock systems

As Steve Sullivan, President of Meeco Sullivan noted, *“we’ve built two other dock systems for Marinas of The Future, Inc. but this project required extensive design work and collaboration with the marina owners, the NPS, the FHD and VHB visiting our Warwick, New York factory several times to brainstorm and finalize the best design so it would not only meet the owners needs but so it could better withstand future hurricane force winds and storm surges.”*

Hurricane Sandy had completely destroyed the marina so the new design and engineering standards required significantly more steel anchor piles up to 20" in diameter and 80 feet long. The monolithic timber dock systems designed and built by Meeco Sullivan included large utility raceways and utilized a combination of timber and composite decking. The approved design included approximately 350 slips ranging in size from 24' to 60' as well as a 10' wide x 1500' long outer dock that larger boats could moor to as well as a wider and longer gangway for improved accessibility.

Meeco Sullivan was awarded the contract in September of 2013 and started shipping the first of 45 truckloads of docks in April 2014. Even though the project experienced many delays due to permitting and approvals, Meeco Sullivan met every agreed upon deadline and delivered the job within the approved budget. Ed Tomanek, Great Kills Marina Manager commented that *"Great Kills Marina and the National Park Service couldn't be happier with the quality of our new dock system and it's so impressive that the 45 truckloads of docks Meeco Sullivan delivered all fit together as perfectly as they were designed. It's hard to believe that there was only one hole that had to be drilled on site for a minor adjustment with one dock section. This is my third dock project with Meeco Sullivan and I would highly recommend them."*

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