

IN ACTION

Busy!

That's the best way to describe how 2013 has started here in the yard. We have had several first-time customers so far this year, along with many fantastic returning clients. Our lift has been running constantly in order to take care of everyone and ensure they all have the Best Boatyard Experience on The Gulf Coast. We hope the flow continues and look forward to a great 2013!



Improvements

The customers and contractors have spoken and we are listening! The demand for our Wet Etch service continues to grow. We have begun Phase II of our Wet Etch pad and, once complete, will allow us to accommodate more vessels and complete the process more efficiently.

We have brought smiles to many customers who do their own work by taking the worst part of a bottom service out of their hands. With the wet etch service, these customers are able to work on other less physical projects and make their stay at Pensacola Shipyard a little more enjoyable. We have several other projects on this years to-do list as well. Stop by if you are in the neighborhood, or simply stay tuned!

Here are some photos of the action in the yard:



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FEMA-funded Metalcraft FireStorm 32 is city's first fire boat

Painted a gleaming red and white, the latest marine firefighting asset to ply Pensacola-area waters arrived at Bahia Mar Marina Tuesday morning ready to be outfitted for duty.

City Fire Marshal David E. Allen proudly showed off a sturdy and powerful Metalcraft FireStorm 32 fireboat expected to be on patrol within two weeks with what he called an awesome capacity to fight fires and save lives.

The \$612,000 craft, funded by a FEMA Port Security grant, is more than 35 feet long and 13 feet high and weighs 16,000 pounds. It's capable cruising at 42 knots and can pump 2,000 gallons a minute.

"The nearest fireboats to Pensacola of this size are in Mobile, which has a 40-foot fireboat, and Panama City," Allen said. "Gulf Breeze does have a Boston Whaler they took delivery of several years back and they do have a pump capability in Gulf Breeze but nothing of this size."



Allen said the fireboat, manned by a three-person on-call crew, will be a regional asset. "So it will be on call to basically any municipality in the region from Gulf Breeze, Orange Beach, Milton, Escambia County... if there's a need and we feel we can be of use, we will respond," Allen said. "It is capable of fighting fire ... but it's also capable of doing water rescue." The craft is climate-controlled and has medical facilities aboard to treat watercraft accident victims, he said.

Allen said efforts to secure the fireboat for the Pensacola Fire Department began after the devastating June 2008 fire at The Oar House restaurant on Bayou Chico. The blaze started on the side of the restaurant facing the bayou and left firefighters with no access to water as it ravaged that side of the building, he said.

Ray Russenberger, the owner of the Oar House and Marina Management Corp., convinced the City Council of the need for a fireboat. It took more than three years to finally get the grant and acquire the boat, Allen said.

The boat's permanent home will be at the Port of Pensacola. "We'll rest more comfortably," Marina Management Corp. CEO Leo Cyr said. "It benefits so many entities and it provides a whole new set of capabilities for the fire department."

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"IN THE YARD"



"In the Yard" is a regular feature of the Pensacola Shipyard newsletter and spotlights one of our contractors or a special yard event

There is nothing more stressful than returning from a beautiful day of cruising or sailing to the tight confines of your marina and slip. Add some strong currents and a strong afternoon breeze and it can become nightmarish. Some vessels are easy to maneuver, while others are just designed for the open water. If you find the vessel that you love but it lacks some maneuver-ability, then maybe installing a Bow Thruster would make your day of cruising that much more enjoyable.

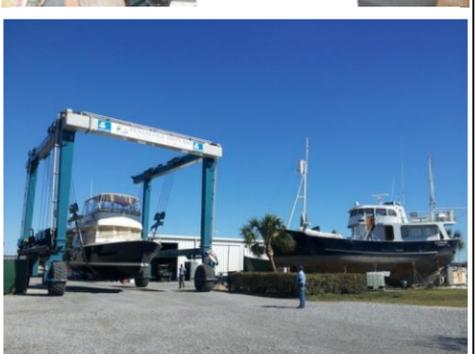
The sailing vessel "Farasha," an Outbound 44, is currently in the yard and having a brand new Bow Thruster installed. **Troendle Marine, Inc.** makes this installation look easy. The vessel will be equipped with a Vetus 8HP bow thruster which will make docking this vessel a breeze. If you love your vessel but dread returning to your slip, then it might be time to contact Troendle Marine about a Bow Thruster.

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More pictures of action in the yard:



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Engine Parts, Boatyard Supplies, Ice, Bait & More

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UNTIL NEXT TIME...

We hope you have found our newsletter informative and helpful. Feel free to e-mail us with any suggestions on future topics or areas of interest.

As always, thank you for your support of Pensacola Shipyard.

Sincerely,

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