

# Marina Papagayo opening in Costa Rica

The first phase of Marina Papagayo in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, opened to its first megayacht in December.

Part of the 2,300-acre Peninsula Papagayo residential and recreational resort, the marina has 180 slips for vessels up to 240 feet in the ShoreMaster floating dock system. At build-out, anticipated by 2012, the \$15 million marina will have 350 wet slips.

Capt. Dan Eaffaldano is general manager of the marina. An official Marina Papagayo powerboat escorted the first vessel into port as a ceremonial gesture of goodwill to all yachtsmen. Arriving yachts included the 164-foot M/Y *Seaquest*, a tri-deck Westport on its maiden voyage. The average size boat that arrived at the marina was 110 feet in length.

Developer Ecodesarrollo Papagayo commissioned Brandy Marine of Sarasota, Fla., to manage and help design the marina. Eaffaldano also serves as president of Brandy's Costa Rican operations.

The marina will have a waterfront, Italian-style village patterned after Portofino, notched into the hillside. Shops, restaurants, night clubs, a hotel and condominiums will front the village while large hillside homes and gardens will overlook the marina and Bahia de Culebra. The developer plans



to establish a charter fleet offering deep-sea fishing, sailing, cruising and diving. Operations are expected to open early this year.

The main dock is wide enough for two golf carts to drive side-by-side. Other services include 110v and 220v power, grey water and sewer hookups at each slip, hard wired and wireless Internet access, signals for handheld devices and global cellular phones, plus high-speed and high-capacity diesel fuel and gasoline pumping. A private crew facility is expected to include bath suites, a business center, cable TV, gym with Jacuzzi, movie theater, food and bar service, and swimming pool.

Peninsula Papagayo is within 30 minutes of Daniel Oduber International Airport at Liberia (LIR), which is served by four U.S. airlines and private jet aircraft. Guanacaste is a new northernmost port of entry in Costa Rica. For more information, visit [www.marinapapagayo.com](http://www.marinapapagayo.com).

— Chris Barnett

## Megayacht marina opens in Seattle



A new megayacht marina at Wards Cove on Lake Union in Seattle opened in December. The freshwater marina features Bellingham Marine's Unifloat system designed to cater to megayachts. The marina has 11 slips of 100 feet in length with views of downtown. Each slip is equipped with 200 amps of dedicated power, telephone, Internet and TV services, sewage pumpouts, freshwater systems, and wash-water treatment posts with a phosphate cartridge and sediment filter to prevent spotting. Nine of the slips have been leased.

Wards Cove on Lake Union is a waterfront community of 12 floating homes, the marina and 14,500 square feet of office space. Upland construction is expected to begin this spring.

The waterfront property on Lake Union served as a support facility

for the Alaska salmon operations of Wards Cove Packing Company. In 2002, the company exited the salmon industry, freeing up the property for development.

## Jedison to build in Ft. Lauderdale

Jedison Catamaran and Kymeera Investments have partnered to construct catamarans for a new ferry system in Nigeria. Jedison will build the 150-passenger ferries at Lauderdale Marine Center in Ft. Lauderdale.

Jedison is a partnership between Knowles Mobile Marine of Ft. Lauderdale and Bulldog Marine of Stockbridge, Ga., for the design and construction of the 70-foot power cats. The core composite/fiberglass hull cats will be used in Lagos, Nigeria.

"We are conservatively estimating between 10-20 initial jobs, starting with laminators, fiberglassers, etc., and then adding others as production proceeds," said Lisa Knowles, vice president of Jedison. Plans are for Jedison to build 20 ferries over the next two years.

Kymeera Investment invests in privately financed infrastructure projects from its offices in Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria.

## Baja to get luxury development



Cabo Riviera, a luxury residential and commercial development on the East Cape of the Baja Peninsula, has broken ground. The 900-acre development will be anchored by two luxury hotels and will include a 285-slip marina, golf course and residences.

Construction of the marina has begun, and construction of the five-star hotel will begin in the first quarter of 2009. Residential properties are currently being sold.

## Marina at Naples Bay open

The yacht club and marina at Naples Bay Resort is open. The 97-slip marina, designed and built by Bellingham Marine, offers a fuel dock, in-slip sewage pumpout services, and 50 amp, 110/220 power supply.

The nine-acre resort was built by Antaramian Development Group and contains private condominiums, a four-star hotel and 33,000 square feet of retail space. Construction began in late October 2007 after numerous delays related to local permits and work space on site.

# FUEL FOR SALE

ALL OCEANS  
ALL PORTS  
NO WORRIES

## GYF GLOBAL YACHT FUEL INC.

Fort Lauderdale  
Phone: 954-462-6050  
Fax: 954-462-7467  
[info@globalyachtfuel.com](mailto:info@globalyachtfuel.com)

# Tradewinds Radio

*The Sound Of The Tropics*

The Best Music, News and Marine Weather  
From the Florida Keys to Grenada  
Listen Live at [www.tradewindsradio.com](http://www.tradewindsradio.com)