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TENANTS OF PICTON MARINA IN NEW ZEALAND WELCOME NEW UPGRADES

On the northern tip of New Zealand's South Island, boaters welcome the reopening of three new piers at Picton Marina. Marlborough Sounds Marinas contracted Bellingham Marine New Zealand to construct 40 new berths on jetties 7, 8 and 9 as Stage 2 of a four stage expansion and upgrade of the Marina's inner basin. Stage 2 was completed in November, 2012, following on from Stage 1 (also a Bellingham project) in 2009.

The new concrete pontoons supplied and installed by Bellingham Marine feature 2.1 meter wide walkways with full length, single piece fingers and 400mm freeboard. The new berths cater to vessels 12m to 16m in length and include provisions for utilities. Town water as well as 230 volt, single phase power is available at each berth.

Bellingham Marine also upgraded the floating fuel dock at neighboring Waikawa Marina as part of a separate project. The dock is fitted with both petrol and diesel pumps as well as sewer pump-out facilities for tenants and visiting boaters.

Rose Prendeville, Projects Manager said, "The new berths at Picton have received a fantastic response from our customers this summer; they appreciate the aesthetics of the Bellingham product as much as the functionality."

"In terms of project delivery, Bellingham was once again excellent to work with, and we look forward to continuing our relationship through the final two stages of the Picton upgrade," added Prendeville.

First built in the mid 1960's with fixed timber piers, most of the berths at Picton Marina have been updated over the years with modern concrete pontoons. The marina provides berthing for boats from 8 – 35+ meters with capacity for 232 vessels.

Located at the entrance to Marlborough Sounds, the marina is in easy walking distance from the interisland ferry and is well serviced by land and sea transportation to a wide range of popular destinations in the vicinity. Also available nearby are boat repair and marine engineering facilities.

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