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US Navy Upgrades Boating Facilities on Island of Guam

Bellingham Marine, world renowned marina builder, recently completed construction of new marina facilities for the US Navy at Sumay and Clipper Coves on scenic Apra Harbor, located on the remote island of Guam. The new facilities will provide improved boating access for the island and upgraded moorage for US Navy and Coast Guard vessels.

The comprehensive “modernization” project at the Guam Naval Base included upland, shoreline and waterside improvements. Approximately 19,152 square feet of new concrete floating docks were installed as part of the project.

Separate marina facilities were built for the U.S. Coast Guard and Port Operations. In addition, fifty slips were added for recreational use by military families and guests accommodating boats from 25’ to 45’ feet in length. A day use dock and new boat launch with floating docks were also installed to support leisure and charter activities.

Bellingham Marine provided the docks and performed all waterside work from the top of the gangways down including installation of utilities, gangways and dock accessories. Bellingham also installed a fire suppression system.

A portion of the floats for the project were manufactured out of Bellingham’s plant in New Zealand. The rest came from the company’s plant in Ferndale, Washington. Installation crews were sent from Bellingham Marine’s SW Division, located in Dixon, California.

“This project has been a great testament to the benefit of Bellingham’s worldwide presence and the company’s ability to pull from the strengths of multiple divisions to meet the needs of the project and the client,” said Bellingham Marine’s president, Everett Babbitt.

Moffatt and Nichol’s Long Beach office was contracted by the Navy to develop the original Request for Proposals and provide Post- Award Construction Support Services for the project. M&N’s project manager, Rob Sloop, said “Bellingham Marine demonstrated the ability to deliver a superior product in a remote location and to cooperatively solve challenges that arose in the field.”

Given Guam’s secluded location and conditions specified by NAVFAC, the project required tremendous coordination. There were a number of hurdles that had to be overcome. “This was a difficult project to execute successfully but we are pleased to be able to look back with satisfaction at the first class marina facility now at the Guam Naval Base,” said Jim Puder, Bellingham Marine’s General Manager of its SW

Division. "Moffatt and Nichol provided great support throughout the project and were an invaluable part of the team."

As the world's leading marina design-build construction company, Bellingham Marine produces Unifloat® concrete floating dock systems as well as timber and metal frame systems. The company also produces Unistack® dry stack systems for marinas worldwide.

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