

Panama City Marina

Historical Background

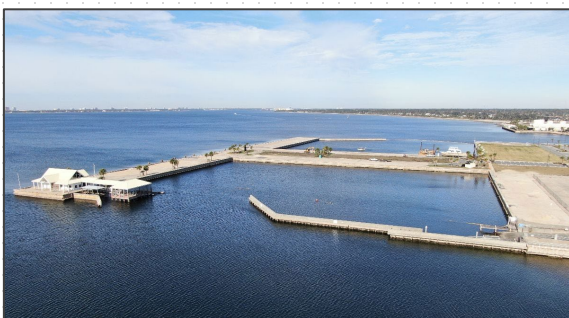
The Panama City Marina's central location on the intercoastal waterway makes it an integral part of the community's water access for business and recreation. Before Hurricane Michael, boaters benefitted from the Marina's 240 slips and Marina Store, which offered laundry and shower facilities as well as a gift shop.

In addition to providing waterfront access to City residents, the Panama City Marina is a key part of the Downtown area. The Marina is blocks from Harrison Avenue and the many restaurants, coffeeshops, and shops located there. The Marina is also home to several memorials and statues important to the City's history, including a sundial presented by the United States Marine Mine Defense Laboratory in 1963 and a memorial statue to commemorate those who died on September 11, 2001.

The Marina's suffered heavy damage during Hurricane Michael. The Marina's store, boat slips, and infrastructure were heavily damaged, and debris was left on docks and in the water itself.

Recovery Progress

Clearing the Marina of debris was a major step in recovering this important part of the community. With the help of Florida State University, the City was able to map underwater debris to be cleared. Volunteers and contractors worked to remove trash, fragments of the Marina, and damaged vessels from the area, and sub-surface debris was cleared in 2019. The City's next step is replacing the bulkheads and restoring the Marina's infrastructure.



The Panama City Marina has been cleared of debris and is currently undergoing infrastructure repairs. Photo credit: City of Panama City



Cleaning up the Marina and clearing sub-surface debris was a recovery milestone for the City. Photo credit: City of Panama City and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

To carry out infrastructure repairs, the City secured Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funding, which will also be used to install new bulkheads. As of October 2020, this recovery project is ongoing and the repairs to the Marina's piles and bulkheads are about 70% complete.