

# 2026 Marina of the Year Nomination Form

U.S.-based marinas are encouraged to submit applications for *Marina Dock Age*'s annual **Marina of the Year** awards. We honor one small (less than 250 slips) and one large facility and grant awards in categories such as environmental responsibility, business operations and more. Award winners are honored at The Docks Expo & Marina Conference and featured in *Marina Dock Age* magazine.

Award submissions are due by October 5th, 2026.

Please complete the form here: <https://docksexpo.com/marina-of-the-year/> Alternatively, submissions may be completed in a Word file and emailed to [christi@marinadockage.com](mailto:christi@marinadockage.com) for consideration. Entries must be typed.

## OVERVIEW

Marina Size (*include all wet and dry storage*) \*

Small (less than 250 slips)  
Large (more than 250 slips)

Do you have more than one location?\*

Yes  
No

Marina Name\*

Address\*

City\*

State\*

Zip Code\*

Marina's Management Company (*if applicable*)\*

Website (*Include the full website address beginning with http:// or https://*)\*

Marina Contact Name (*first and last*)\*

Marina Contact's Email Address\*

Marina Contact's Phone Number\*

What body of water for the marina/boatyard sit on?\*

Amenities\*

Service

DIY Service

Fuel

Ship Store

Pool

Lounge/Clubhouse

Concierge Service

Restaurant

Boat Rentals/Charters

Boat Club

Boat Sales/Brokerage

Upland Storage

Drystack

Boat Ramp

Other:

## BUSINESS OPERATONS

How many FT staff?\*

How many PT staff?\*

How do you communicate most effectively with your staff? (*ie. scheduled meetings, text, phone, app, email, white boards etc.*)\*

How do you communicate most effectively with your customers? (*email, text, app, etc.*)\*

Employee Training

Check any topics you provide employee training for:\*

Customer Service

Fuel Dock/Pumpout

Safety

Fire Prevention & Response

Oil Spill Response

CPR/First Aid/Man Overboard

Forklift/Travelift

Electrical Safety/Electric Shock Drowning Response

Hazardous Chemical Storage & Handling

Other:

Please describe any unique training programs you require or suggest to staff.\*

How do you monitor the performance of your business throughout the year? (*Customer survey, online ratings, increased revenue etc.*)\*

Have you experienced financial growth and/or made a profit over the past three years\*

Yes

No

### **FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

Looking at the past five years, describe any expansions, updates or added amenities including what you did and how you did it.\*

Did you take advantage of any grant programs or unique funding sources?\*

Yes

No

### **ADVERTISING & MARKETING**

Who are your main customers/target market?\*

How do you attract customers through advertising and marketing? (*Describe your website, newsletters, special events and any other creative marketing efforts*)\*

### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

How do you build relationships with your existing customers? (*social activities, direct communication, open door policy, newsletters, walk the dock etc.*)\*

How do you measure customer satisfaction, and what are the results? (number of repeat customers, customer survey, social media followers, word of mouth etc.)\*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

What measures do you take to limit your impact on the environment?\*

How do you share information on environmental best practices with your customers and the community?\*

How have you confronted and remedied environmental issues?\*

Are you a certified Clean Marina?\*

Yes  
No

## INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List memberships and positions held in organizations and associations in the industry and in your community.\*

Please provide any examples of how you give back to your community locally, statewide, or nationally.\*

## SPECIAL CHALLENGES

What challenges are unique to your facility?  
(*location, regulations, natural environment, etc.*)\*

What specific challenges have you overcome and how did you do it?\*

## ATTRIBUTES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What else sets the marina apart from the rest?\*

### Photos

Please attach up to six photos with your application that provide us with a good overview of your facility, your customers and your service. Paste a shared Google Drive/Dropbox link below.

If you have any questions or problems uploading files or links contact Christi Kleiner at [christi@marinadockage.com](mailto:christi@marinadockage.com).\*

Provide links to any additional online resources here (*optional*)

### Consent:

By clicking "submit" I understand Marina Dock Age and The Docks Expo have the right to use the submitted photography for publication and marketing purposes.\*

Agree