



## **PRESS RELEASE - for immediate release**

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### **Dolphin Marina Celebrates Clean Marina Designation on National Marina Day**

The Saxton family of Dolphin Marina and Restaurant in South Harpswell, Maine chose National Marina Day to celebrate completion of construction of the first phase of major renovations to the facility and their designation as a Maine Clean Marina. The event featured exhibits by a number of organizations including the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Friends of Casco Bay, Maine Island Trails Association, Coastal Conservation Association and the Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program. The US Coast brought one of their ice breaking vessels in for vessel tours, the Marie L a local tour boat and two Tow Boat US boats were also on hand for the event.

At the end of the day the family accepted their Clean Marinas flag and ran it up the flag pole where a stiff breeze instantly snapped it to life. Clean Marinas Program Manager Susan Swanton congratulated the family noting that "their commitment to keeping this lovely harbor clean is to be commended. I am so proud to see that they have incorporated a number of 'clean' principles in this phase of the construction and more are planned for the remainder of the project." One of the Dolphin owner's Bill Saxton expressed his sentiment after the presentation, "This environmental initiative, protecting our coastal waterways, educating our visitors and making a significant investment in becoming a Clean Marina, is something we strongly believe in and are committed to. The efforts made thus far are important and necessary for the success of our business and environment." After raising the flag for the first time, Bill's son, Billy Saxton noted "We will continue to be good stewards of the environment; we take this responsibility seriously and strive to inspire others for the need of environmental awareness. On behalf of our family, guests, visitors, staff and community we accept this Clean Marina achievement proudly."

The purpose of the program is to curb coastal pollution resulting from stormwater runoff, boat maintenance, fueling activities, waste storage and disposal and sewage. In order to qualify as a Maine Clean Boatyard & Marina a facility must demonstrate a high level of compliance in each of the five program areas. Participation in the Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program

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is voluntary, with participating companies signing a pledge, completing a self-assessment and then inviting an independent verification team to inspect the facility. The Maine Clean Boatyards & Marinas Program is sponsored by the Maine Marine Trades Association with assistance from the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection and the Maine Coastal Program. For more information about the Program please visit [www.mainemarinetrades.com/clean\\_marinas](http://www.mainemarinetrades.com/clean_marinas).

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**Suggested cut line for photo:** Three generations of the Saxton family celebrate the designation of Dolphin Marina in S. Harpswell as a Maine Clean Marina during their National Marina Day open house. Bill Saxton, Billy Saxton, Buster (dog), Zara Saxton, Ava Saxton, Clara Saxton, Maya Saxton, Alexis Saxton, Mimi Saxton, Jeremy Saxton, Maureen Saxton and Chris Saxton.

