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From: reviews@activecaptain.com
To: fpcmdean@city-ftpierce.com
Date: 04/23/2017 03:49 PM
Subject: Fort Pierce City Marina has received a new review on ActiveCaptain...

*** ActiveCaptain Sponsor Review Email ***

Fort Pierce City Marina (marina) received a new 5 star review and now has a total of 176 reviews.

Direct link to marker:

<https://activecaptain.com/X.php?lat=27.4506405875887&lon=-80.3222623571472>

Captain: Sum Escape (101)

Title of review

Great Stop, easy in from Atlantic, great people

Body of review

Nice new floating Bellingham docks. Great people, Carl was fantastic with handling lines in the tidal current. Farmers market on Saturday was great...lots of fresh produce, bakery products, lunches to go, crafts, a band and great coffee. We will be back again for sure!

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From: reviews@activecaptain.com
To: fpcmdean@city-ftpierce.com
Date: 04/23/2017 07:41 AM
Subject: Fort Pierce City Marina (marina) has received an updated review on ActiveCaptain...

*** ActiveCaptain Partner Review Email ***

Fort Pierce City Marina (marina) received an updated 4 star review and now has a total of 175 reviews.

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Captain: Captainwjm (4558)

Title of review

Almost a 5-star

Body of review

Update April 2017: we are back for a month, and electrical issues on L dock have been resolved. Still excellent staff and a warm welcome from Dean, Carl and Ann makes this one of our favorite stops. Note that AC STILL has an old satellite photo that fails to show the addition opened in 2014.

Update October 2016: We returned to FPCM after Hurricane Matthew for an overnight and fuel stop on our way back to the Keys. The marina weather the hurricane with no problems. Fuel was cheaper than any location within days travel. Recommend FPCM for overnight, as well as long term stay.

As full-time cruisers, we enjoyed a 2 month stay in July and August 2016. This is an excellent marina and a charming town. The facilities are in good to great shape and are, for the most part, clean and well maintained. The newer floating docks, which still don't appear on the AC satellite or chart views [?] are among the best that I've seen. All the floating docks except &"L&" dock have slip-side pump-outs [&"L&" is the first floating dock that you come to, and why it doesn't have pump-out is a mystery]. The older fixed wooden docks are in decent shape, but try to get on the floating ones if you can - it's worth the trouble. Pump-out is available at both of the fuel docks if you can't get it slip-side. The wi-fi is usually strong.

The staff [Dean, Carl, Matt, Freddy, Ann] are friendly, knowledgeable and, most importantly, are available and willing to help. Due to the tricky and swift cross-current, you need to contact the dock staff for assistance in entering the channel and docking. They are eager to offer assistance with lines as well as advise how to handle the current and when the current is slackest. Note: use the Ankona, FL Station Id: 8722274 tide tables, not the Fort Pierce or Fort Pierce Inlet stations.

The town offers numerous restaurants within easy walking distance. We recommend 12A-Bouy, Captain's Galley, Tillman's BBQ, 2nd Street Bistro, Lorenzo's Pizza. On-site are Cobb's Landing and The Original Tiki Bar restaurants.

If you have a tender, The Edge Bar and Grill along the inlet has good food and as does Harbor Cove Restaurant and Bar at Harbortown Marina. Both are a nice boat ride away. If you have access to a car, Pubelo Vieja on US1 [next to West Marine] has great Mexican food, and both Archies Bar and Grill and Manatee Island restaurant have good food on Hutchinson Island across the bridge. The local 7-11 has the basic, and I mean just the basic, food stuffs. A Publix is about 2 miles away. There are several regular events at or near the marina in town including a food truck night, weekly flea market and Saturday farmer's market. During the summer there are free movies at the local Sunrise Theater, and a First Friday flea market, food truck, music event on, you got it, the first Friday of the month. All said, this is a wonderful and worthwhile stop. It would rate more than 4 stars except for the following:

1. The Tidal Current can be fierce and the entrance tricky as the first 12 markers are floating, and they dive in the cross-current, especially the

greens. Also, note the shoal building from the south around marker 7. The current flows through the floating docks which are oriented parallel to the current, so docking assistance is needed except during slack times. We witnessed several cruisers with twins and thrusters having to make a second or third approach. Current is no problem at the older wooden fixed docks.

2. Grass was a constant problem for us [although note that we were here during the peak of the summer and during the horrible algae bloom that affected Stuart and the St. Lucie River]. We had to call a diver 3 times to remove the build-up from our AC strainer. And, we had to clean the strainer basket nearly every day. Even with all that, we had to blow out the intake through the seacock with a dockside water hose numerous times between diver visits. Fortunately, the dockside water pressure is strong. Grass seemed to be mostly a floating dock issue, and along the bulkhead on "J" dock where we were moved after the electrical issues.

3. Electrical issues plagued us on "L" dock. As mentioned in earlier reviews, the ground-fault system on the new floating docks is very sensitive and can result in an entire dock going dark. Marina personnel sometimes ask visiting boats to go first to the fuel dock to be checked before assigning slip position. Generally, we were told, boats with inverters have the biggest problems. Fail the test, and you will probably be assigned to the older fixed wooden docks. There are no known electrical problems on the older docks. We have an inverter, but didn't have a ground fault issue, but did experience voltage fluctuations on "L" dock. The marina moved us to "J" dock and those problems went away. But then the grass issue required another move to the T-head on "C" dock where we still had grass and also had some voltage issues. These seemed to be limited to short voltage fluctuations during the evening.

Despite all of that, we will return, and offer our 4 star recommendation to our fellow cruisers