

Sun Harbor Marina Takes the LEED

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SAN DIEGO — June 23, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) gave Sun Harbor Marina a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for its environmentally friendly green buildings and commitment to energy efficiency.

Sun Harbor Marina is the first marina in the world to be honored with the USGBC's LEED certification.

The USGBC is the nation's largest group of leaders working

together to encourage energy-efficient building practices. It promotes positive environmental results and tenant health by defining the standards for a "green building."

The USGBC created LEED to recognize environmental leadership in the building industry, promote green competition, raise consumer awareness of the benefits of green buildings and to encourage integrated, whole-building design practices.

Sun Harbor Marina, which includes 20,000 square feet of mixed building space and 130 boats, has created an ideal "green" prototype for marinas worldwide. By incorporating these principles into its building plans, it has set an example for the future of green buildings everywhere.

Included in Sun Harbor Marina's green building resources are waterless urinals, recycled bathroom benches, low-flow showerheads and 100 percent recycled floor grates. All these amenities are designed to have minimal impact on the environment. The building becomes energy efficient by taking advantage of the marina's natural light, created by the building's numerous large windows, its plaza and its promenade.

Sun Harbor Marina demonstrates a balanced relationship between building development and nature through the conservation of natural resources.

"We must ensure that our children and their children can enjoy the same resources we enjoy," marina manager Mary



Bill Robinson photo

LEEDer of the Pack — Sun Harbor Marina in San Diego has become the first marina in the world to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for its "green" buildings and practices.

Lou LoPreste said. "The complexity and thoroughness of this LEED certification procedure is a way to make that happen. I would encourage everyone to do the right thing and help save Mother Earth by seeking LEED certification."

Sun Harbor Marina has also been recognized by the California Senate and the state of Washington, and has been given the E.A.R.T.H. award by San Diego Earth Works.

-Jenn Harris

Sunset Aquatic Slipholders Discuss Rate Increase With County Supervisor

By Jenn Harris

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increases at Sunset Aquatic Marina in Huntington Harbour.

Many residents of the marina

owned property, stating that increases in slip fees would go into effect July 1. Some of the residents' rent fees would almost double, according to the letters.

Marina resident Shirley Ritchie quickly began an effort to stop the rate increases by alerting the county to the situation.

the Orange County Department of Harbors, Beaches and Parks and California Consumer Affairs. A board meeting was arranged with the Orange County Board of Supervisors to discuss the issue.

During the board meeting, Supervisor Jim Silva met with Ritchie and other

complaints about the rate increases, along with pictures displaying the condition of the marina.

"Mr. Silva was concerned about the rate increases, but also with the condition of the marina," Ritchie said.

The debate concerning the