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WESTPORT COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION OF YACHT SALES AND SERVICE CENTER

July 31, 2009 -- Following three years of planning and two years of construction, renovation work at Westport's Fort Lauderdale sales and service center is nearing completion. Bellingham Marine completed replacement of the facility's marina in June and the finishing touches are underway on the landside.

Plans to revitalize the existing yacht center called for a complete overhaul of the center's marina and landside property. The existing waterfront was reallocated and the marina reconfigured to provide berths for the line of Westport yachts up to 164 feet.

The basin was dredged to an operating depth of 13 feet and a complete new seawall system was installed.

The renovated marina includes seven berths and enough side-tie for a total capacity of about 20 boats 100 feet in length, complimented by robust electrical services. A 15 foot x 315 foot Mega Yacht Unifloat® Dock with 30" of freeboard provides moorage for new vessels being commissioned and delivered to Westport customers as well as transient slips for customers having minor services performed on their yachts.

"Bellingham Marine has more experience with super-yacht docks than anyone," said Phil Purcell, Vice President of Westport. "And we noticed with their Unifloat system that they develop their products with the same philosophy and attention to detail we use to develop ours."

The new sales and service center is more than an afterthought by Westport but a direct representation of the company's emphasis on customer service and its continual reinvestment in people, design, naval architecture, infrastructure, engineering and proven technologies securing their position at the forefront of the industry.

Purpose built to provide Westport yacht owners world class service, the new marina at Westport's Fort Lauderdale site is perfectly positioned in Fort Lauderdale's renowned "Marina Mile" district. Close to all the major yards and numerous other conveniences and amenities, Westport is able to provide captains and crew a consistent customer experience throughout. Crew cars, hurricane support, and 24-hour service are just a few of Westport's offerings.

Westport is the industry leader in North America and among the largest in the world. Today, Westport builds motoryachts ranging from 85' to 164'. Focusing on quality, efficiency and design, Westport balances the best in performance, safety and value. Highly regarded for their consistent commitment to predictability and reliability, every Westport is backed by on-going customer support that sets the standard for the industry.

As the world's leading design/build marina construction company, Bellingham Marine produces Unifloat saltwater systems, Unideck freshwater systems and Unistack dry storage systems for marinas worldwide.

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