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**CATAUMET MARINA BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF LARGEST
COMMERCIAL SOLAR INSTALLATION ON CAPE COD**

(Cataumet, MA) Just as the boaters are leaving and the restaurant wraps up another season, the cranes have moved in at Kingman Yacht Center to begin installation of what is believed to be the largest commercial solar project on Cape Cod. The 99.54 kilowatt solar system will provide almost one quarter of the marina's annual electrical needs, and is the latest in an ongoing list of projects that Kingman has implemented to protect and preserve the environment.

Scheduled to go on line before the end of the year, the solar project consists of 474 panels mounted on the south-facing roof surfaces of each of the marina's three large steel buildings. In order to accommodate the added weight of the solar array, the roofs are being replaced and coated to ensure that they will last as long as the expected 25-year life of the panels. The electrical infrastructure of the marina is also being overhauled and updated to handle the new electrical service.

"We were the first marina in the Northeast to dispense bio-diesel fuel to our boats," notes John Burman, Kingman Yacht Center's vice president. "The idea was to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and foreign oil. In the past eight years we have installed a new, state-of-the-art septic system; designed and installed a facility-wide storm water collection system to prevent pollutants from washing into the harbor; and we were among the very first marinas to complete a recycling system to capture pressure wash water and reuse it, preventing paints and metals from leaching into the groundwater. This solar project is another opportunity to minimize the marina's impact on the environment by reducing or consumption of non-renewable energy."

The cost of the solar project is being partially offset by grants and rebates offered by the Massachusetts' and federal governments. "Factoring in the savings on electricity, the stimulus money and tax considerations, we expect the system to pay for itself within five years," says Burman.

Kingman Yacht Center is Cape Cod's largest marina and boatyard, and has served the needs of Cape boaters since 1932.

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