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August 1, 2025

Regency Highland Condominium Association, Inc.
c/o Jordan Galatz
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Sent via e-mail: Mikekaczynski@comcast.net

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Re: File No.: 50-0205712-005-EE
File Name: Slip #1 Boat Lift Replacement

Dear Jordan Galatz and Michael Kaczynski:

On July 11, 2025, we received your request for verification of exemption to replace a boat lift within an existing mooring area (Slip No. 1) in the same location. The project is located in the Intracoastal Waterway, Class III Waters, adjacent to 3912 S Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach (Section 04, Township 47 South, Range 43 East), in Palm Beach County (Latitude N 26°24'18.9659", Longitude W 80°4' 4.0314").

Your request has been reviewed to determine whether it qualifies for (1) regulatory exemption, (2) proprietary authorization (related to state-owned submerged lands), and (3) federal approval that may be necessary for work in wetlands or waters of the United States.

Your project did not qualify for the federal authorization of this verification request. **Additional authorization must be obtained prior to commencement of the proposed activity.** This letter does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining other federal, state, or local authorizations that may be required for the activity. Please refer to the specific section(s) dealing with that portion of the review below for advice on how to proceed.

If you change the project from what you submitted, the authorization(s) granted may no longer be valid at the time of commencement of the project. Please contact us prior to beginning your project if you wish to make any changes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Julia Meuser at the letterhead address or at Julia.Meuser@FloridaDEP.gov.

1. Regulatory Review – VERIFIED

Based on the information submitted, the Department has verified that the activity as proposed is exempt, under Chapter 62-330.051(5)(h), Florida Administrative Code, from the need to obtain a regulatory permit under Part IV of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes.

This exemption verification is based on the information you provided the Department and the statutes and rules in effect when the information was submitted. This verification may not be valid if site conditions materially change, the project design is modified, or the statutes or rules governing the exempt activity are amended. In the event you need to re-verify the exempt status for the activity, a new request and verification fee will be required. Any substantial modifications to the project design should be submitted to the Department for review, as changes may result in a permit being required.

2. Proprietary Review- NOT REQUIRED

The activity does not require further authorization under chapter 253 of the Florida Statutes, or chapters 18-20 or 18-21 of the Florida Administrative Code.

3. Federal Review - NOT APPROVED

Your proposed activity as outlined on your application and attached drawings **does not qualify** for Federal authorization pursuant to the State Programmatic General Permit and a **SEPARATE permit** or authorization **shall be required** from the Corps. You must apply separately to the Corps using their APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT, ENG FORM 4345, or alternative as allowed by their regulations. More information on Corps permitting may be found online in the Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Source Book at: <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Source-Book>.

Authority for review - an agreement with the USACOE entitled “Coordination Agreement Between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Jacksonville District) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (or Duly Authorized Designee), State Programmatic General Permit”, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Additional Information

Please retain this letter. The activities may be inspected by authorized state personnel in the future to ensure compliance with appropriate statutes and administrative codes. If the activities are not in compliance, you may be subject to penalties under Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapter 18-14, F.A.C.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the

deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until a subsequent order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. You cannot justifiably rely on the finality of this decision unless notice of this decision and the right of substantially affected persons to challenge this decision has been duly published or otherwise provided to all persons substantially affected by the decision. While you are not required to publish notice of this action, you may elect to do so pursuant Rule 62-110.106(10)(a).

The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. If you do not publish notice of this action, this waiver will not apply to persons who have not received written notice of this action.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

FLAWAC Review

The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.


Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190 with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel (Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000) and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

EXECUTION AND CLERKING

Executed in Palm Beach County, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Danielle C. Sattelberger
Environmental Administrator
Southeast District

Enclosures:

Attachment A- Specific Exemption Rule
Project drawings, 8 pages

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy clerk hereby certifies that this document and all attachments were sent on the filing date below to the following listed persons:

FDEP – Danielle Sattelberger, Julia Meuser
Kathy Cartier, Unlimited Permit Services, Inc kathyc@unlimitedps.net

Additional mailings:

Matt Mitchell, Palm Beach County, Environmental Resources, mmitchell@pbcgov.org

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52, F. S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.



Clerk

08/01/2025
Date

Attachment A

Chapter 62-330.051 Exempt Activities.

The activities meeting the limitations and restrictions below are exempt from permitting. However, if located in, on, or over state-owned submerged lands, they are subject to a separate authorization under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S., and Chapters 18-18, 18-20, and 18-21, F.A.C., as applicable.

(5) Dock, Pier, Boat Ramp and Other Boating-related Work –

(h) The installation of a pile-supported boat lift within an existing mooring area at a docking facility that is legally in existence, provided:

- 1. Such installation does not conflict with a condition of a permit issued thereunder;**
- 2. The boat lift does not include additional structures, such as platforms, cat walks, and roofs.**

Rulemaking Authority 373.026(7), 373.043, 373.4131, 373.4145, 403.805(1) FS. Law Implemented 373.406, 373.4131, 373.4145, 373.415, 403.813(1) FS. History—New 10-1-13, Amended 6-1-18.

Existing Elevator Lift To Be
Removed and Replaced
with a New 20,000 lb.
Neptune Boat Lift

Existing Finger Pier &
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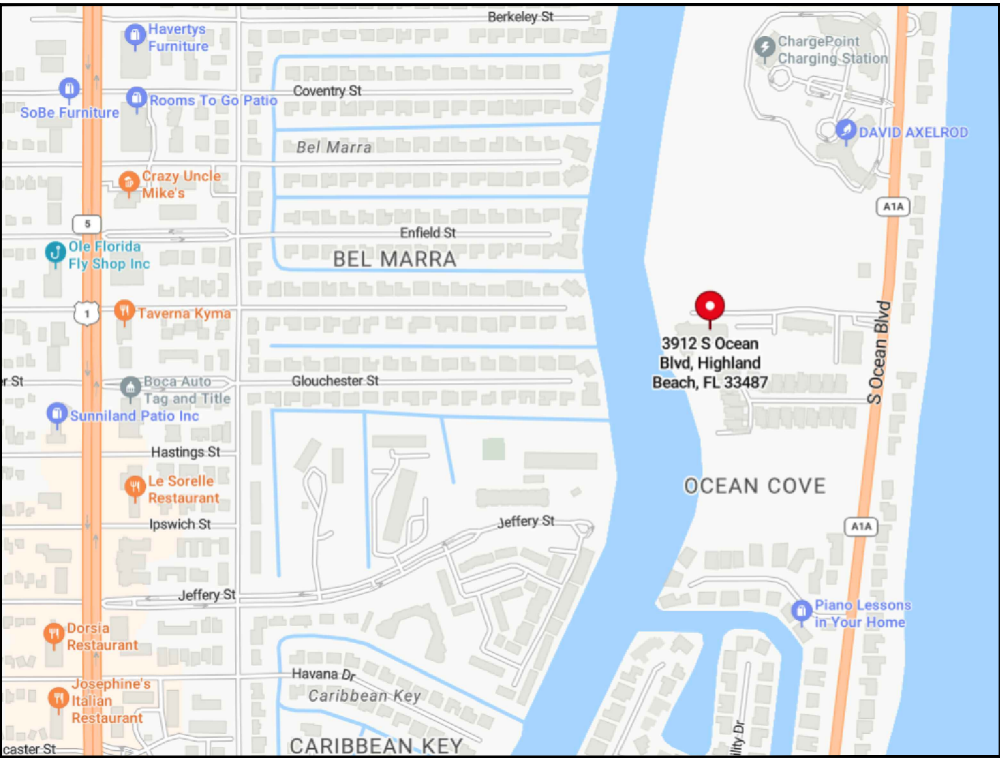
Existing Finger Pier &
Boat Lifts To Remain

Slip Numbers

Existing Seawall

Existing Improvements Not Shown

Existing Pool



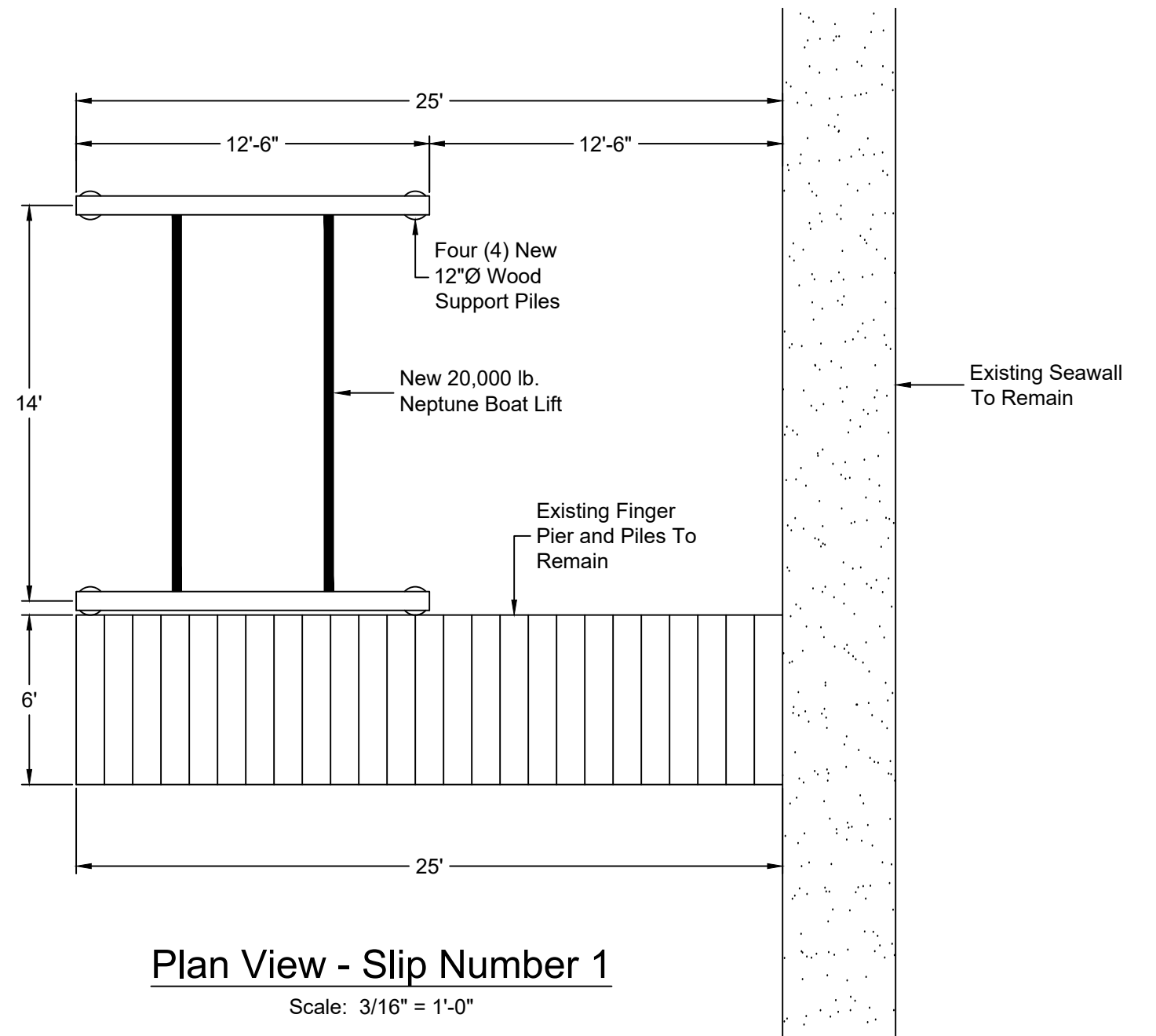
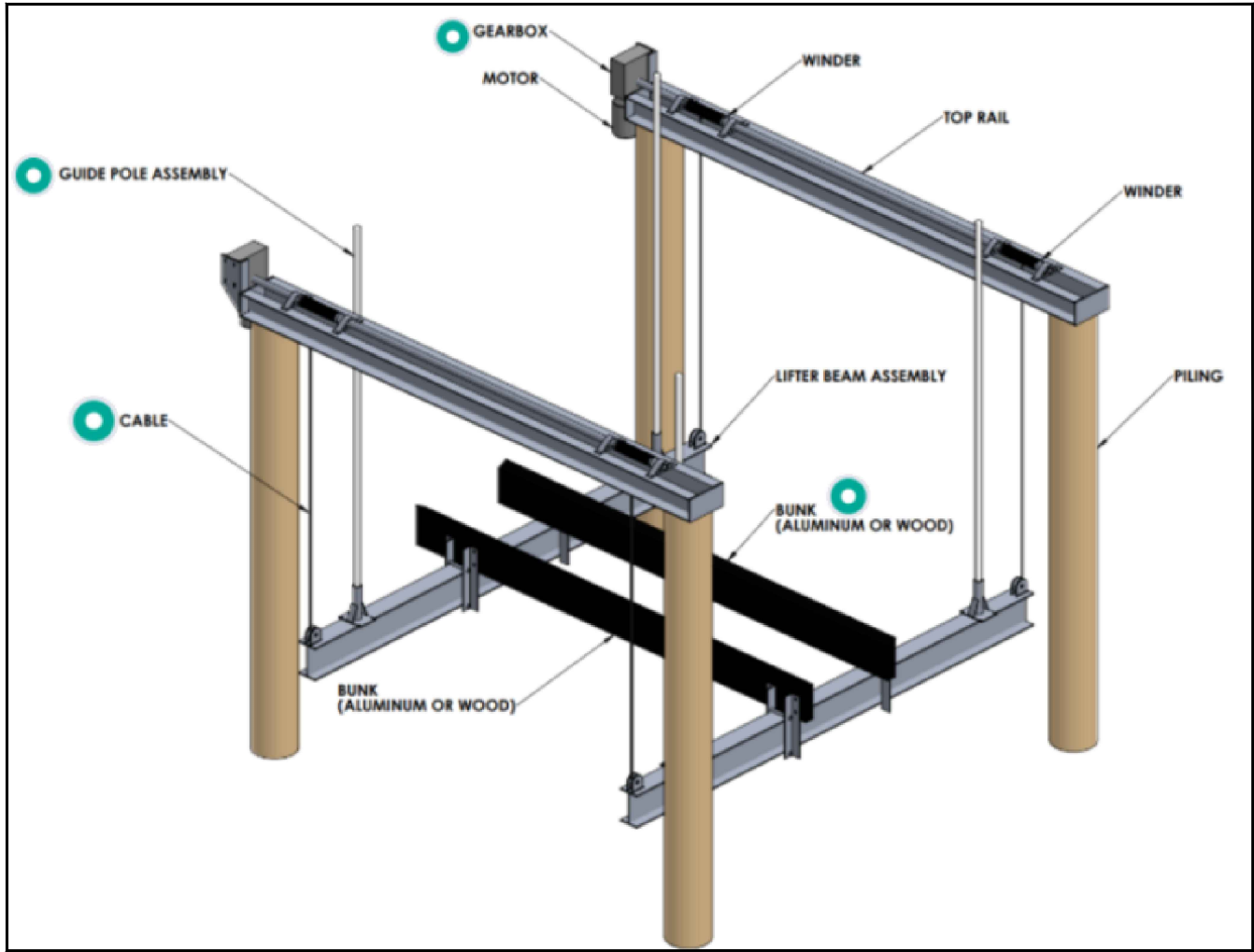
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Intracoastal Waterway

Site Plan

Scale: 1" = 40'

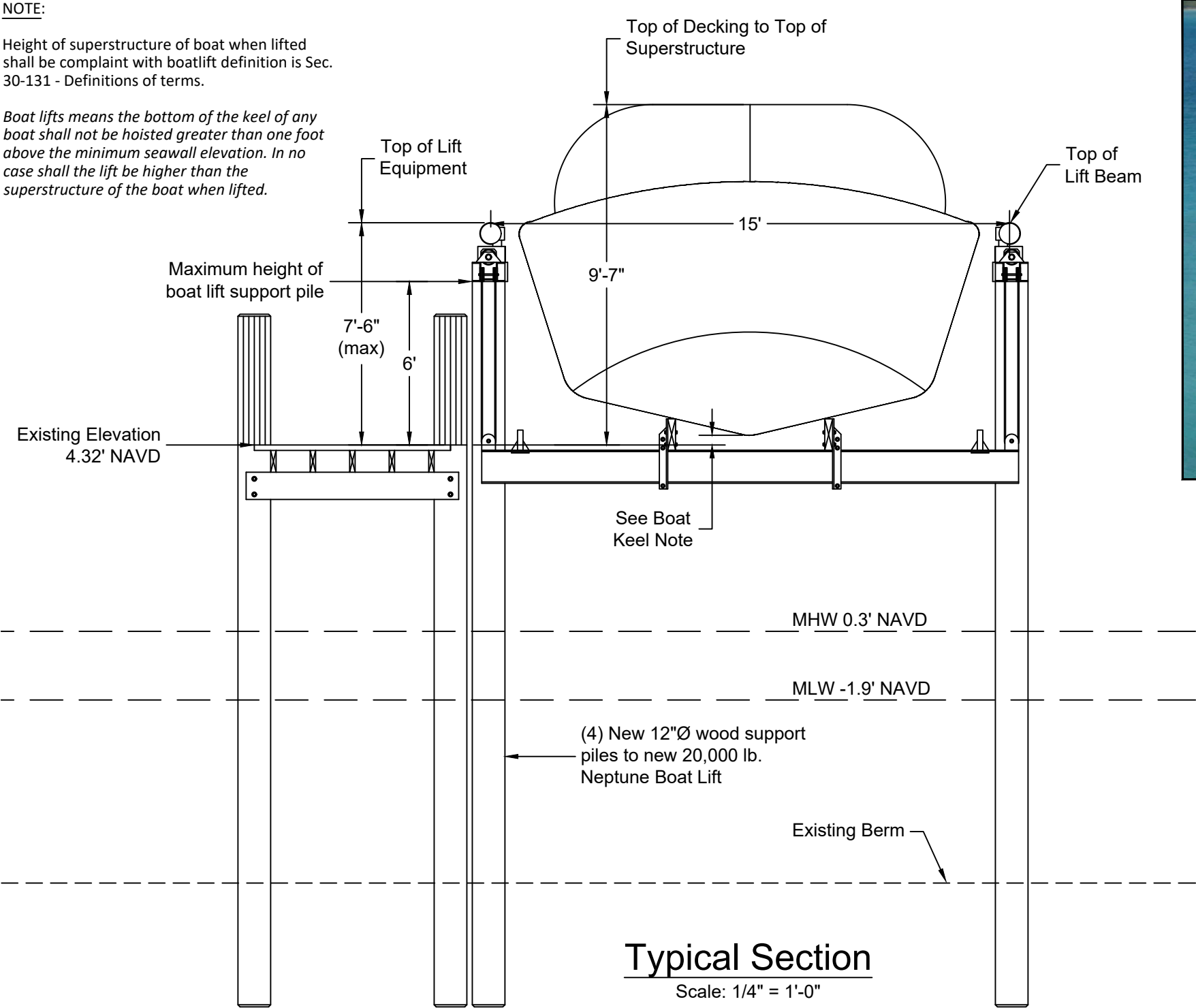
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Plan View - Slip Number 1

Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"

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BOAT KEEL NOTE:

Boat Keel to be a maximum of one foot above the minimum seawall elevation when lifted.

Boat lift means the bottom of the keel of any boat shall not be hoisted greater than one foot above the minimum seawall elevation.

In no case shall the lift be higher than the superstructure of the boat when lifted.

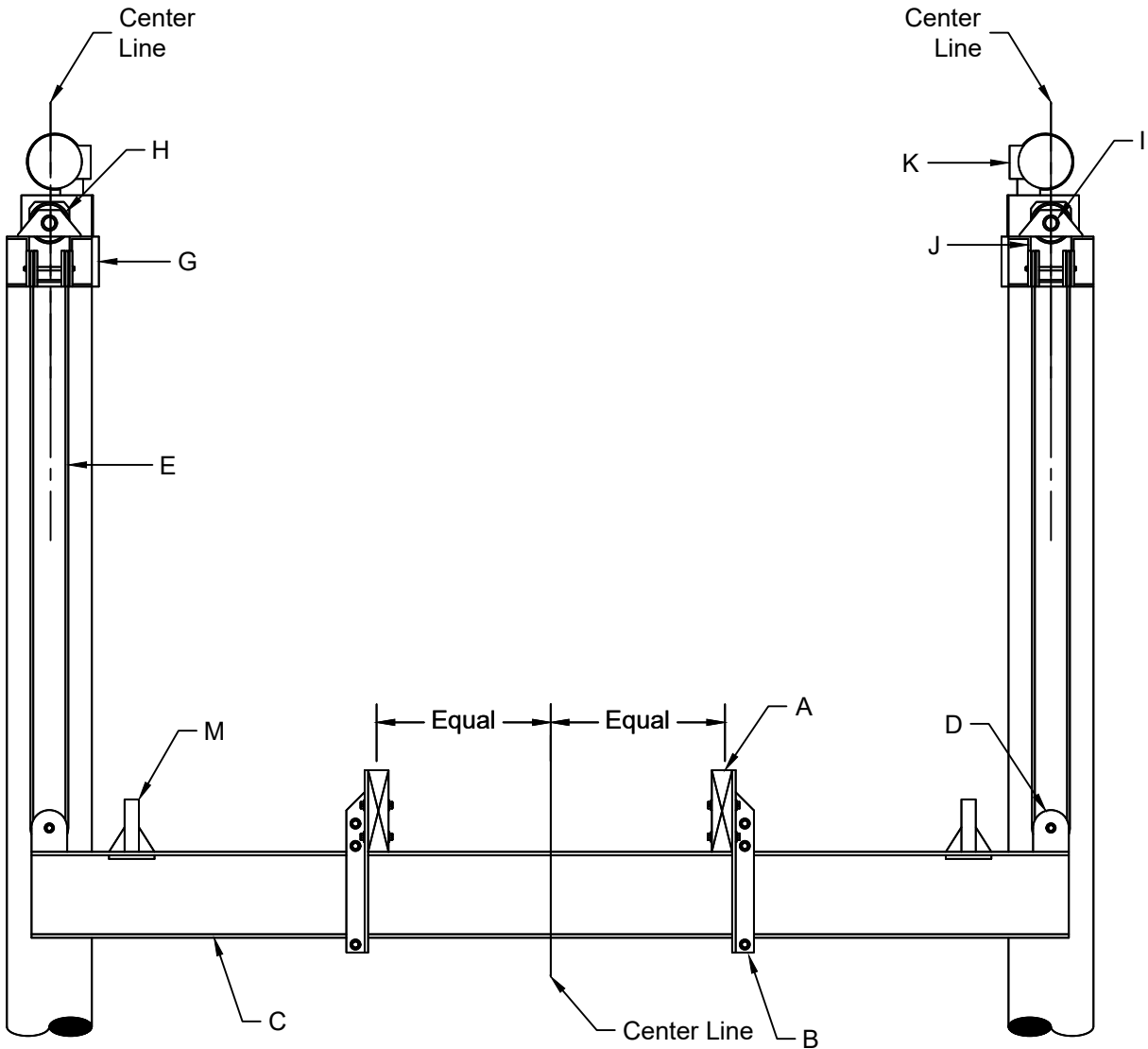
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BUNK NOTE:
Or Aluminum Equivalent with
Protective Cap

Components

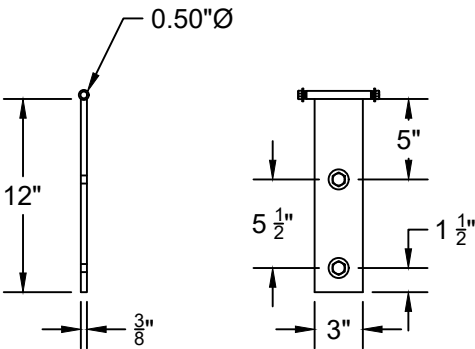
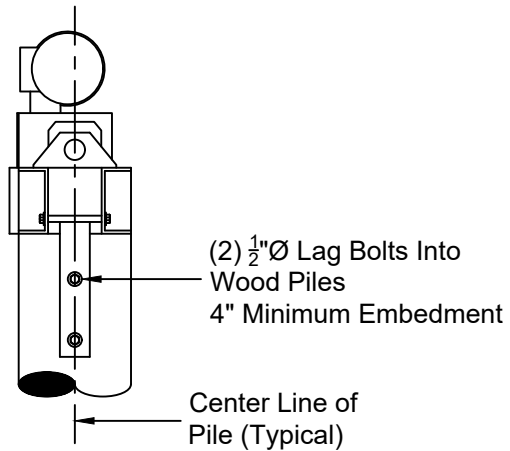
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Lift Capacity (In Pounds)	20,000
Bunk (See Note)	3"x10" Pressure Treated Southern Yellow Pine #1 - See Bunk Note
Bunk Bracket Support	1/4"x2"x2"
Lifter Beam	AA I 10"x10.3
Sheave Pulley Plate	1/4"x4"x5" Angle
Cable Size (Stainless Steel)	5/16" Diameter 7x19 SS 304 (3 Part)
Piling Mounting Bracket	3/8"x3"x12" Flat Bar
Carrier Beam End Plate	1/4"x5" Flat Bar
Drive Shaft Bearing Block	2"x3" Flat Bar
Drive Shaft	1-1/2" Nominal Diameter Schedule 80 Galvanized Pipe
Top Carrier Assembly 2 C-Channels Per Assembly	AA CS 8"x4.3
Motor Size (Horse Power/Voltage)	
Top Carrier Connector	3/8"x3"x12" Flat Bar
Guide Post Socket	2" Nominal Diameter Schedule 80 Aluminum Pipe



Typical Cross Section B-B

Scale: 3/8" = 1'=0"



Mounting Bracket Detail

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Boat Lift Notes:

- Design in accordance with Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023).
- This lifting structure has been designed to withstand wind loads associated with speeds of $V_{ult} = 180$ MPH, (3 Second Gust) Exposure 'D' without a boat on the lift per ASCE 7-22 using above ground sign/wall method. The lifting structure including boat has been designed to withstand wind speeds of $V_{sustained} = 73$ MPH, remove boat when winds approach this speed or for any named storm event. Boat shall not be stored on lift during high wind events.
- Do not scale drawings for dimensions. Licensed Contractor to verify location of existing utilities prior to commencing work. The Licensed contractor shall install and remove all shoring and bracing as required for the proper installation of the work. Licensed Contractor to obtain all permits as necessary from all Local, State, and Federal agencies.
- Aluminum: Material 6061 T6 Aluminum, all welds are minimum full fillet weld using 5556 filler 14 full fillet weld using 5556 filler alloy, all welding must conform to AISC steel construction manual currently adopted edition as inspected and verified by others. The contractor is responsible for insulating aluminum members from dissimilar metals to prevent electrolysis. Aluminum members in contact with concrete and wood shall be protected by "Koppers Bituminous Paint" or Polyethylene Tape UHMW (ultra-high molecular weight). 11.7 mils (0.30 mm) min. total thickness in accordance with current Florida Building Code.
- All anchors to be Hilti Brand or Approved Equal. All bolts shall be hot dipped galvanized or stainless steel & meet the requirements of ASTM A304 with hardened washers and hex nuts. Washers shall be used between wood & bolt head & between wood & nut. Where generic fasteners are labeled, capacities shall be equal to or greater than Hilti Kwik Bolt II or Red Head thru bolts SAE Grade 5 or better. Embedment depths specified herein are depths into solid substrate and do not included thickness of other finishes.
- MW Engineering Inc. has no control of the manufacturing, performance, or installation of this product. These generic plans were engineered in accordance with accepted engineering practices and data provided by the manufacturer. Use of this specification by contractor and permit holder Et al. indemnifies and saves harmless the engineer for all costs and damages from material fabrication, system erection, and construction practices beyond that which is called for by codes and from deviations from this design. Intellectual property of MW Engineering, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without prior written authorization.
- Piles shall be driven to minimum allowable bearing capacity of 10 tons minimum 8-foot or refusal and sufficiently penetrated sand or rock strata in pre-drilled or punched holes to support lift capacity, weight and loads. Each pile to carry commensurate load (Factor of Safety of 2). Sub-surface conditions can vary greatly.
- The contractor of record shall verify pile type, installation, and driving in compliance with FBC 8th ED (2023). Wood piles shall be a minimum diameter of 8", Miami Dade County requires minimum diameter of 12", 2.5 lb. ACQ treated in accordance with Florida Building Code. Concrete piles shall be 12" x 12" square, attain 6000 psi compressive strength in 28 days and shall be reinforced with four - 7/16" diameter lo-lax strands, 270 kips, and 5 ga. spiral ties.
- Pilings described herein are considered to be part of the host structure and are not part of this certification. The pilings and existing host structure, if any, must be capable of supporting the loaded system as verified by the permit holder and contractor of record. No warranty, either express or implied is contained herein.

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GENERAL NOTES:

1. Construction to follow the Florida Building Code 8th Edition (2023) and amendments as applicable and all Local, State and Federal Laws.
2. Licensed contractor shall verify the existing conditions prior to the commencement of the work. Any conflicts or omissions between existing conditions or the various elements of the working drawing shall be brought to the attention of the Engineer prior to the commencement of the work. The Licensed Contractor and all subcontractors are responsible for all lines, elevations, and measurements in connection with their work.
3. Do not scale drawings for dimensions.
4. Any deviation and/or substitution from the information provided herein shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to commencement of work.
5. All unanticipated or unforeseen demolition and/or new construction conditions which require deviation from the plans and notes herein shall be reported to the Engineer prior to commencement of work.
6. All new work and/or materials shall conform to all requirements of each administrative body having jurisdiction in each appertaining circumstance.
7. All new materials and/or patchwork shall be provided to match existing materials and/or adjoining work where practical except as specifically noted herein.
8. Licensed Contractor to shall use all possible care to protect all existing materials, surfaces, and furnishings from damage during all phases of construction.
9. Licensed Contractor to verify location of existing utilities prior to commencing work.
10. The Licensed contractor to install and remove all shoring and bracing as required for the proper execution of the work.
11. Licensed Contractor to obtain all permits as necessary from all Local, State, and Federal agencies.
12. Turbidity barriers to be marked with site contractor's company name using permanent markings no smaller than 3 inches in height on the top of the barrier.

PILE DRIVING:

1. Piles shall be driven using an approved cushion block consisting of material so arranged so as to provide the transmission of hammer energy.
2. Piles shall be driven to a minimum allowable bearing capacity of 10 tons for wood, 25 tons for concrete, and 5 tons for pin piles, a minimum of 8' into berm or refusal.
3. Piles shall be driven with a drop hammer or gravity hammer provided the hammer shall weight no less than 3,000 pounds, and the fall of the hammer shall not exceed 6'.
4. Piles shall be driven with a variation of not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot from the vertical, or from the batter line indicated, with a maximum variation of the head of the pile from the position shown on the plans of not more than three inches.
5. Where piling must penetrate strata offering high resistance to driving, the structural engineer of record or special inspector may require that the piles be set in pre-drilled or punched holes. The piles shall reach their final penetration by driving.

PILE NOTES:

1. Wood piles to be 2.5 lb. ACQ treated in accordance with the Florida Building Code.
2. Wood piles shall be a minimum diameter of 10", Miami Dade County requires minimum diameter of 12".

WOOD DOCK NOTES:

1. All materials to be pressure treated pine unless otherwise noted.
2. All frame work materials to be Southern Pine Grade #1
3. All Decking materials to be grade #1 unless otherwise noted.
4. All hardware to be Stainless Steel or Galvanized unless otherwise noted.

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