

# Bohicket Marina: South Carolina's Sea Island Treasure

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It's one of the best kept secrets on the South Carolina coast. But if Bill Dorris has his way, it won't stay a secret for long.

Dorris and David Bloom are managing partners of Bohicket Creek Investors. Their secret? Bohicket Marina and Bohicket Marina Village, a small enclave of utter civility tucked between the posh resorts of Kiawah and Seabrook. "The island vacationer doesn't realize we're here," says Dorris. "Once they experience one of our spectacular Lowcountry sunsets over Cherry Point, we've got 'em for life!"

Nestled safely on Bohicket Creek minutes from the Atlantic Ocean and the Intra-coastal Waterway, the marina offers a full spectrum of services to boat owners, be their boat a Jon boat or a 110-foot yacht. With 194 deep water slips, 90 dry storage berths, a charter service, waterfront restaurants and a collection of exclusive shops and galleries, Bohicket is one of the largest marinas on the Eastern Seaboard.



The Shops of Bohicket, a cluster of fashionable stores, restaurants and galleries offers everything from seafood to pizza, fishing tackle to resort fashions, lowcountry art to Charleston memorabilia and everything in between. "I'll put The Privateer up against any restaurant in Charleston," Dorris says, adding that the Village shops are the finest tenant mix of any resort in South Carolina.

Already renowned for its Spring Billfishing Tournament, Bohicket Marina is the first leg of the prestigious S.C. Governor's Cup Billfishing Series (May 1-14) established to promote competitive bluewater angling, tourism and conservation in South Carolina. The marina also sponsors an annual fall tournament in September. No boat? No problem. Bohicket boasts a full charter service for boating and saltwater fishing. Some of the world's finest sport fishing can be found in the Gulf Stream, just 90 miles away.

Fishing isn't the only venue for recreation and entertainment on Bohicket's lively summer schedule. Activities range from thespian with Summer Theater Under the Stars to the artistic with the Beau Arts Festival in August. Holidays like Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day are celebrated with patriotic fervor.

"But the best," says Dorris, "is yet to come." Set back from the road on Bohicket Creek, the Village will soon welcome the addition of a new shopping facility fronting the road to Seabrook. The new space will include Southern National Bank, a family style restaurant, additional offices and retail space. "We've already tripled the size of the marina's ships store, offering a complete line of salt water fishing tackle, marine accessories and a great selection of boating and casual wear," Dorris adds. The Marlin Club, a private hideaway for anglers and boaters to gather and swap their favorite "fish stories" is scheduled to open early this summer.

"There's something about water that immediately relaxes people," Dorris says. "Many of our luxury condominiums are owned by year-round residents who commute daily to their place of business in Charleston." To take advantage of their version of sea island therapy, Bohicket Marina Realty offers a superb selection of rental homes and villas, and like everything else at Bohicket Marina Village, that means only the best. "Because we're a small company, we can afford to be more selective, offering more personalized service," Dorris adds. For those not content with just a visit, a few choice condominiums overlooking a salt water marsh and Bohicket Creek offer the most breathtaking sunsets this side of heaven.

Legend has it pirates buried treasure along the creek, Dorris says. But anyone who has ever visited Bohicket Marina Village has found all the treasure they'll ever want.

