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SPARED BY IRMA, BAHAMAS MARINAS ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

Nassau, The Bahamas, 12 September, 2017.....The marine recreational sector of the Bahamas' tourism industry is up and open for business. Most of the member marinas of the Association of Bahamas Marinas (ABM) are reporting no damage from hurricane Irma and are open and ready for business.

"This hurricane caused great damage throughout the region and the southern Bahamas," says ABM President, Stephen Kappeler, "and we sympathise with the citizens of the islands that were so badly affected. We are also deeply concerned about the welfare of citizens of the state of Florida, whose lives have been so disrupted by hurricane Irma," he said.

"However, we are greatly relieved that hurricane Irma by-passed so many of the islands in The Bahamas and spared most of our members from damage or dislocation," said Kappeler.

"Only two marinas have reported damage that prevents them from opening for business," said Basil Smith executive director of the association. "Of 27 members, we're still awaiting word from seven, but the overall picture right now is very positive indeed".

Hurricane Irma, as it approached The Bahamas, veered to the west after impacting the southernmost islands in the archipelago, inflicting serious damage on Ragged Island, in particular. It then steered clear of most of the islands, delivering tropical force wind and minimal rain in most areas, before inflicting somewhat more severe impact on West End, Grand Bahama and Bimini as it left the archipelago for Florida.

Disruption to utility services in those areas has impacted operations at marinas on Bimini and at West End. "We hope that in subsequent reports we will be able to give a positive account of the marinas in those locations," said Smith.

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Status of ABM Marinas After Hurricane Irma.

Marina	Location	Status	Notes
Albany Marina	New Providence	Open	Reported no significant damage
Bay Street Marina	Nassau	Open	Reported no significant damage
Bimini Big Game Club Resort & Marina	Bimini	Closed	No electric, water damage from storm surge
Bimini Sands Resort and Marina	Bimini	Closed	No electric, minor resort and marina damage
Bradford Marine Bahamas	Grand Bahama	*	Awaiting confirmation report
Brown's Marine & Boat Storage Exuma	Exuma	*	Awaiting confirmation report
Cape Eleuthera Resort & Marina	Eleuthera	Open	Reported no significant damage
Davis Harbour Marina & Cotton Bay Club	Eleuthera	Limited – pre-arrival arrangements required	Minor dock repair and dredging underway
Flying Fish Marina, Long Island	Long Island	Open	Reported no significant damage
French Leave Harbour Village	Eleuthera	Open	Awaiting confirmation report
Grand Bahama Yacht Club	Grand Bahama	Open	Reported no significant damage
Hawks Nest Resort & Marina	Cat Island	Open	Reported no significant damage
Highbourne Cay & Marina	Exuma	Open	Reported no significant damage
Hope Town Inn & Marina	Abaco	Open	Reported no significant damage

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Leeward Yacht Club and Marina	Abaco	Open	Reported no significant damage
Lighthouse Marina	Abaco	Open	Reported no significant damage
Lyford Cay Club Marina	Nassau	Open	Reported no significant damage
Marina At Emerald Bay	Exuma	Open	Reported no significant damage
Nassau Yacht Haven	Nassau	*	Awaiting confirmation report
Old Bahama Bay Resort & Yacht Harbour	Grand Bahama	Closed	Reported only minor damage, but closed due to power loss. Fuel is open.
Palm Cay	New Providence	Open	Reported no significant damage
Port Lucaya Marina	Grand Bahama	Open	Reported no significant damage
Romora Bay Resort & Marina	Eleuthera	Open	Reported no significant damage
Safe Harbour Marina at Cave Cay	Exuma	Open	Reported no significant damage
Staniel Cay Yacht Club	Exuma	Open	Reported no significant damage
Treasure Cay Resort & Marina	Abaco	Open	Reported no significant damage
Valentines Residences, Resort & Marina	Eleuthera	Open	Reported no significant damage
BASRA	All Bahamas	*	No reports of missing or overdue vessel at this time.
Rubis gas stations	All fuelling stations	Open	open

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