

Safe Harbor Marinas Hit with Class Action Lawsuit Over Deceptive Charges

June 18, 2025 – Partner at Kelley | Uustal explains: “We filed this class action lawsuit challenging Safe Harbor Marinas’ pattern of inflating customer invoices with unauthorized and deceptive charges unrelated to work they actually performed. Making matters worse for the vessel owners, the coercive ‘cash for splash’ policy forces customers to pay in full before their vessel can even leave the marina.” The lawsuit seeks damages and restitution for affected boat owners nationwide. “We believe there are many more yacht owners who have been victims of this same overbilling scheme who will be entitled to relief through this lawsuit,” said Pierson.

Defendant, Safe Harbor Marinas, LLC provides superyacht servicing and repairs to thousands of customers through its 138 marinas located in approximately 24 states. The complaint states that Safe Harbor operates at the direction of centralized corporate management and that “the company’s policies, practices, and procedures” were systematically implemented and enforced across its entire national network.

Plaintiff, Miami Charter Yacht, LLC is a Florida limited liability company that owns a 76-foot San Lorenzo yacht known as the “Vasiliki” that is engaged in the private charter business. According to the complaint, Miami Charter Yacht’s experience at Safe Harbor’s Charleston facility exemplifies the defendants’ prevalent deceptive practices. Plaintiff’s yacht required repairs in late 2024, and its final bill was “supersized” by a number of unauthorized surcharges and fees.

The lawsuit brings claims for breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, unjust enrichment, and

violation of South Carolina's Unfair Trade Practices Act. Plaintiff seeks a trial by jury and monetary damages, restitution, and injunctive relief on behalf of itself and the proposed class.

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