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SkipperBud's Announced as North Point Marina Operator

WINTHROP HARBOR, IL (April 29, 2026)— SkipperBud's, one of the Midwest's leading full-service boat dealerships, will assume marina management responsibilities for North Point Marina beginning with the 2026 boating season.

SkipperBud's will oversee the day-to-day operations, maintenance, and overall customer experience at North Point Marina. The collaboration reflects SkipperBud's commitment to enhancing one of Illinois' premier boating destinations while continuing to provide high-quality facilities and services for Lake Michigan boaters.

With decades of experience managing marinas across the Midwest, SkipperBud's brings a proven track record of operational excellence and customer service. This background will help ensure a best-in-class experience for slip holders, visiting boaters, and the surrounding boating community.

"We are honored to partner with North Point Marina," said Todd Riepe, Regional President, SkipperBud's. "We look forward to bringing our customer-focused approach and operational standards to the marina and enhancing the boater experience while preserving its important role in the region's recreational boating community."

North Point Marina is the largest marina on the Great Lakes, featuring a protected floating dock system with 1,500 slips for vessels up to 70'. Ideally located between Chicago and Milwaukee, the marina is adjacent to Illinois Beach State Park - one of the nation's most scenic state parks.

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ABOUT SKIPPERBUD'S

Founded in 1959, SkipperBud's has spent over 65 years delivering the dream to boating enthusiasts throughout the Midwest, growing into the region's largest boat dealer with locations spanning Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio. Today, SkipperBud's operates 10 marinas with 1,200 slips, six dry stack buildings housing 1,500 boats, and winter storage for more than 5,000 vessels.

As part of MarineMax (NYSE: HZO), the world's largest recreational boat retailer, SkipperBud's combines the personalized service and deep local expertise of a trusted Midwest institution with the scale, resources, and industry leadership of a publicly traded organization. The result is a premier boating destination offering boat sales, service, storage, and marina management, all backed by best-in-class facilities and a team committed to supporting customers at every stage of their boating journey, whether they're lifelong boaters or just getting started.

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