Marine Structure Replacement Guidance

This guidance applies to the replacement of an existing permitted marine structure, or the replacement of any and all structural components of a dock, boat lift, or personal watercraft lift. This includes but is not limited to work done on the framework of the dock, installation of a new float or walkway, and the replacement of an existing boat or PWC lift. When replacing a structural component of a marine structure, the marine structure will not be “grandfathered”, and will be required to adhere to any and all SWS requirements for marine structures.

Type A docks, Type B docks, and marine structures not exceeding the SWS maximum allowance will be required to submit an application and detailed schematic. Type C docks not exceeding the SWS maximum allowance will be required to provide SWS with a stamped drawing by a SC Professional Engineer. Type C docks and marine structures that exceed the SWS maximum allowance will no longer be permitted on SWS property and will not be allowed to be replaced. At the time of application if there is more than one marine structure abutting the SWS shoreline, or the marine structure exceeds the SWS maximum allowance, the applicant will be required to reduce the size of their marine footprint and to adhere to the requirements outlined in the SWS Marine Structures Guidance Document.

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