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ACY Expands To Meet Growing Demands

The name American Custom Yachts is not only synonymous with lightning-fast dream machines and world-renowned sportfishing achievements, this famous boat building company also operates Florida's premier marine service facility.

Located on a 28-acre site along the Okeechobee Waterway in Stuart, the ACY facility is currently undergoing a major expansion due to the increasing demand for their expert marine services.

The initial phase of the expansion was completed in 2004 with the opening of a new service building featuring a covered yacht port, two new haul-out bays, 16 new boat slips and a 5.5-acre tract for boat storage. According to ACY president Dominick LaCombe, future plans call for the addition of a paint prep building attached to the present paint bay, a marine service support building (to include expanded carpentry, electrical and machine shops) and a storage building for engines and large parts.

Affiliated companies Bausch-American Towers and marine electronics specialists, IMS American, have expanded their operations on-site as well; however, they're not stopping

there. Demand for their services along the Eastern Seaboard has prompted the opening of a satellite facility in Beaufort, NC, where BAT and IMS are building strong relationships within the mid-Atlantic boating community.

In addition, IMS has recently expanded into the residential audio-video and automation market, teaming up with FOX Audio-Video of Stuart to create a new home entertainment and communications division. A locally recognized leader in the home entertainment business, FOX Audio-Video brings over two decades of experience in home theater systems, home automation, custom lighting, telecommunications and computer networking. Their new state-of-the-art showroom is located at 257 SE Monterey Road in Stuart.

Looking at the long-term, LaCombe described ACY's intention to build a separate new boat construction facility on the Stuart site, along with a marine-related business park along the western portion of the property.

"With our easy accessibility by water from both coasts of Florida, along with

our close proximity to I-95 and the airport, we are seeing an increase in business from all over," he explained. "We plan to virtually double the capacity of the yard over the next few years. The goal is to offer customers a complete range of marine-related services at one central location."

"From the perspective of a master boat builder, we have a unique advantage when it comes to expanding our marine services," added LaCombe. "We know boats from the inside out, and know the best way to get each job done. ACY has made a major commitment to becoming the Southeast's number one marine service facility."

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