

# Mills Marina under new ownership in Seaford



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**M**ills Marina on Back Creek in Seaford attracted new owners who are reinvigorating the business as a community gathering place.

Curt and Pamela Lang from Maryland bought the 56-slip marina in December and opened this month after extensive renovation. The store, which had not been operational for several years, sells boating and fishing supplies, solid cubed ice, beer, snacks and ice cream.

The Langs had been looking to buy a marina for a couple years when they found an online post advertising the sale of Mills Marina, which has an on-site boat ramp and is a quarter-mile from the Chesapeake Bay.

Longtime owner John Wydur operated Mills Marina since 1975 until his death in July 2014.

Broker Chuck Collins of Mid-Atlantic Commercial in York County had been working to sell the marina for about half a year when the Langs expressed interest. While other buyers also inquired, he's convinced the Langs are the right folks to be running it.

"They are bringing it back to life," Collins said. "That has tremendous potential there. You can see the Chesapeake Bay."

Curt Lang, a mechanic, had previously worked for a marina and has been in the boat repair business since 2006. Mills Marina has a shop where he can continue that work.

The couple wanted to prepare a different lifestyle for retirement and loved how Seaford is in the country but still close to everything.

"We feel at home. That's why we got this place," Pamela Lang said.

Already, neighborhood kids have been coming by the store after school for snacks as part of their routine.

Neighbor and mom Katie Krzyzanowski got excited when she saw the property being cleaned up. Her kids Emma, Anna and Lila can safely walk to the store and other nearby kids typically join them on their way. The mom said she loves how family-friendly the marina is.

The Langs, who live on-site, said they welcome folks to come by and look at the water. They put seating out front and plan to put some in back.

“I think it’s a nice addition to the neighborhood to have this back open,” Krzyzanowski said.

Eleven-year-old Madi Dickens was the store’s first customer. She bought a candy bar when she came by to sell Girl Scout cookies. The Langs bought five boxes.

“I love these guys. I think it’s great for the neighborhood. I think it’s great for the county,” said neighbor and dad Chris Davidson, who is board president of the York County Chamber of Commerce.

The marina is open daily 6 a.m .to 6 p.m. although there will be extended hours depending on the season.

Mills Marina at 1742 Back Creek Road is hosting its grand opening for the public 1-5 p.m. Saturday with refreshments and live music. For more information, find Mills Marina on Facebook or call 757-898-4411.

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