



MARINA VILLAGE BREEZE

September 23, 2017

"OPEN FOR PLEASURE!!"

Great news, we're up and running as of this morning and guests will start arriving this afternoon. Week 35 owners had a shortened week because of the mandatory evacuation, and we were unable to open for weeks 36 and 37. Owners, including Board Member Dick Rinehart, unfortunately lost their use of those weeks. Mother Nature doesn't pick sides. Our Island was incredibly lucky that the forecasted 10-15 foot storm surge didn't happen or else closure would have been much longer. While our first residential floor is 18 feet above Mean High Water and wouldn't have directly suffered from a surge like that, the infrastructure on the rest of the beach would have been severely damaged.

I want to share with you the amount of effort our staff put in getting our resort back in business. Despite SW Florida's grim forecast that worsened hourly before the storm hit, everyone found shelter within short driving distance of Marina Village and was on premises pretty much before 7 AM until after 5 PM every day afterward (except for last Sunday, when we took a break). It was a lot of constant physical work to fix, clean, and/or restore the whole property.

Gulf Coast Services, our housekeeping company, had staff here also almost every day as well. We were first on their list because I called the owner before anyone else did and she honored my request to "jump on it". We're also their oldest and most loyal client. And the folks at Gulf Coast Linen worked around the clock getting every towel, sheet and bedspread cleaned and sanitized after their power was finally restored just earlier this week.

As for Christos, he's used up another of his nine lives. His surgeon successfully patched him up again, and he told me he's going to cut back on the yogurt and feta cheese! He looks great and will be working here for two more weeks before moving back to Connecticut. We'll miss 'im!

Captain Jimmy just brought our boat back to the dock and he'll resume taking our guests out this coming week.

That's about it for now.
Regards,

Paul Rosen
On behalf of the Board of Directors and our dedicated staff

P.S. And now for a couple of visuals!

Irma took a bite out of the edge of our Tiki Hut...



... and "huffed and puffed" at our fences!



Before the Eye went overhead, water was pushed westward out of the bay and the Gulf: compare how low the Princess is on the left during the storm versus afterward (yes, that's

a big boo boo on its deck):



In other news of our neighborhood, Moss Marine has a lot of docks to repair...



...and when only a few restaurants were open, Nervous Nellies commissioned a new sign to let people know they had power.



Elsewhere on the Island, a truly massive tree blew down at the Caribbean Beach Club...



... and a parking structure collapsed at the Island Winds (ouch! Time to change their name, don't you think?)



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