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# Marina set to go

## \$8m berths sold already

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AFTER five years of bitter disputes, legal wrangling and endless court appearances, the Cruising Yacht Club will finally start work on a new \$16 million North Haven marina – with pre-sales already topping \$8 million.

Fresh from a successful Environment Resources and Development Court battle against nearby residents opposed to the marina, the club expects to start construction before Summer and have boats in the water by mid to late 2008.

CYC general manager Craig Evans said pre-sales for the 73 marina berths on Southern Myth Drv started in August and already more than 50 per cent had been sold – worth \$8 million.

“It’s terrific,” he said.

“We were hoping the sales would be fairly quick but we didn’t expect it to be this quick.

“It’s certainly been a huge effort over five years and after that period of time it’s a little hard to believe we are even going to build it.

“I’ll be happy when the boats are in there and then it will seem real.”



**NEW DEVELOPMENT:** Craig Evans at the Cruising Yacht Club of SA shows plans for the new 73 berth marina on Southern Myth Drv.  
Picture: Neale Winter 100363

The new marina will cater for larger yachts, with the average berth about 20m compared to the CYC’s 240 marina berths off Lady Gowrie Drv, which average about 12m.

“Back in the old days, everyone dreamed of having a 40ft boat and now it’s a 60ft,” he said.

Nearby residents had appealed the Port Adelaide Enfield Council’s approval of the marina in June last year citing loss of

views, traffic congestion, lack of privacy, impact on the area’s dolphins and other marine life, noise, light spill and concerns about the effect of dredging.

Twelve months later, the ERD Court supported the council’s decision, clearing the way for construction to start.

North Haven Marine and Environments Protection Association president **John Mate** said a dispute over ownership of the water

parcel, which stems back 16 years when Pioneer Constructions planned to build a 116-berth marina with the titles held by One & All Drv residents, was still ongoing.

“We haven’t given up yet,” he said.

“We’ll go down fighting.”

However, Mr Mate ruled out a Supreme Court appeal against the marina development.