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## 'Big Navy's best kept secret' readies for fun, facelift

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By MWR Guam



Sumay Cove Marina has everything you need to take advantage of Guam's year-round summer weather and beautiful coastline. It also remains one of Naval Base Guam's least-used Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities. New changes on the horizon, however, are about to change all that.

Thanks to a new multi-million dollar improvement and development contract awarded by the U.S. Navy, the marina is scheduled for a major facelift this summer. The renovation includes the construction of brand new boat ramps, a new dock with T-piers and power boat slips, permanent piers for the sailboat moorings, a diesel fuel tank and lighted canopies with new grills for family cookouts.

The improvements are aimed toward a wider demographic to offer more opportunities for sailors and their families. In addition to the upcoming renovations, management will extend marina hours of operation to seven days a week. Sumay Cove's new manager, Jeremy Chatterton, expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming changes.

"This contract will play a great role in transforming Sumay Cove Marina into a major recreation spot for families and sailors to come rent boats and dive equipment, go fishing or just have a barbecue on the weekends," Chatterton said.

To kick off the new and improved Sumay Cove marina, a variety of events has been planned. The Marina's new "Family Days" promotion will offer families a 20-percent discount for boat and gear rentals on teacher workdays for the duration of this school year. The discount will also be offered on the last Friday of each month throughout the summer and on Military Appreciation Days scheduled as of May.

Currently, the Marina's most popular activity is fishing. Stop by and rent a boat to explore Guam's excellent fishing grounds. Need tackle? No problem, the Marina has a full selection of rental fishing gear including rods, reels and lures.

Another option for fishing is the marina's fishing charter service. For a nominal fee, you can book a half-day or full-day excursion that includes a captain, ice and full gear for up to four people.

It's not a bad deal, especially since four brand new 19-foot Edgewater center console fishing boats will soon be added to the list of available rentals. A fishing derby was also scheduled for May 2, in an effort to get sailors and their families out on the water.

Sumay Cove offers much more than just fishing, though. Boats can be individually rented for snorkeling and diving the many popular reefs and wrecks in Apra Harbor and around Guam. The Micronesian Divers Association (MDA) dive shop at the marina has a full selection of dive equipment for sale or rent for exploring Guam's pristine coastline.

The Pontoon Boat – affectionately nicknamed the "Party Barge" – is also available to rent and includes comfy padded lounges, a sink and lots of room for kids to move around.

Don't have your boating license yet? No problem – sign up for your test today at Sumay Cove. Stop by anytime to pick up the study materials. The test includes: a 30-question multiple-choice test, a \$10 harbor tour and a small-boat training session. You can be a small-boat captain in less than a week.

If you find that you are hungry after a long day out on the water, head right upstairs to Clipper Landing. This pleasurable open-air restaurant and bar is open seven days a week and serves fresh local fish, burgers, wraps, Buffalo wings and more.

Services are available to MWR Patrons only. For more information about Sumay Cove Marina and other MWR facilities, visit [www.mwrguam.com](http://www.mwrguam.com).

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