

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Tyrell Bay Marina calls for urgent, practical access to release customers' vessels

We are part of Carriacou, and Carriacou's wellbeing is inseparable from our own. We stand for our customers, livelihoods and the shared prosperity of the Carriacou community we call home.

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Tyrell Bay, Carriacou, Grenada

Tyrell Bay Marina has until now refrained from making a detailed public statement as legal proceedings remain ongoing. We respect the judicial process and will not argue the merits of those proceedings in the media. However, our customers have now publicly described the circumstances facing them. As a longstanding member of the Carriacou community, we believe we have a responsibility to speak up about the immediate practical and human impact on our customers, our employees and the wider community.

At approximately 25 April 2026, a fence was erected across part of the boatyard. The fence obstructs the route between vessels stored on land, the Marina's operational travel lift and the slipway used to return vessels to the sea. The affected customers were given no opportunity through the Marina to relaunch before that access was blocked. As a result, several customers' vessels - and, for some, their homes - remain on land and cannot be launched through the Marina's normal facilities.

The impact of the fence extends beyond commercial harm to the Marina. At the heart of this situation are people. Our customers have faced prolonged uncertainty, additional expenses, loss of income and concern for their safety and security of their property. For those whose vessels are also their homes, the impact is especially personal. The obstruction also limits vehicle movement through the affected area, blocking access for emergency services and essential operations. The Marina's travel lift remains available and capable of relaunching the affected vessels once a safe, unobstructed route to the slipway is provided and operations can proceed without further interference.

Our customers deserve a practical solution

Since the fence was erected, the Marina and our customers have repeatedly contacted the party responsible for the construction of the fence to achieve a practical solution. We understand that customers made requests on 1, 3 and 14 May and again formally on 24 July. The Marina also sought temporary access on 17 June. To date, the party responsible for the construction of the fence has been unresponsive and our collective efforts have not produced a solution.

We renew that request publicly and respectfully. Whatever disagreements remain between the parties can continue through the proper legal process without leaving customers and their property caught in the middle.

The impact extends across Carriacou

Tyrell Bay Marina forms part of a wider marine economy that supports employees, contractors, mechanics, electricians, welders, painters, taxi operators, accommodation providers, restaurants, shops and other small businesses. When vessels cannot be launched or hauled, work is postponed

or lost, visiting boat owners alter their plans, and income that would ordinarily circulate through Carriacou is significantly reduced.

This disruption is especially painful for an island community still working to strengthen livelihoods and rebuild economic activity in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. Our concern extends beyond the boundaries of the Marina. It is for every customer facing uncertainty, every worker losing hours, and every family or local business that depends directly or indirectly on a safe, functioning and trusted marine sector. Their safety, dignity and livelihoods matter deeply to us because Carriacou's wellbeing is inseparable from our own.

Our commitment

Tyrell Bay Marina remains committed to acting lawfully, responsibly and with restraint. We stand with the people who are affected, support local livelihoods and advocate constructively for solutions that minimize harm. We will continue to respect the courts, engage the relevant authorities, communicate honestly with our customers and pursue a peaceful solution.

We respectfully ask all parties and responsible authorities to place the safety, dignity and welfare of the affected customers, and the livelihoods of the people of Carriacou, at the center of the response. The immediate need is simple: safe and uninterrupted access across the boatyard so the affected vessels can be launched. Tyrell Bay Marina stands ready to cooperate on the timing and practical safeguards required to make that happen without prejudice to any party's legal position.

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