

## Florida's New Must-Have Amenity: Yacht Slips

What began in Miami three years ago as a pandemic-era effort to indulge in as much outdoor recreation as possible soon gave way to an enormous upsurge in the number of well-heeled Miamians owning boats. But as big-ticket expenditures tend to do, that luxurious indulgence soon generated the need for yet another creature comfort.

After all, what's a yacht without the yacht owners possessing a home in an upscale building with its own private marina? And by extension, what's a marina without your own boat slip for your yacht? The result: many Miamians have not only purchased a boat but are considering the acquisition of a yacht slip at one of the more prestigious developments within the city's most exclusive enclaves.

"A boat slip is one of the most coveted amenities we've seen buyers express demand in," says Christine Martinez de Castro, vice president sales and marketing at CMC Group, developer of Vita at Grove Isle in the Coconut Grove nook, and Onda Residences in Miami's tony Bay Harbor Islands neighborhood.

"Existing residents and those moving here are in love with the boating culture. The convenience of having your vessel steps from your front door is the ultimate luxury. Not only does it allow for easy access, but the docking facility allows for those living here to hop on friends' and family boats at a moment's notice. There's zero commute time required to enjoy one of Florida's most desirable offerings."