

## NYSG Assists Marinas in Sandy Recovery Efforts

Extratropical storm Sandy devastated New York's marine coast in 2012. Because of their location right on the shoreline, recreational marinas were particularly hard hit, suffering tens of millions of dollars in damages and losses. New York Sea Grant (NYSG) is assisting State officials and the marina industry with the ongoing recovery process.

NYSG's coastal facility specialist served on the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery's (GOSR) Marina Taskforce attending regular meetings, including one with the Governor and state agency heads, to provide this group with information on:

- priority needs of individual businesses based on a survey conducted by NYSG,
- permitting and technical issues hindering recovery efforts for marinas,
- alternatives for resolving these issues, and
- disaster recovery efforts in other states.

NYSG also developed information on grant programs and mitigation measures and disseminated it through educational programs and individual consultations.

NYSG's work in conjunction with the Marina Taskforce was successful in encouraging participation by the industry. According to the GOSR, marine-based businesses accounted for 25 percent of the total value of grants awarded to all business sectors under the New York Rising Small Business Recovery Program, receiving more than \$10 million in funds to rebuild. An Association of Marine Industries



Superstorm Sandy marina damage in NY's marine district.  
Photo: J. Baroni

representative on the Taskforce said New York Sea Grant was "instrumental" in helping the industry obtain these funds.

Working with GOSR's Marina Taskforce and business leaders, NYSG was able to help this industry obtain the resources needed to begin recovery and remain a vibrant contributor to New York's economy.

### Partners:

- New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
- New York Marine Trades Association
- Association of Marine Industries

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