

# A symbolic moment for Emerald Grande



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**SIGN OF REBIRTH:** The newly raised flags atop the Emerald Grande symbolize a rebirth of the harbor, said the resort's developer, Peter Bos. He said the first units will be complete within weeks. Other venues at HarborWalk Village are expected to open by the end of the year.



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**RAISE THE FLAG:** Greg Featherston beacons to workers atop the Emerald Grande who await his signal to raise flags on each tower. Once the flags were raised, two vintage airplanes flew over the towers trailing colorful smoke.

## Peter Bos escorts group into East Pass

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Peter Bos stood in the stern of his yacht and described to a dozen or so guests the role he believes his Emerald Grande and HarborWalk Village projects will play in the rebirth of Destin's harbor.

They're "symbolic of bringing things back to the harbor... What makes Destin special is this harbor," said Bos, president and CEO of Legendary Inc., told his listeners.

A few minutes later, the boat pulled into the

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East Pass, and Greg Featherston, property management vice president at Legendary, began swinging a pair of semaphores, signaling two men standing in the twin towers of the Emerald Grande. The men then began hoisting a large flag inside their respective tower — and seconds later, they unfurled and began flapping in the breeze. And on cue, old airplanes flown by

Charles DuPlantis and Max Matthews zoomed through the sky and over the Emerald Grande towers.

It was a symbolic moment for Bos and for Legendary. The first units at Emerald Grande are expected to be competed within weeks, and the first occupants will spend the night soon after that. By the end of the year, other venues at HarborWalk Village will open.

Upon completion, HarborWalk Village will be a mix of residential, retail, dining and

office space.

“We’re the first of a whole new series of energy that’s coming to the harbor,” Bos said. “... What we need is enough critical mass ... to bring people here.”

He went on to say, “This is really a monumental day ... a celebration of the people who made Destin unique.”

Emerald Grande has 281 units, a combination of two-, three- and four-bedroom residences. The theme of the towers is that of a turn-of-the-century yacht club.