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Legendary Inc. now operates the old Brooks Bridge Marina on Okaloosa Island, which was severely damaged during Hurricane Ivan. Its new name is Legendary Marina at Brooks Bridge.

Legendary takes over Brooks Bridge Marina

The facility, renamed Legendary Marina at Brooks Bridge, was heavily damaged during Hurricane Ivan

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OKALOOSA ISLAND — Destin developer Legendary Inc. has assumed management of Brooks Bridge Marina and has renamed it Legendary Marina at Brooks Bridge.

The change allows Legendary to connect its storage facilities to its sales and service center already open on the island.

There are no plans to consolidate the facilities, said Bruce Craul, chief operating officer at Legendary.

“We have a service facility on the south side of the bridge, and

we have a sales facility between Fort Walton and Destin,” Craul said. “One of the reasons we’re doing this ... is we have linkage from one marina to the other.”

Legendary Marina at Brooks Bridge, which totals about 45,000 square feet, is the second dry storage facility on the Emerald Coast operated by Legendary.

The company owns Legendary Marina at Mid-Bay Bridge, which sits on the south side of the bridge overlooking Choctawhatchee Bay.

Legendary Marina at Brooks Bridge, which is owned by Marina Developers of Northwest

Florida, was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

It has since undergone extensive repairs.

The facility provides about 200 dry storage spaces and about 20 wet slips and a staff of certified technicians, said Paul Hearon, the marina’s manager.

Hearon said dry storage is critical when dealing with the area’s warm water temperatures and is a scarce commodity on the coast.

“Within weeks you have barnacle growth, so dry storage protects your boat,” he said. “It keeps it out of the weather, out of the elements.”