

Brewer Yacht Yards Announces the Completion of a 72kW Solar Array in Westbrook.

Westbrook, Conn. – August 19, 2010. Brewer Pilots Point Marina, in Westbrook, Conn., today announced the completion of an 8,500 square foot solar photovoltaic (PV) system funded, in part, by a grant from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF). The electricity generated by the new system will supply power to three marina work sheds and a portion of its 900 customer slips.

“We are thrilled with the way this project turned out,” says Rives Potts, Vice President and General Manager at Brewer Pilots Point Marina. “We constantly urge our customers to consider the environment in all of their boating decisions, and this allows us not only to reduce our own footprint but also put money where our mouth is when it comes to environmental stewardship.” Brewer Pilots Point Marina is one of 27 “Clean Marinas” certified by the state’s Department of Environmental Protection for its voluntary efforts to exceed the standards of regulatory compliance.

CCEF provided an \$184,968 grant to support this installation through its On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program. This program provides funding for renewable energy projects at Connecticut businesses in order to reduce the load on the state’s electricity grid, prevent harmful emissions by offsetting electricity produced from fossil fuels and spur investment in small businesses.

“Solar PV is a great choice in a marina setting,” said Lise Dondy, president of CCEF. “During the busy summer season, when a marina’s electricity demands are at their peak, a solar PV system’s output will be greatest. We are delighted that we could partner with Brewer Pilots Point Marina to enhance its clean, green operations.”

The 72 kilowatt DC solar system at Brewer Pilots Point Marina consists of 360 SunTech 200-watt solar panels placed on the roof of a newly constructed storage and maintenance facility in the marina’s South Yard. The system was designed and built by Alteris Renewables of Wilton, Conn., which has installed numerous solar arrays at commercial and residential sites in the State in conjunction with CCEF.

Tonya Morgan, Connecticut Operations Manager for Alteris, commented, “This is one of the larger installations on the Connecticut coastline, and Alteris and the marina wanted to be sure it was done right. We were able to combine our experience in solar technology with the marina’s knowledge of conducting business on the coast to come up with a design that will serve as a model for marinas throughout Connecticut and New England.”

About Brewer Pilots Point Marina

One of 21 Brewer marinas located between Maine and New York, Brewer Pilots Point Marina provides storage and full service for vessels of all types in Westbrook, Conn. For more information please visit us at www.byy.com or contact (860) 399-7906.

About the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)

CCEF was created by the Connecticut General Assembly and is funded by the electric ratepayers. CCEF's mission is to promote, develop and invest in clean energy sources for the benefit of Connecticut's ratepayers in order to strengthen Connecticut's economy, protect community health, improve the environment, and promote a secure energy supply for the state. CCEF is administered by Connecticut Innovations, a quasi-public authority. For more information on CCEF, please visit www.ctcleanenergy.com.