



February/March 2008

## WINTER HOURS

**Monday – Friday**  
**7:30 – 4:30**  
**Saturday**  
**7:30 – 12:00**  
**Closed Sunday**

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## Rand Lumber: Not just for buildings!

**K**nown in the area for many years for providing quality materials to a wide variety of building projects, Rand Lumber also supplies wood for some less-expected projects now and then. We'd like to showcase one of those unique projects this month.

Many boat owners dock their boats on the Maine side of the Piscataqua River, at Badger's Island Marina, but few know the story behind the amazing reconstruction efforts that made this beautiful marina what it is today.

When Island Marine first purchased the marina, there were a number of piers in need of major repair. It was determined that most of the damage was on the underside of the piers, such as rotting pilings and beams. After carefully reviewing all the options, Darren LaPierre decided to work from underneath the piers, replacing pilings and timbers, while leaving the decking in place. Just after moving to the area in the mid-90s, Darren had spoken with a number of local friends who are contacts, all who pointed him in the direction of Rand Lumber Company as the area's premier

source for specialty wood, and large custom-sawn timbers. The posts and beams beneath the decking were to be replaced with hemlock, the posts coming from de-barked 25' logs. Hemlock was chosen for its great longevity in the salt water conditions.

The pier projects at Island Marine have spanned a couple of years, each one being completed during the toughest time of year to work — January through March. Work done at any other time of year would have been more difficult, due to the soft mud that lies beneath each pier.

A mechanic by trade, Darren bought the marina because of its potential, but knew he'd face challenges in repairing the decayed piers. Having a year-round staff proved to be one of the best thing he put in place. His small staff of 5 mechanics completed all the work themselves, from researching the best way to complete the project, to all the handwork involved in completing the projects.

Aside from the success of completing the piers, there are also a couple of notable facts that go along with the project: Once the last pier is complete,



*2007 Far pier prior to major rebuild*



*Photo of old piles/pier, ready to fall apart*



*After new timbers were installed*



*The first pier rebuilt using Rand Lumber's pilings and large timbers*



Final completion, showing rails, piles and main cross timbers, all from Rand Lumber (old pilings are laying on ground to the left).

the reconstruction could possibly make it the longest pier running parallel to the Piscataqua River in the town of Kittery, Maine. The new pier will also help stabilize the 30 boat slips in the strong currents of the river. Darren also completed restoration to one of the few 100-ton railway on the

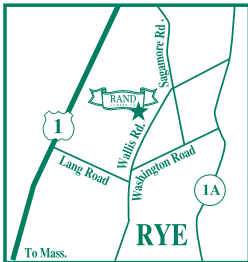
river in 2003 on the same property. One of the greatest challenges on all the pier repair projects was the communication factor involved. Darren, not being a contractor or builder by trade, didn't always know the technically-correct terms for the materials and cuts he needed for his project. He credits Doug at Rand for his patience and being able to translate his requests

into the correct terms needed to produce the right materials for the job.

So while Rand Lumber is always happy to help with traditional home building and remodeling projects, we're also having a great time on non-traditional projects such as this pier repair.



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