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Media Release

Municipality of Learnington

## Leamington Marina Open For Business...A Tornado Can't Keep us Down!

Ronan Oliver, Leamington Municipal Marina Manager reports that the marina is open for business with all services available after cleaning up from an F1 tornado that passed through south Leamington on June 6. The marina sustained damage but our dedicated staff has been working diligently to clean up debris, secure the area and make sure the marina can provide you with the same great services and amenities you have come to expect.

Learnington Harbor has not been closed nor have the guest docks been destroyed. Our permanent boaters have been relocated to our Transient docks and we plan on rebuilding our Seasonal docks immediately. Today the Canadian Government announced that up to \$2million will be available to quickly complete repairs and replace the docks that were damaged. Fuel, Ramp, Pavilion and Transient docks are still available on a limited basis for small groups. For larger groups that have reservations for June and July we will be contacting you soon. Main building, showers, washrooms, and Patio are all secure.

The tornado caused wide-spread damage to a narrow strip of shoreline running from the Albuna Townline easterly towards Bevel Line. Fortunately most of Learnington's businesses community was untouched. Restaurants, attractions and services are all up and running. Residential damage is being cleared and all roadways are open.

Boaters from around Lake Erie have contacted us with their kind thoughts of concern. We are very touched by this outpouring. The Municipality wants to assure you that the marina is open and ready for your arrival. There are lots of terrific events planned to help us celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which you can check out on our web site at <u>www.leamington.ca/marina</u>.

For more information contact Ronan Oliver <u>roliver@leamington.ca</u> or call the marina at 1-888-858-3334.

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