



Fire Island National Seashore
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Repair Failed Bulkhead at Sailors Haven Marina (\$143,000)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding provides Fire Island National Seashore with \$143,000 to address deferred maintenance at the Sailors Haven Marina. Using local laborers, the park will install 153 linear feet of fiberglass sheet-piling in front of the existing deteriorated bulkhead on the west side of the marina. Tie-backs and whalers—the anchoring components of a bulkhead—must also be repaired or replaced.



East Sailors Haven bulkhead, before repair (*above left*)
East Sailors Haven bulkhead, after repair in 2008



Below right: West Sailors Haven bulkhead in April 2009

While not glamorous, this infrastructure project is necessary for providing a safe environment for boaters and other visitors to Sailors Haven, and for protection of the marina.

Authorized ARRA Funding Amount: \$143,000

will cover the following costs:

- Purchase of construction materials to repair the bulkhead
- Increased staff hours to provide local labor

Benefits:

- Correct existing safety hazard near picnic area, expanding available space for public use
As many as 100,000 people visit Sailors Haven every year. Reducing the risk of injury and opening up more area for picnicking along the Great South Bay is expected to enhance the quality of visitor experience at Sailors Haven.
- Reduce the frequency of dredging the channel into Sailors Haven
Regular seasonal passenger ferry boats and thousands of private boats use the channel for access to Sailors Haven and the Sunken Forest. A stabilized marina is expected to slow the shoaling of sand into the channel.



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