

MV Marina raises office building to avoid high tide

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Raising the shingled wooden barn-like structure that houses the store and offices at Martha's Vineyard Marina, formerly Maciel Marine, on Lagoon Pond Road almost seven feet will keep the floor from the high tides and save on the cost of insurance premiums, according to co-owner George Rogers of Vineyard Haven.



“Back in December, we had a [full] moon when the tide came up very high,” said Mr. Rogers, who, with his wife, Sheryl, purchased the marina

from Robert E. Maciel of West Tisbury last fall. “I was sitting in my office late in the evening and I could hear what sounded like someone slapping the side of the building. I went downstairs and lo and behold water was hitting the underneath side of the building.”

The building was lifted and moved back several weeks ago to make room to drive 24 20-foot yellow pine treated pilings to replace the original cedar pilings. The building will then be moved back and set on the pilings. Mr. Rogers expects the project to be completed in about two weeks.

Mr. Rogers said the savings in insurance costs will pay for the move in about four years. The Rogerses also own Edgartown Marine.

The building, originally a church, was moved from what is now a field next to the Glassworks in North Tisbury in 1945 to its present location by Erford Burt. Mr. Burt owned the boat yard then, according to John Alley of West Tisbury, who remembers the old church. Mr. Burt lived next to the abandoned church, in the house in front of the Glassworks, when he bought it.

“We think it is important to preserve this building and make it more presentable,” Mr. Rogers said. “It is an old building and it is in pretty good shape. With 65 slips this is the largest private marina on the Vineyard. It is a valuable property. I don't think we will ever see another marina of this size on the Vineyard.”

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MV Marina's store and office building on Lagoon Road in Vineyard Haven was raised and moved. It will be returned to its original location sometime next week where it will sit on pilings about seven feet off the ground. — Photo by Tony Omer