

East Port Marina

East Port Marina and Resort was established in 1965 by Buck and Bea Morton. The couple started out with eight dock slips and a small fishing hut. They offered bait, tackle, and a few snacks. They eventually expanded, adding 35 White Water Fishing Boats. East Port was once supported with a ferry to shuttle fishermen from Byrdstown, wanting to take advantage of fishing on the river.

Ed and Peggy Stevens purchased the Dock in 1974, becoming the first to buy the big houseboats to rent to the public (50-60 ft. boats were enormous in their day). They began adding cabin rentals and hotel rentals, as well as a larger store. They offered souvenirs, warm food, gas, bait, and necessities for the fishermen frequenting their facility.

Clyde and Vicky Craig purchased the marina from Ed and Peggy in 1995. They and their four children continue to provide the family atmosphere that had become a fixture here. Since their purchase, the Craigs have expanded to incorporate a number of large rental houseboats and lavish cabin rentals. Their restaurant, built in 2002, has continued to provide 'cheeseburgers in paradise' since its opening. Its catfish dinners and hand-dipped ice cream have made this spot a destination of its own, here many miles up river. Their breakfasts have converted their once fisherman-only marina into a special destination for the personal watercraft lovers of the lake. There's nothing like miles of winding, smooth water in the morning to make the Sea-Dooer in all of us long for a stack of pancakes...miles up river. The Craig's hard work and family atmosphere make this destination a 'must' for all lake-lovers.