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New Fairhope Yacht Club Scheduled for Completion in June *Building Committee Jumps on Eco-Bandwagon with BluWood This Time Around*

Loxley, Ala. – Sunset celebrations and pool parties are within an arm’s reach for the Fairhope Yacht Club. The new facility is expected to be completed by early June and comes with much anticipation by the local community since its destruction by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

“We’ve had our members pull together to rebuild the Fairhope Yacht Club,” said Tommy Yeager, life-long member and former commodore of Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC). “As a sailor, the club is a part of my life as it is for the other members. This landmark is definitely being rebuilt due to popular demand by the town.”

Features of the new building include an improved club house, installation of a swimming pool (the first in FYC history) and harbor. The club house, designed to withstand 140 mile per hour winds, will consist of a 10,000-square-foot interior with an additional 5,000 square feet of exterior porch elevated to 19 feet.

After experiencing an extensive amount of damage from the hurricane, the Fairhope Yacht Club is taking precautions to prevent moisture and mold damage to the new framework by rebuilding smarter and safer with BluWood. BluWood is a termite, mold, mildew and fungus resistant lumber and exclusively manufactured and distributed in the Gulf South by Edgefield Lumber Company, located in Loxley, Ala.

“While the exterior of the club is a concrete structure, we chose to frame the interior walls with BluWood because of its resistance to mold and mildew damage,” said George Roberds, head of the building committee for the FYC. “The club experiences a great amount of moisture and humidity from Mobile Bay, and the walls are one of the most exposed areas of the building. For that reason, I didn’t think twice about using BluWood for its protection against those very problems.”

“The “green” aspect of building is becoming an important factor in choosing to build with BluWood, as builders like Roberds are being asked to use products that do not contain chemicals that are potentially harmful to the club or the job site.” said Greg Wells, vice president of sales for Edgefield Lumber. “Awareness about BluWood is spreading faster than I could have imagined. Moisture and mold have always been prevalent problems along Mobile Bay, so we are very excited to deliver a lumber product to the Fairhope Yacht Club that not only controls mold growth, but eliminates the threat of termites and wood rot – safely. There’s simply nothing more effective on the market.”

After its completion, the club’s membership is expected to grow substantially over the next year. Yeager attributes the future increase to the interest it has received from younger families, mostly regarding the swimming pool.

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"This beautiful building will bring in a new generation of sailors and help carry the Fairhope Yacht Club into the next century," Yeager said. "It provides a refuge for the members to escape the realities of the world. I, as well as many of us, can't wait to step into the new club, see friendly faces, and most importantly sail the Mobile Bay."

Since its opening in 1942, the Fairhope Yacht Club continues to offer spirited racing, plus a wide variety of social and family events. For more information about the FYC, please visit fairhopeyachtclub.com.

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About Edgefield Lumber Company

Founded in 2007 Edgefield Lumber Company is headquartered in Loxley, Ala., and offers smart solutions for home builders in the Gulf South region. The company's management includes Mason McGowin III, president; Greg Wells, vice president of sales; and Randell Robinson, production manager.

Edgefield Lumber Company serves the gulf coastal region including Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and the Florida panhandle. With a capacity to treat upwards of 50 million board feet of lumber per year, Edgefield is poised for growth.

As the region's exclusive manufacturer and distributor of BluWood, a lumber resistant to mold, moisture, fungi and termites, Edgefield Lumber Company is committed to providing its customers with materials to Build Bright.

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