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RMK Merrill-Stevens shipyard adding 100-ton lift as part of massive modernization campaign

MIAMI, FL - Iconic Miami shipyard RMK Merrill-Stevens has announced plans to replace its 70-ton travel lift with a new 100-ton travel lift, the latest improvement in an overhaul that is transforming the South Florida refit landscape.

The announcement comes as the yard has just decommissioned its 1950s-era shiplift as work progresses on the a new, state-of-the-art 2,700-ton shiplift. When completed this year, the north yard will offer multiple dry berths up to 230 feet and in-water berths ranging from 130 feet to a 450-foot berth that can accommodate multiple yachts.

The addition of the superyacht lift on the north side of the Miami River and 100-ton lift on the south side are part of a \$30 million capital improvement campaign that includes new facilities, equipment, workshops and crew amenities.

“Our goal is to exceed the demands of the most discerning clients and offer high quality workmanship with unsurpassed honesty and integrity,” said Aaron Leatherwood, president and CEO of RMK Merrill-Stevens. “The modernization efforts, energized new team and customer focused culture are attracting clientele excited to find quality service for yachts of all sizes.”

The shipyard continues to operate during the construction, and it is also an official service and warranty center for Sealine, Fjord, Maori and Newport Custom Yachts.

About RMK Merrill-Stevens

RMK Merrill-Stevens is a full-service shipyard founded in 1885 dedicated to the refit and repair of the world’s finest yachts and vessels. Work is of the highest international standards and meets classification societies requirements, including ABS, Lloyd’s, and USCG regulations. Founded in Jacksonville, it has been based on the Miami River since 1923, where it offers convenient access to Miami International Airport, downtown Miami and Miami Beach. Turkish industrialist Rahmi M. Koç purchased the yard in 2013, and it is undergoing a \$30 million renovation that includes extensive facility upgrades with a new 2,700-ton shiplift to be commissioned fall 2018.

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