

Hornblower Announces Historic Steelpointe Shipyard Expansion and Launch of New Vessel Services Available on the Bridgeport, CT Waterfront



Bridgeport Facility Significantly Expands Hornblower Footprint to 17 Acres Offering Vessel Construction, Propulsion, Management, Consulting, and Yachting Services

Bridgeport, CT (March 19, 2026) – [Hornblower Group](#) today announced the expansion of its industry-leading facilities and extensive offerings on the historic Bridgeport waterfront, building on the firm’s continued maritime success and commitment to the region while growing from 1 acre to 17 acres with equipment and crew offering services across vessel classes and specializations, now including yachts and recreational craft.

The expanded location at 731 Seaview Avenue in Bridgeport, CT will now be titled *Steelpointe Shipyard by Hornblower*, reflecting the new scale and capabilities of the full-service shipyard and Hornblower’s long-term commitment to building on Bridgeport’s central location, experienced workforce, and maritime legacy to serve the growing maritime industry across the East Coast.

“Hornblower is excited to extensively expand our Bridgeport, CT footprint and community impact by pairing our 100-year history in the maritime industry with the unique features and benefits of

such an historic port,” said **Shull Autin, Chief Maritime Officer, Hornblower Group**. “With this tremendous expansion in available facility space and equipment capabilities, Steelpointe Shipyard by Hornblower will serve as the East Coast’s new hub for maritime expertise and service across commercial, government, and private vessel operators.”

With its expansion, Steelpointe Shipyard by Hornblower now includes 45,000 square feet of indoor space, three large-scale Marine Travel Lifts capable of hauling vessels up to 700 tons, a 220’ Service Dock, and an array of skilled tradespeople across welding and metal fabrication, joinery and outfitting, piping, mechanics, electrical, and painting.

This unique array of equipment, expert staff across specializations, and deep-water access to Long Island Sound makes Steelpointe Shipyard by Hornblower the industry’s premier facility capable of leveraging integrated, onsite vessel design and engineering teams to execute complex projects on time and on budget. Across the site, Hornblower Marine will continue to provide simultaneous vessel servicing, pre-scheduled overhauls and maintenance, emergency repairs, and complex projects for Hornblower’s clientele of high-profile public and private third-party clients, as well as yacht owners, captains, and operators.

“As our crew has grown since the local launch of Hornblower Marine in 2021, Bridgeport and the surrounding communities have been a pivotal component in our shared successes developing the industry’s premier facilities and capabilities for innovative maritime projects from across the country,” said **Junior Volpe, Senior Vice President of Vessel Construction & Repair, Hornblower Marine**. “Today’s announcement builds on this strong foundation to establish the next phase of maritime innovation and careers in Bridgeport while offering premier, industry-leading services to vessel owners of all backgrounds and sizes.”

“This expansion represents a big step forward in Hornblower’s ability to deliver a truly integrated maritime service offering at one of the east coast’s premier deep-water ports, centrally located in some of the country’s largest maritime markets,” said **Timothy O’Brien, SVP of Ferries & Concessions Operations, Hornblower Group**. We are proud to work with property owners RCI and the Christoph family to maximize the use of this premier facility.

Within Steelpointe Shipyard, Hornblower Marine offers these extensive services across six specialized divisions to provide each client with project- and vessel-specific solutions. These divisions include Hornblower Marine Construction, Propulsion, Management, Consulting, Services, and Yachts.

Hornblower Marine Construction builds on the organization’s robust history of designing, building, retrofitting, and maintaining vessels across sizes, types, and use cases to support the needs of each partner.

Hornblower Marine Propulsion offers trained in-house diagnostics and propulsion specialists providing repair and repower solutions, system integration, and engine sales, commissioning, and services support. Hornblower Marine Propulsion is the official Northeast Distributor for Baudouin Marine Engines.

Hornblower Marine Management offers third-party support and owners' representation for newbuild programs and services for fleet expansions, technical specification development, shipyard selection, and construction oversight.

Hornblower Marine Consulting offers strategic advisory services to vessel owners and operators to support vessel operational and route planning, technical feasibility analysis, financial navigation, and approaches to fleet expansion.

Hornblower Marine Services provides operational and technical support across the full lifecycle of vessel ownership, including inspections, maintenance program development, and regulatory compliance to support long-term vessel performance.

Hornblower Marine Yachts is a newly announced division that will build on Steelpointe Shipyards' expanded space and scope of services to provide yachting and recreational partners and clients top-tier yacht maintenance programs, refit services, seasonal haul-outs, and indoor/outdoor storage previously only available to larger commercial operators. The integration of service and maintenance specializing in these vessels makes Hornblower Marine Yachts especially suited to serve the yachting and recreational craft communities.

"The leadership, expertise, and capabilities of the nation's largest shipyards shouldn't be inaccessible to yacht and recreational vessel owners," said **Volpe**. "Thanks to this expansion, Hornblower Marine will be able to offer its top-level service to this new class of partners and clientele while providing the customer service that would be expected of smaller, boutique service facilities. We look forward to bringing these services to the yachting market."

For more information, visit www.hornblowermarine.com

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Hornblower Group is a global leader in experiences and transportation. Spanning a 100-year history, Hornblower Group's portfolio of international offerings includes water-based experiences (dining and sightseeing cruises), land-based experiences (walking and food tours) and ferry and transportation services. **City Experiences**, Hornblower Group's premier experience division, offers land- and water-based experiences as well as ferry and transportation services. **Hornblower Marine**, a subsidiary of Hornblower Group, provides vessel outhaul and maintenance services at Bridgeport Boatworks in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Additionally, **Anchor Operating System, LLC**, a subsidiary of Hornblower Group and independent entity, provides reservation, ticketing, and website integration services for clients in the transportation, tourism and entertainment industries. Today, Hornblower Group's global portfolio covers over 10 countries, over 50 U.S. cities and serves more than 20 million guests annually. Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, Hornblower Group's additional corporate offices reside in San Francisco, California; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; London, United Kingdom; New York, New York; Dublin, Ireland; and across Ontario, Canada. For more information, visit hornblowercorp.com.

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