

Mohawk Valley Marine

Wins Coveted Award Two Years In A Row

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For the 2nd year in a row, Mohawk Valley Marine (47 Mohawk Ave, Alplaus, NY 12008, (518) 399-2719, www.mohawkvalleymarine.com) has been recognized as Best Marina by the Daily Gazette of Schenectady, based on a vote of newspaper readers. The marina also took the Best

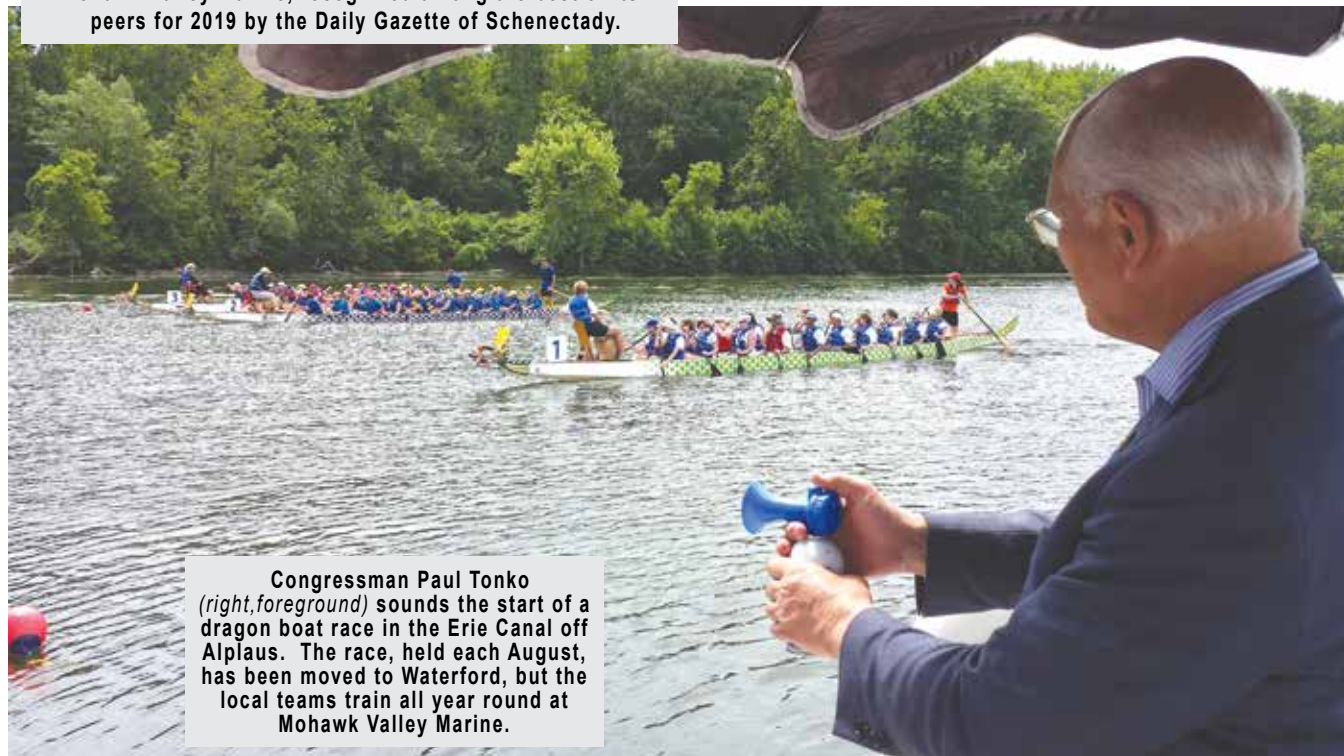
Boat/Marine Dealer award, having been a runner-up in 2018. Customers and friends of Bob, Lisa and P.J. Esperti, owners of Mohawk Valley Marine, know why they have been piling on the awards, because the service is first-rate at this multi-generational family-owned marina.

"We go out of our way to help our customers," says Lisa, "and we treat them all with respect. Many nominees take out ads to encourage people to vote for them. We didn't take out one ad, and still won!" Spread across 15 acres, Mohawk Valley Marine is a factory-certified Mercury Marine Service Center, located on the Mohawk River/Erie Canal between Locks 7 and 8, a short distance east of the Rivers Casino and downtown Schenectady. A ships store is also on the tree lined, park like premises, which also feature picnic tables, restrooms/showers and a sitting/reading area. The marina, located on the grounds of an old seaplane base, is also home to Dragons Alive ((518) 429-4908, www.dragonsalive.org), a volunteer organization dedicated to the promotion of wellness and fitness for community members/breast cancer survivors through the unique international sport of dragon boating.

Mohawk Valley Marine is a great example of the family-owned, dedicated marine service businesses found all along the Erie and Champlain Canals in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. For more information on area marine resources, call (518) 371-3763, visit www.southernsarotoga.org or stop by the Southern Saratoga Information Center (at the Exit 9 Rest Area on I-87).



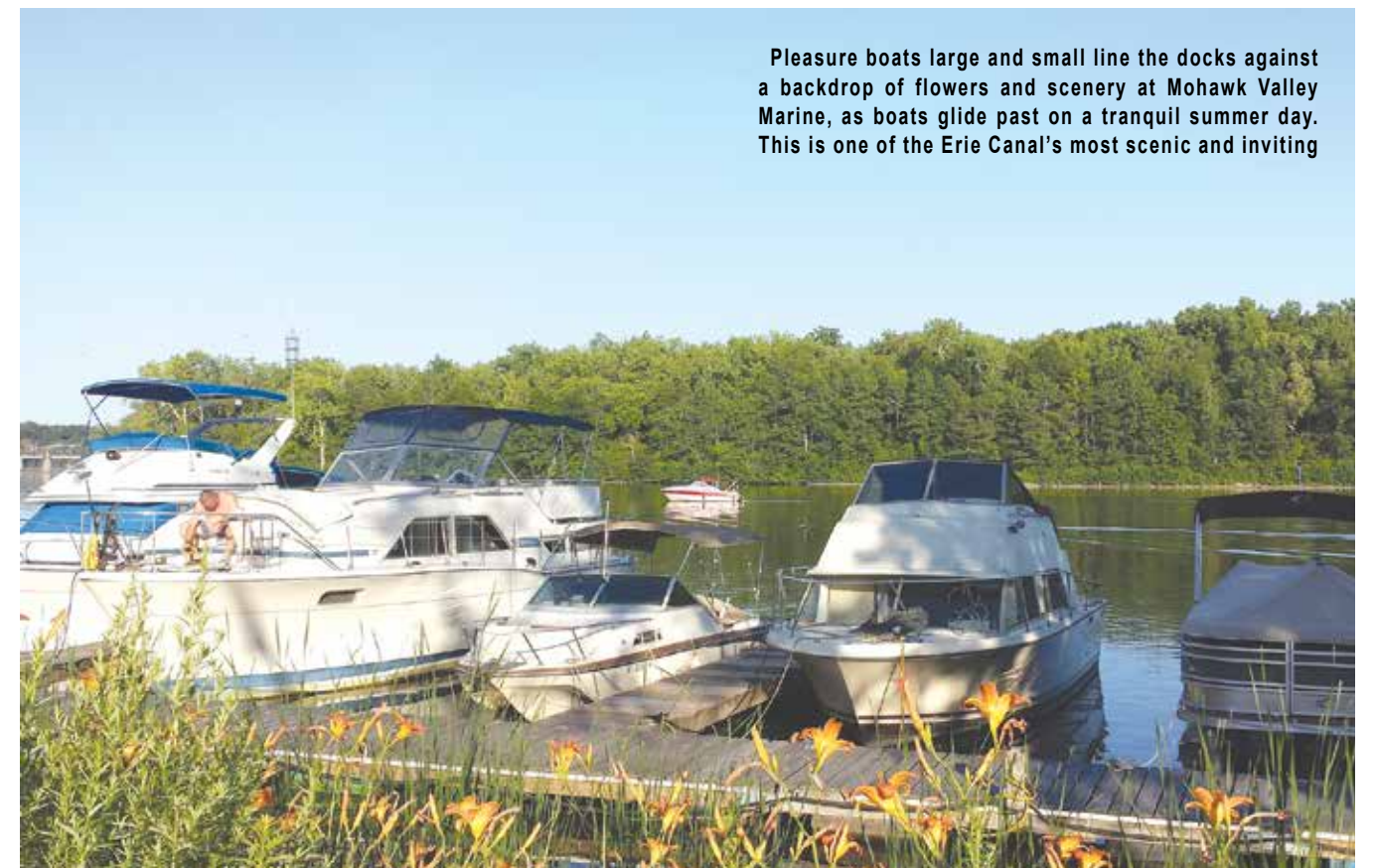
They competed for a mere certificate, but display it proudly at Mohawk Valley Marine, recognized among the best of its peers for 2019 by the Daily Gazette of Schenectady.



Congressman Paul Tonko (right, foreground) sounds the start of a dragon boat race in the Erie Canal off Alplaus. The race, held each August, has been moved to Waterford, but the local teams train all year round at Mohawk Valley Marine.



This sign welcomes visitors to Mohawk Valley marine, in Alplaus,



Pleasure boats large and small line the docks against a backdrop of flowers and scenery at Mohawk Valley Marine, as boats glide past on a tranquil summer day. This is one of the Erie Canal's most scenic and inviting