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Over the past few years Karen and I have been wondering about an exit strategy so that we can ease into the next chapter of our lives. We hoped for a path that would meet three objectives:

1. Keep the property going as a working boatyard in the tradition started by my brother and carried on by Karen and myself since 2005.
2. Protect the jobs and job security for our hard-working employees, they are the driving force behind the yard.
3. Provide our loyal customers with the same level of service, value and respect that they have become accustomed through the years.

Fortunately, we found a solution that meets these goals, and I am excited to share the information with you. As of July 1, 2021, Zimmerman Marine will be assuming operations at DYS. Zimmerman Marine is a 40-year-old employee-owned company, specializing in boat maintenance and repairs. They currently have six boatyards in Maryland, Virginia, and North and South Carolina. They have a proven record for treating employees and customers well, and after meeting with their team and many discussions, I feel confident that this will be a win for everyone involved.

Of course, it is not easy to transition away from a family-owned business that has been such a central role of the Deaton family through the years. I am immensely proud of what my family accomplished here. I love my work and will miss working with our great customers and loyal employees. But I leave knowing that Zimmerman Marine will be the right choice to carry things forward. You can learn more about Zimmerman Marine at zimmermanmarine.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me as our goal is to make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible for our customers, employees, and Zimmerman Marine as we welcome them to Oriental.

Deaton Yacht Service, Inc will retain operations of TowBoatUS Oriental so there's always the chance that I will see you out on the water - or on bottom as the case may be.

It is with a heavy heart and big smile that I say, thank you for your patronage of Deaton Yacht Service through the years, it's been fun!

Sincerely
John and Karen Deaton

