

The Clemson Marina may be coming back to life



The Clemson Marina, which has been closed for a few years, is slated to be brought back to life.

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CLEMSON — A well-known establishment and lakeside hangout could soon be a hot spot again.

The Clemson Marina and restaurant formerly known as Pitchers is under new management and future plans for the prime piece of property look promising.

According to new owner Michael Janson, a number of improvements, additions and renovations are in the works to revive the marina, which is the only

have camping facilities for tents and RVs.

Ken Sloan, director of the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the new partnership with Janson and Oconee County is going to be a golden opportunity.

"This will bring in more ATAX and sales tax into the county," Sloan said. "Out of the 58,000 acres Hartwell sits on, this ma-

rine on the north end of Lake Hartwell.

"We are very excited about the way our master plan is coming together, especially after acquiring the property entirely last month," Janson said. "We've already begun to clean up the property and we have locked in a five year commitment with the Corp of Engineers for the first leg of this thing."

While the project has many levels, Jansen said his team will first focus on installing boat slips, gas docks, a ship store and dry storage.

rina is the only one on this end of the lake. We plan to help them with holding fishing tournaments, camping outings and many other things. We are looking forward to them taking over and giving it new life.

"We're just lucky enough that this marina actually sits in Oconee County."

"That's where we will start," he added. "The restaurant fixing will come later, because the infrastructure attached to it needs massive repair."

He stated that part of the reason Pitchers and the marina failed was because the sewer, plumbing and septic systems needed to be upgraded.

"For now, we have the capacity for restrooms and a pumpout station," he said, "which will be all we'll need until the restaurant phase starts."

Janson also owns a marina on Lake Sinclair

in Georgia that was a \$5 million development.

"This Clemson marina will blow that price out of the water," he admitted. "We aren't sure of a final price, but we are looking at a multi-million dollar project once we finish everything we want done."

In addition to hundreds of boat slips and dry storage units, Janson plans to