



Isle of Palms Mayor Dick Cronin hopes voters will say yes to the city's plans to renovate its marina.

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## Renovations Planned at IOP Marina

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Some of the docks at the Isle of Palms marina survived the wrath of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. They won't have to last much longer if local voters approve major renovations at the city-owned facility located at the confluence of Morgan Creek and the Intracoastal Waterway.

A referendum scheduled for Nov. 7 will most likely determine the fate of a plan to borrow \$5.5 million to replace all the docks, pave the parking lot and build a boardwalk, among other improvements. Mayor Dick

Cronin pointed out that the vote is binding “spiritually” but not legally, which, he said, means he and the Council will bow to the will of the people.

The \$5.5 million Isle of Palms intends to borrow would be paid off with revenue the city receives from leasing the marina to various businesses and from the city's Tourism Fund, which includes the accommodations tax collected on hotel rooms and the hospitality tax charged on prepared food. The project “will not be a burden on the citizens of Isle of Palms,” said Cronin, who