Eco Tours, Salt Works Catering Co. and Tidal Wave Watersports.

"We don't expect any more business volume there than we have now," Cronin said.

The mayor pointed out that boaters traveling up and down the Intracoastal Waterway, usually headed south in the fall and north in the spring, can rent space at the marina "for one night or two or three or four nights." But he added that "the vast majority of the people who use the marina are East Cooper residents."

"So many people on the island enjoy boating. The citizens of this area will get to use it and, frankly, they won't have to pay for it," Cronin said. "It's available for local residents 12 months out of



the year, while visitors are here mostly in June, July and August and maybe May."

Is there any reason not to renovate the Isle of Palms marina? Cronin doesn't see one.

"If there is an argument against it, I can't give it to you," the mayor commented. "But any time you spend money, some people are going to say, 'We don't need that."

"There are safety issues," added Berrigan, who has managed the marina since 1999. "It's overdue for a revitalization. It's time to get into the 21st century."

"The marina is what I call the crown jewel of the city's assets. It deserves to be treated as such," he concluded.

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