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## **ONSLow BAY BOATWORKS SELECTS HOLLY RIDGE, NC**

Onslow Bay Boatworks has been manufacturing high end fishing boats since 2005 for tournament fisherman. Founder Brad Knight is a second-generation boat builder and avid competition angler. He started Onslow Bay with a very specific goal – to build the best tournament center consoles on the water. He was successful in his design of a top-quality semi-custom center console that runs as well as it fishes and is ideal for the North Carolina coastal waters.

Onslow Bay Boatworks proudly boasts they manufacture marine products of the highest quality and best features. Their design and construction team take great pride in every step of the process to make sure you receive a boat that will provide years of trouble free service from the moment it is launched. “Every product we manufacture is built with quality, performance and longevity in mind. We feel the correct way to build your boat is to do it right the first time so you have many years of stress free enjoyment”, said Knight.

They currently offer a 27’ Offshore Edition and 33” Tournament Edition. “Coming Soon” will be the 41’ Tournament Edition. The growth of their sales, as well as the design of the new 41’ boat, has led them to seek a larger facility. Plans are to construct a 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility on an 8-acre campus in Camp Davis Industrial Park in Holly Ridge. The groundbreaking is expected in the fall.

“We are very excited to bring this quality marine trades industry into Onslow County. The quality of their product is dependent on skilled labor and we appreciate they recognize the great workforce available in Onslow County”, said Sheila Knight, Executive Director, Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development (JOED).

“The Town of Holly Ridge is excited and pleased to welcome Onslow Bay Boatworks to our community. This boat manufacturing industry will bring job opportunities and a boost to the economy in our quickly growing area. Our appreciation and gratitude to Camp Davis Industrial Park, Sheila Knight and JOED, and to all those who made this opportunity happen. We look forward in seeing Onslow Bay Boatworks make their home in Holly Ridge”, said Anita Dingler, Mayor of the Town of Holly Ridge.

JOED was instrumental in facilitating the company’s relocation decision. The Town of Holly Ridge offered a performance-based incentive grant of up to \$46,125 for projected jobs and capital investment. Other key partners were the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC), the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), Duke Energy Progress, and Camp Davis Industrial Park.