

# MIDDLE RIVER MARINE

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## **Middle River Marine Expands Fleeting Space**

*Marine and terminal business continues to grow at Port of Henry, IL.*

**April 3, 2020 (Mokena, IL)** – Middle River Marine recently received permitting from the US Army Corp of Engineers, Rock Island District to add an additional 100 fleeting spaces on the Illinois River between mile markers 197-198.2 on the left descending bank (east shore). This expands the current fleeting space of 72 to allow for close to 200 slots in that section of river with a fleet boat available for assist.

Construction and placement of 29 deadman anchors, bouys and positioning signage has begun on April 3, 2020 with space becoming available later in April and throughout Q2 2020. This optimizing of Illinois' inland waterway will provide greater support for the barging and towing industry.

During the highwater months of 2019, this section of the Illinois River provided such fleeting and staging to be done allowing boats to remain operational north and south of river closures. “We work to create solutions for our customers and industry partners,” said Steve King, EVP of Sales and Business Development for Middle River Marine. “Providing fleeting space at this point on the Illinois River will help ease future congestion while offering staging and opportunities during the 2020 lock closures and beyond.”

### **About Middle River Marine**

Middle River Marine is a full-service harbor and fleeting company providing short-haul marine towing and a wide variety of marine services. Our service area ranges from Peoria to Chicago and the Calumet Harbor. Our vessels hail from various ports along the Illinois river system and are piloted by experts with over 20 years of experience and maintained by highly skilled crews. We are certified through the American Waterways Operators (RCP) and Sub Chapter M compliant. We are committed to safe, responsible, and economical marine operations.

### **About Port of Henry**

The Port of Henry is one of the largest infrastructure endeavors in the state of Illinois. It offers transloading services connecting river, road, and linkage to Class 1 railroads. Barge cleaning, product handling and storage, dry cargo cleaning are available along with produced aggregates and the supply of construction and agricultural materials.

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