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East Coast Commercial Construction nears completion of 30,000 s/f Cape Codder Waterpark

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Cape Codder Waterpark tower – Hyannis, MA

Cape Codder's newly renovated indoor waterpark – Hyannis, MA

Cape Codder Waterpark's 12,240 s/f retractable skylight – Hyannis, MA

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Hyannis, MA After years of serving as a family vacation getaway, the Cape Codder Resort plans to unveil a brand new \$7.5 million indoor waterpark with a 12,240 s/f double-sloped retractable skylight that will offer aquatic fun all year. The 30,000 s/f Cape Codder Waterpark will feature two body slides, a 300-foot lazy river with water falls and rapids, a spray deck for children, and a water-play area for toddlers.

Cape Codder had featured an indoor wave pool, 50- and 80-foot water slides and a 24-person whirlpool for years that was also built by East

Coast Commercial Construction . The owners of Cape Codder envisioned an open-concept expansion to the park that would change it from a small-scale attraction to a destination that is usable year round. East Coast stepped forward, partnering with RESCOM Architectural Inc., to make this vision a reality.

The logistics of building a project of this magnitude in an enclosed court yard with a door no bigger than 10 foot by 10 foot was challenging. East Coast did a lot of heavy lifting over the existing buildings including the massive and completely hot dipped galvanized structural steel frame, all the concrete, tower slides, the ship, the light house as well as the skylite.

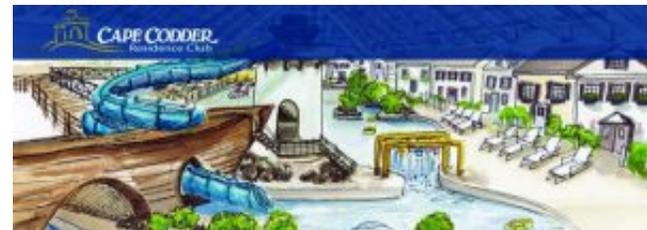
Measuring 85 feet by 144 feet long, the skylight features 10 bays, eight of which include a retractable panel on each slope, plus rafter extensions that offer an extra five feet of opening space per panel. These panels open and close at the touch of a button, allowing ocean breezes and sunshine during the summer, yet also offering well-insulated, naturally-lit shelter during cold or inclement weather. This new and improved waterpark will let guests at the family-owned resort swim and slide in the Cape Cod sun in any season.

“We are excited to be part of this innovative renovation, said John Wilson, president and CEO of East Coast since 1985. We have the “A” list of contractors, professionals and suppliers assembled for this project. It has been a great pleasure to work with this team.”

Aside from being an attractive, dynamic space for the park, the skylight offers many functional benefits, including a reduced need for lighting and ventilation, as well as much lower operating costs. The structure’s glazed paneling and aluminum frame are fully corrosion-proof, resisting chlorine from the pools and salt air from the ocean with no maintenance required. This adds up to an energy savings of nearly 27% compared to conventional structures. It’s a winning design solution that is sure to modernize Cape Codder Resort and Spa’s business and create a beautiful, functional landmark in the Cape Cod area for years to come.

“East Coast Commercial Construction has done an excellent job in coordinating and scheduling this project,” said Gregory Siroonian, principal of RESCOM. “The project had many difficulties due to the unique site conditions which included; working within an enclosed courtyard that had limited access, working around an operational hotel and wave pool.”

“We have chosen to work with East Coast Commercial Construction again because they are one of those long time companies that you



can trust and they will always take care of you. They provide professional, efficient service and quality craftsmanship with great value and are flexible to changes that arise in design and schedule. Their ability to troubleshoot through difficult, unforeseen problems while saving time and money is exceptional and is a testament to East Coast Commercial's knowledge of the industry and its outstanding management team," said Bill Catania, president of Catania Hospitality Group.

Water park highlights:

- two 160 foot enclosed waterslides
- 300 foot "lazy river"
- one foot deep kiddie pool with low-impact spray
- 60 foot by 40 foot snack bar
- heated outdoor pool and
- viewing mezzanine

Cape Codder Hotel highlights:

- four newly renovated family suites
- time share opportunities
- spa
- two restaurants
- fitness center
- arcade and
- gift shop

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