Some local boat owners who keep their boats docked at Skipperliner on French Island could get them in the water in a few days.

Judge Dale Pasell is directing a receiver for Skipperliner to arrange for boats to be returned to their owners as soon as possible, maybe by this weekend. The sudden shutdown of the boat-maker two weeks ago literally left those owners high and dry...not knowing if they could get access to their dry-docked boats before the start of summer. The judge's order also affects people who own boats kept at Skipperliner property in Arizona.