

# Aleut builds Marine yard

Construction of a major marine repair and support facility began June 1 in the Western Alaskan port of Dutch Harbor.

Funding for the project is being provided by The Aleut Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Panama Marine, Ltd. The facility is expected to open for business in October of 1982, far ahead of shipyards being developed elsewhere in Alaska.

The five-acre site selected is just north of the portion of Amaknak Island referred to locally as "South America" - hence the name "Panama" Marine.

The company will refurbish and expand the old naval submarine base built there during World War II. In addition to upgrading existing marine railways and boat building facilities, a new machine shop and boat dock will be built.

Other services provided by Panama Marine will include dock space for "over-the-side" work, a thoroughly stocked ship's chandlery, and several marine-related subcontractors. For dry dock work, a new cradle will be built with haul-out capability for vessels up to 350 tons or 130 feet in length.