



Secure

*a sculpture proposal by
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Proposal for the Clearwater Beach Marina Walk Sculpture by Heath Satow

Concept

"Secure," by Heath Satow, is an eye-catching 11-foot tall stainless steel sculpture designed to evoke the strength and reliability of a boat cleat. This vital maritime element, the critical point at which boat and dock connect, serves as the inspiration for the sculpture's form. *Secure* embodies the essence of stability and safety, mirroring the marina's role as a safe harbor for boats and a serene escape for visitors.

Artistic Vision and Design Inspiration

While the primary design of *Secure* reflects the robust and functional aesthetics of a boat cleat, the sculpture also draws on the elegant structure of a Torii gate. A Torii gate, traditionally marking the transition between the mundane and the sacred, adds a layer of symbolic depth to the piece. Through this inspiration, *Secure* becomes more than a mere functional form; it transforms into a gateway that invites visitors to leave behind the stresses of daily life and enter a realm of tranquility and reflection.

This fusion of maritime symbolism and cultural heritage is thoughtfully executed through the use of stainless steel, creating a contemporary interpretation that is both visually striking and meaningful. The sculpture's sleek, modern lines and reflective surfaces catch the sunlight, mimicking the glistening waters of Clearwater's Gulf Coast, while the boat cleat motif firmly roots the piece in the marina's nautical environment.

Durability and Environmental Considerations

The primary cleat form is constructed from 316 stainless steel (aka "marine-grade" stainless), and the pole structures are primed and painted galvanized steel using a very slightly textured semi-gloss aliphatic acrylic polyurethane developed for use in industrial marine environments.

Highly durable and easy to maintain, *Secure* is designed to endure Clearwater’s challenging climate. It is built to withstand intense summer heat, salt air humidity, frequent thunderstorms, and occasional tropical storms. This resilience ensures that the sculpture will remain a prominent and enduring fixture of the Marina Walk, standing as a testament to both the city's maritime culture and its dedication to enhancing public spaces with durable, meaningful art.

Interactive and Community-Centric Features

Beyond its visual appeal, *Secure* is designed to be an interactive and engaging element of the Marina Walk. Mounted on an optional elevated seating platform that matches those found throughout the promenade, the sculpture doubles as a meeting point for visitors — #MeetMeAtTheGate. This design not only enhances the sculpture’s visibility from a distance but also fosters a sense of community by providing a welcoming space for people to gather, take photos, and create lasting memories.

The color for the sculpture supports is inspired by the warm orange/yellow hues of the Florida native West Coast Beach Sunflower to add a vibrant and inviting touch that resonates with the local environment and culture.

Conclusion

Secure is an ideal addition to the Clearwater Marina Walk, reflecting both the functional aspects of marina life and the symbolic journey between land and sea. Through its combination of a highly polished boat cleat with Torii gate inspiration, the sculpture encapsulates the spirit of Clearwater — its rich maritime heritage, its natural beauty, and its commitment to creating spaces that enrich the lives of its residents and visitors. *Secure* promises to be a cherished landmark, connecting people to the water and to each other in a meaningful way.

Timeline

Timeline is based upon contract approval and deposit payment made by the end of October 2024. Changes to that timeline will change the following project timeline accordingly:

October 2024	Project approval, contract, deposit
Nov/Dec 2024	Design detailing/Engineering
Jan/Feb 2025	Material ordering, structural work ordered
Mar/Apr 2025	Fabrication in studio begins
Jun/Jul 2025	Majority of fabrication mostly complete
Aug/Sep 2025	Installation. Actual install time on site should be completed in one day.

Budget

\$5,000.00	Design	Concept and renderings to final drawings for engineer
\$10,000.00	Artist fee	
\$1,500.00	Insurance	Studio, shipping coverage, performance bond, etc
\$2,500.00	Engineering	Licensed engineer, stamped drawings
\$4,000.00	Stainless steel	Pre-polished 14g 316 stainless steel
\$4,000.00	Metal processing	Laser cutting, rolling, recycling scrap
\$1,500.00	Other	Misc. hardware, tooling, etc
\$9,000.00	Interior structure	Structural steel, fabrication, galvanizing
\$4,000.00	Shipping	Crating, Ogden, UT to Clearwater, CA via flatbed including tarp charge
\$6,000.00	Installation	Travel, crane
\$20,000.00	Fabrication	Includes studio expenses
\$7,500.00	Contingency	10 percent, includes inflation
\$75,000.00		

Images on following pages. The primary sculpture design is the same in both concepts presented here. The difference in the two concepts is placing it as a ground-level gateway vs one more up on a pedestal that is at the same level as the surrounding seating. One allows easier access to the piece while the other creates a bit more of gathering space.

** Budget does not include the added expense of raising the wooden deck up in that area, and does not include electrical or lights, those are merely a suggestion of one way to light it in the evening. I am happy to consult with the architects on detailing the site to meet code and any other considerations to best showcase the artwork while maximizing the practical functionality of the space.*

VIDEO LINK: <https://vimeo.com/satow/clearwater>
(video can be downloaded in advance for smoother play)

Inspiration



Iconic photo opportunities



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Seating-height platform, optional concept



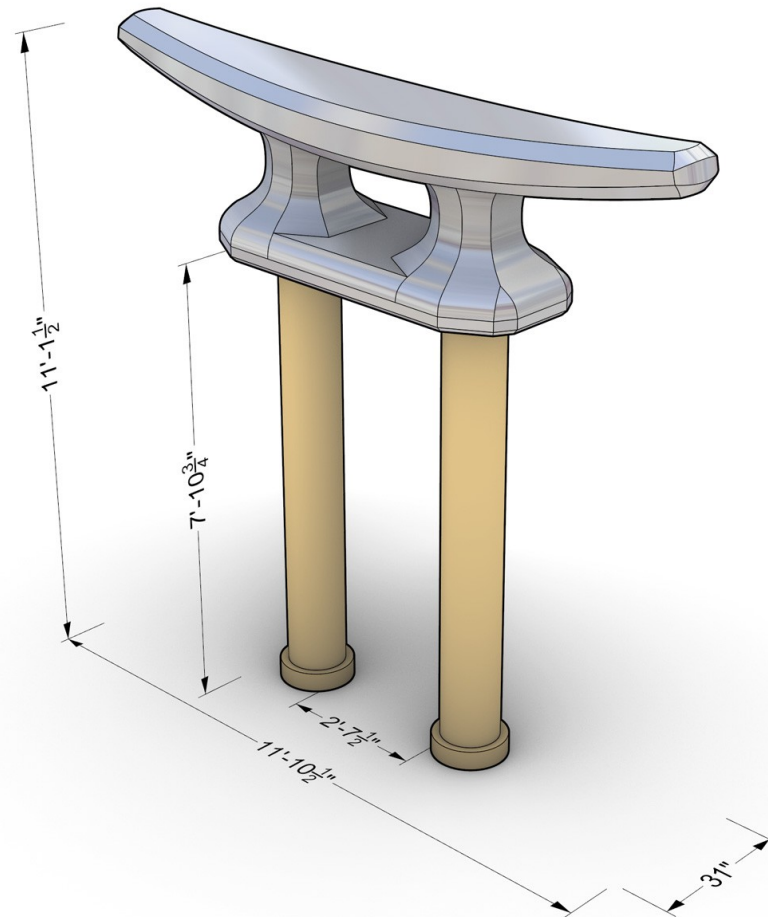
Possible night view if city chooses to add lighting



Detail view



Dimensions



Some samples of previous projects designed and fabricated by Heath Satow using similar materials and finishes are on the following pages. These images highlight the ever-changing appearance of these artworks in different lighting conditions, from bright sun to fog.

Elatus – 2017



Revolution – 2022



Muse – 2013



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