

LAKE AUSTIN BOAT DOCK

Location: Austin, TX
Size: 2,000 sq ft

The boat dock is located at the base of a heavily wooded bluff on a lake. This remarkable site provided the client with an opportunity for a unique retreat and functional boat dock nestled into the natural shore-line of the lake.

The structural response is light and dynamic; a structure that appears to float, belonging more with the boats in the lake than with the houses around it. The boat dock is accessible only by boat or tram, informing the decision to use durable, low-maintenance materials which could be easily transported to the site.

A structural steel frame contains two boat slips and a storage closet. The latticed wall screens the interior from the lake while establishing a plane that reinforces the tree line along the shore. The canopy's white stretched fabric, mast, tensioning cables and stainless steel gear are inspired by the lake's sail boats.



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