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Re: Proposed Docking Fee Waivers

Mayor Gavin Buckley  
City Council Members  
160 Duke of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 2140

Dear Mayor Buckley and City Council Members:

I understand that the request for boat dock waivers has been withdrawn. However, I am sure that this request will be submitted for future special events. Therefore, please take the time to read the following:

With all due respect, I disagree with those City Council members who considered waiving dock fees for the Classic Wooden Boat Rendezvous and Race scheduled for September 20 through 23, 2019.

It is unreasonable to waive up to \$9,000.00 in dock fees. The weekend in question is one of the busiest of the year. There is a Navy home football game, and we expect all dock space to be full. The Harbormaster already has pre-reserved dock rentals for \$3,000.00 for which the boat owners have agreed to pay.

The Recreation and Parks Department [R & P] is often scrutinized by the City Council regarding revenue. In the future, if this waiver proposal becomes affirmative, boaters will expect to receive these waivers each year for a variety of events. Entertaining even three of these requests per year over the next ten (10) years, Rec & Parks could possibly lose up to about \$270,000 in revenue.

It is not in the best interest of Recreation & Parks to lose tens of thousands of dollars in long term revenue on behalf of special interest groups. The Harbormaster is a division of the R & P and it must reflect the philosophy of R & P: "To Provide the Needs of People, Families and Communities."

Respectfully,

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cc: Teresa Sutherland, City Manager