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Sent: May 09, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Blank, Paul
Cc: Wade Womack; Ltadlock@twc.com; L. Scott Karlin
Subject: Newport Harbor Raft-Ups

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Hi, Paul!

I believe the recent staff report is a step in the right direction as we want to portray Newport Harbor as a welcoming destination for recreational boaters. We're good with everything except the 12 vessel limit on overnight stays. In past years, Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach's Cruising Fleet made Newport Harbor one of their favorite destinations and they typically have around 18-20 boats. The 12 vessel limit for overnights would dissuade most yacht clubs from visiting Newport Harbor. Rather than settling on an arbitrary number, it might be best that yacht clubs are encouraged to contact the Harbormaster directly with their "float plans". Most of these cruising boaters are in the 50-80 years of age and would not be considered a rowdy group by any means and they typically retire for the evening at a reasonable hour.

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Paul, see additional comments below. We've raised over \$60,000 to support the Newport Sea Base and our raft-ups contributed to that number.

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John,

Great work. Your email to Paul was fantastic.

Here's some additional personal thoughts.

The no live entertainment idea would eliminate some possible wonderful events.

Southshore YC had for years managed a raft up as Charity Events supporting the Kids Programs at the Seabase, including what we called The Great American Raft Up. The Music was the big draw, was well attended, including by Duffy Boats and Kayaks, and everything went well. We, of course, obtained permits.

The proposal would seem to eliminate such occasional events, to the loss of all boaters and the loss of children who attend such events.

Have a nice evening,

Scott

On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 11:52 AM John Marshall <jmarshall@expeditor.com> wrote:

Scott, any thoughts on this new proposal for raft-ups? I plan on attending Wednesday evening's City Council meeting.

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Hi John,

Were you cc'd in this email? It appears the City Harbor Commission has tweaked the language for the raft-ups. If I am reading it correctly, they have raised the threshold for triggering a special event permit (for raft up) from 3 vessels to 5 vessels. In regards to the raft-ups that require permits, they are allowing up to 20 vessels if the raft up disperses by sunset and they are allowing up to 12 vessels if the raft-up goes into the evening.

I am glad they are loosening up the restrictions. If I read the harbor master's note below correctly, he would be in support of "no permit required" for daytime raft-ups but he is under pressure to require permits for any more than 4 vessels. Do you think RBOC has a position on this?

Thanks,
Wade

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Subject: Staff report and draft recommendations related to raft-ups in Newport Harbor

Interested parties:

Please find attached the finalized staff report and attachments related to raft-ups in Newport Harbor prepared for the Harbor Commission which they will consider at their meeting next week.

That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 5 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The staff report and referenced materials will be made available to the general public on Friday, May 6.

I however wanted to ensure you have as much time with the material as possible.

On several occasions I publicly stated my recommendations in this regard including eliminating the need for permits for raft-ups that will conclude before sunset.

The draft recommendations are much more and somewhat different than my recommendations.

The draft recommendations are reflective of input from many interested parties including those with a history of participation in raft-ups, both permitted and unpermitted, other members of the public and Harbor Department staff with direct experience.

I hope the discussion next week will be robust, collaborative and productive.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Please reach out if I can provide further information in advance of the meeting.



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