

## Dock Committee Notes 11-Oct-2013

**Present:** Twohey, Baker, Seaborg, and Lewis.

### 1. Recent dock disturbance and plans for future improvement

Movement of docks from a recent wind event and key system failures were discussed. It was noted that breast and bow lines on some boats helped minimize movement and prevent damage to boats. Further, certain club members were able to respond to the event and take measures to secure docks. In all, the docks are designed to move rather than break in extreme events, but in this case some design deficiencies contributed to additional movement. Key issues are described here with future plans.

Pipe and collar lengths - several of the pipes used to secure docks to the bottom slipped out of their dock collars because they were not long enough, e.g., water levels fluctuated beyond capacity of collars/pipe lengths. Next year, all pipes will be long enough to sustain maximum water fluctuations.

Bolts/Pins - connections between some docks failed when the nuts on bolts that pinned them together worked loose. A more secure method of attachment will be used that cannot work loose.

Bumpers and dock irregularities - Vinyl dock bumpers are becoming detached. Wider screw heads with washers do not seem to do the job - just rip out. Current plan is to remove all vinyl and replace with a 2x4 wood boarder. Concern stated that this might catch boat rub rail during bouncy weather. Discussion of retaining some vinyl with closer screw intervals??? Will continue to discuss and have plan for next year. Also, concern noted about some non-flush screw heads that can damage boats if they rub up against dock. 1) future 2x4 boarder may hold boat off from such protrusions, 2) It is each Dockers' responsibility to provide bumpers and tie-up as they deem fit. These screw heads are likely to remain, but Dockers can be advised to protect their boats in some fashion.

Standardized tie-up - Discussion of protecting Dockers from an irresponsible Docker - who's responsibility. To that end, the dock committee will install standardized breast anchors next year, and facilitate Docker attachments. Other details of how boats tie up will remain informal and adjacent Dockers are encouraged to communicate and coordinate secure tie-up arrangements.

Ramp - A design has been formulated to provide ramp access to the dock now lacking such access. It will be installed next season with other scheduled work.

91-dock (shore side dock) - The dock committee determined last year that the 91 dock would survive the 2013 season, but would need refurbishment starting during 2014, possibly spread over 3 years. Indeed, the committee remains committed to beginning this refurbishment next year, and possibly completing in one year. Previous discussion suggested replacement of existing wood members with new wood onto current steel supports. Further planning will occur this winter.

Communication of weather events/dock emergencies - The Committee noted that while it is each Dockers' responsibility to inspect their boat and share some responsibility for the mutual benefit and preservation of the dock system, the committee can facilitate communication to all Dockers when events of concern occur. To that end Stuart will work with the MYC Secretary to assure a Docker group email list is available for rapid communication of such events. Direction will be provided to club members on methods to circulate important notices. We continue to rely on volunteers to respond to such events which has worked reasonably well in the past.

**2. Dock removal timeline**

As many Dockers remove their boats, some docks may be moved and staged for removal in the next few weeks. Some docks may remain in place as late as November 1 for NMU. Chad will investigate finish dates of NMU rowers and sailors. Chad will coordinate. Assistance will be invited from select individuals.

**3. Responsibilities for dock installation, removal and maintenance**

Clarity is needed by all parties on all agreements that have been made concerning dock operations. Chad will provide the committee with a summary of all prior agreements as he understands them as pertain to all parties responsibilities and liabilities for dock installation, removal, and maintenance including payments, warranties, quid-pro-quo's, and other arrangements. The committee will review for concurrence.

**4. Wait list**

Stuart will add Chad to the wait list for 2 slips. It is likely that 2 slips are already available since the dockage was not fully lease this year.

**5. Big Boats**

Chad wants to place Bag Pipe at the dock next year. This prompted discussion of how many big boats we can accommodate? The Committee does not think we can take any more big boats, but might allow Bag Pipe if she take 2 places, or other big boat vacates. Need map of dockage with designated space for big vs. smaller boats. Chad will provide a draft. Discussion tabled. The Committee recommends a surcharge of \$100 for boats larger than 24', and no boats larger than 27'.

**6. Layout of day sailing**

At least one of the racks needs to be moved. Chad will liaison with the grounds committee.

**7. Winter storage**

Need to move some concrete barriers to allow boats in for winter storage. Chad will move this weekend.

**8. Communication**

There has been some heated communication recently concerning failure of some dock components, and the need to be clear with membership on the issue. To that end, Twohey will provide a summary of this meeting's results for circulation to all members, and a copy of the full minutes (notes really) of this meeting will be made available on the web site. Further, most plans discussed above are tentative or can be adapted with further input of good ideas from members. All members are encouraged to read the full notes and provide feed back to the dock committee as they may wish.