

March 9, 2023

COMMISSIONERS
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to endorse submission to approve a fee waiver for the Navy Yacht Club – Long Beach, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for use of dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for veteran honoring, racing and cruise celebrations, for the period of April 2023 through December 2023. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The Navy Yacht Club – Long Beach (NYCLB) was established in 1967 as a nonprofit organization under the authority of the Long Beach Naval Station, with the aim of promoting sailing competition and safe boating practices, to serve the Long Beach veteran community. More than half of NYCLB's 200 members are veterans of various military organizations and over three quarters of their members are boat owners. Many NYCLB members are retirees, living on fixed incomes.

NYCLB celebrates and honors veterans year-round through a variety of races and cruises (parades). These events draw participation from several Southern California yacht clubs. Several of these events are co-sponsored by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Hospital in Long Beach. NYCLB has requested that dock fees, traditionally assessed to visiting vessels for the use of the 100-foot dock adjacent to NYCLB, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, be waived for events from April 2023 through December 2023. Events scheduled between April and December include:

- April 1 – Navy Yacht Club Long Beach Opening Day
- May 6 – Armed Forces Day Race (LB Harbor Series)
- May 26, 27, 28 – LA Fleet Week (Veteran Appreciation Events)
- July 3 – Big Bang on the Bay
- September 16 - All Hands Race (LB Harbor Series)
- October 14 - Navy Day Regatta
- October 28 – Wounded Veteran Salute
- November 11 – Veteran's Day Celebration
- December 16 - Naples Island Christmas Boat Parade

These sailing/boating events spotlight recreational boating and sailboat racing in our marinas. They also generate additional tourism revenue for local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, boating supply stores and other retail establishments. These benefits outweigh the revenue loss resulting from the waived dock fees. These events are consistent with the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department's partnering

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policy to support organizations that provide a service to the community and its residents by promoting the Long Beach marinas.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 21, 2023, to reserve required dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for the events

FISCAL IMPACT

The value of the fee waiver will not exceed \$5,000. Additional revenue specifically related to dock fees for these events is not anticipated as part of the current budget. Therefore, the fiscal impact associated with the fee waiver is minimal. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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