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**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Initiative  
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**From:** Craig Atkins <craig@cityventures.com>  
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**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Initiative

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Dear Newport Beach City Council,

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. As a resident and waterfront property owner in Newport Beach, I write to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed initiative to improve the organization and consistency of boats in the mooring fields, thereby enhancing navigation and safety within our beloved harbor.

I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the recreational activities and breathtaking views that our beautiful harbor offers for many years. As an owner of several boats, an avid paddleboarder, and a fervent supporter of waterfront activities, I have personally witnessed the challenges and risks associated with the current arrangements of boats in the mooring fields.

My primary concern revolves around the lack of organization and consistency in the placement of boats, which often leads to congested mooring fields. This congestion makes navigating through the fields a perilous task, especially for those of us who have children frequently engaged in small craft boating and paddleboarding. Their safety is of utmost importance to me and my neighbors. It becomes increasingly worrisome when there is little room to maneuver through the crowded mooring fields and into the main channels.

I wholeheartedly believe that the proposed project, aimed at opening up the waterways between

the shoreline and the boats in the mooring fields, is a remarkable initiative that will significantly improve safety, navigation, and the overall aesthetic appeal of our harbor for years to come. By implementing a more organized and consistent layout, we can create a more secure environment for boaters, paddleboarders, and other water enthusiasts.

Enhancing safety measures and streamlining navigation will not only protect our residents and visitors but also contribute to the continued growth and success of our vibrant waterfront community. A well-organized harbor with clear pathways will undoubtedly encourage more individuals to engage in water-related activities, bolstering tourism, local businesses, and the overall enjoyment of our precious natural resources.

I firmly believe that investing in this project is a worthwhile endeavor that will yield long-term benefits for the entire Newport Beach community. I urge you to prioritize and support this initiative, ensuring that our harbor remains a safe and accessible haven for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I extend my gratitude for your dedicated service to our city. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or assistance regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Craig Atkins  
Newport Beach Resident and Waterfront Property Owner

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To the : Harbor Commission & City Council

Regarding the proposed Mooring Field Open Water Initiative -

We support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

Regards,

Rick & Charlene Murphy  
Vista Dr  
Newport Beach

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
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**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>  
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**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Newport Beach City Council:

Please add my name to the long list of supporters of the Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative.

Who was it that said "organization is the key to success"?

Whoever it was ... was undoubtedly both organized and successful.

Think of Fashion Island or the Big Corona parking lot without marked parking spaces – utter chaos!

My parent's sailboats were moored off Linda Isle for many years. As I oared my way back and forth to my parent's boat more times than I can count, I often wondered what rhyme or reason dictated where the mooring cans were anchored. Over time, many of the cans have migrated to random locations as a result of high winds or storms - some causing navigation challenges for the unwary.

Simply stated, the Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative makes good common sense and is long overdue.

Organizing the mooring fields will provide for better navigation, particularly at night when the cans

are difficult to see.

Organizing the mooring fields will provide greater space and maneuverability between the rows of moorings and more space between moorings in the same row.

With organization comes efficiency. The new plan offers both efficiency in numbers and efficiency in space.

It's time to "square-away" our mooring fields so that they are "shipshape" like the rest of our beautiful harbor!

KEITH DAWSON

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Attention Newport Beach City Council,

I am long time resident and frequent user of Newport Beach harbor.

I am a strong believer of Mooring Field Initiative. I believe it will have many benefits for the harbor, residents, and visitors. Better defining the rows and fairways with vastly improve the appearance of the harbor. The wider water ways will add to the enjoyment of all who use the harbor. Additional moorings will improve access for all.

I fully support this initiative and look forward to improvements to harbor I love.

Russ Fuller

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**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
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**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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Dear Newport Beach City Council & Harbor Commission,

As a 62 year resident of Newport Beach, former Harbor Master & current Realtor selling high end properties around our wonderful harbor, I am fully behind what the Harbor Commission has recommended to the City Council with regard to the Mooring Field Open Water Initiative. The Harbor Commission identified the problems associated with the current Mooring Fields, went to work to come up with very workable solutions to correct the issues, held numerous public meeting to gather input and put together an outstanding Initiative to present for approval from the Harbor Commissioner's. They in turn are asking the City Council to approve their hard work to make Newport Harbor a safer place to enjoy by all that view and enjoy the harbor! In closing, this is a Home Run for the Harbor and I am 100% behind this Initiative and hope that you all agree with me and will vote to pass this Initiative.

Thank you for your time & consideration!  
Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Durgan

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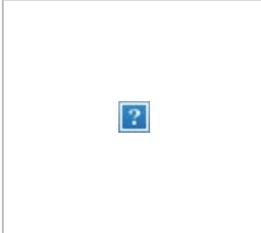
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“I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission’s Mooring Field Open Water Initiative”

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City Council Members: I support the Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative. I am a very longtime resident of Balboa Peninsula, and reside at 1210 East Balboa Blvd. Thank you for your consideration. Cordially, Peter C. Pallette

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
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I hope all is well! I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Open Water Initiative for multiple reasons.

Thank you,

Scott McFetters  
Newport Island

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
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**Subject:** Mooring Fields

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I have lived in Newport Beach for over 20 years. Over the years I have owned an 44 foot Regal express cruiser, several Duffys, and paddle boards. I fully support the Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration. There have been many times that I have had to navigate through various parts of the mooring fields having to dodge buoys and lines so they do not get caught in my prop. I currently own a Duffy and it would be nice to not have to dodge buoys and lines while passing through the mooring filed. The initiative would improve the overall utilization of the harbor's mooring fields and the look of the fields. As a Newport Beach resident and boat owner I would ask that this initiative be passed and implemented.

Regards,

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**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
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**Subject:** New Mooring Design and Open Water Initiative

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This email is to let you know we fully support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Design and Open Water Initiative.

Thank you.

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**From:** Jim Roy <jroy@caliberconst.net>  
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**Subject:** Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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*To whom it may concern,*

*I have been a Newport Beach home owner for 10 years. During this time I have enjoyed many harbor cruises with family and friends aboard my 30' power boat. I support this initiative for the following reasons:*

- 1. The existing zig zag pattern the boats are moored in creates very narrow sections in many of the isles due to different boat lengths.*
- 2. With wider isles it would be much more visible and safer to travel thru, prevent running over a paddle boarder moving between boats.*
- 3. My grandkids love seeing the seals laying on the backs of the boats but the current condition makes it stressful to enjoy this.*

Thank you,  
Jim Roy  
4419 W. PCH  
Newport Beach

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
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**Sent:** May 14, 2023 9:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Newport Beach Harbor Commission

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jerry Conrad and I have been a resident of Newport Beach since 1986. I have lived most of that time as a bay front homeowner. I am an active boater and have always had a boat and own a mooring in Avalon.

I also am a developer and have participated in the rejuvenation of Lido Village. I am the owner of 3388 Via Lido, the five-story mixed use waterfront mid-rise, which previously was an abandoned derelict eye sore. Today it is the entrance to lido village and casts a great impression on the village.

I am writing to you to request you give serious consideration to the request lodged, “Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative”. I support the initiative and believe it to be in the best interest of our community.

Jerry Conrad

CEO

Bayfront Holding

**From:** [Rieff, Kim](#)  
**To:** [Rieff, Kim](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open water initiative  
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Subject: Open water initiative

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Dear harbor commission

I live at 222 eveningstar lane in Dover shores on the harbor and I own a mooring in the harbor. I think it's smart to create safety in the mooring field and create more room for me to be able to park my boat. Organization is lacking out there. Thanks for doing this.

Best regards  
Ali Jahangiri  
949 310 0000 cell

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration  
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**Subject:** Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration

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Newport Beach City Council and Harbor Commission:

Please see the attached letter in regards to the aforementioned reference.

Thank you.

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**From:** Thomas Horton <thomas@stratcomponent.com>  
**Sent:** May 13, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Cc:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Open Water Initiative

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My Name is Thomas Horton. I live on the water here in Newport Beach, 3808 Channel Place. I've been a local here for over 15 years and have always been discouraged by the mooring layout of our beautiful Harbor, which I feel suffers from gross functional obsolescence. I'm often on the water as I own a boat, surf ski, kayaks and paddleboards. My main concerns are:

Safety for Boating:

I can't tell you how many times friends and even I have gotten hung up on chains/buoies due to the sloppy and 'just enough open' space between boats to invite a boater to traverse between moored boats. This not only causes safety issues, but takes up local resources in order to save these stranded boats and duffies.

Safety for Children:

It's also very obvious that when children are enjoying the bay in their sailboats, there simply isn't enough open space to safely do so, especially with other boat traffic. Our current harbor is ample large enough to accommodate this activity om a safe manner, it's just currently a very poor layout.

There was obviously very little 'engineered' thought that went into the way things are laid out given the space. I'm from San Diego originally and if you look at their harbor design, you will find that the mooring fields are compact and efficiently laid out, enabling much larger channels and open space. Although the safety and enjoyment of the people, as well as the liability of the City for these problems are paramount, the actual harbor aesthetics would be much better with what looks to be a well thought out re-organization of the Open Water Initiative. I 100% support the Initiative and believe the local's of Newport Beach, as well as visitors who help make our local economy hum, deserve better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas Horton  
Newport Beach Citizen/Constituent  
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**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
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**Subject:** Support for Better Navigation and Safety in Newport Beach Mooring Fields  
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Dear Newport Beach City Council,

My name is Alex Dastmalchi, and I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the initiative aimed at improving navigation and safety within the mooring fields of Newport Beach. As an avid boater and a concerned member of the community, I believe that implementing the proposed changes will not only enhance the overall aesthetics of the mooring fields but also significantly contribute to the safety and accessibility of our beloved Newport Harbor.

I would like to emphasize my full support for the following aspects of the initiative:

**Clearly Defined Rows and Fairways to Improve Navigation and Safety:**

The prior policy guidelines have led to a disorganized and crowded space inside the mooring fields, hampering safe navigation. Establishing clear rows and fairways will not only address the issue of maneuverability but also enhance the overall safety of the harbor.

**Improved Optimization of Space Within the Mooring Fields:**

By rearranging the current mooring fields to accommodate boats of similar lengths in the new

double row configuration, we can effectively reduce the mooring footprint. This will create more open water space providing a noticeable increase the waterways between shoreline and boats and in the main channels adjacent to the mooring fields. This can only result in improved safety and navigation benefitting the entire boating community.

**Additional City Moorings Within the Current Mooring Fields:**

The City of Newport Beach has no long-term moorings to provide the public with equal access to public tidelands. If I wanted a mooring for my boat, it would cost me over \$50,000 if a private party decided to transfer his or her permit to me. That is not fair. The few additional moorings this initiative offers will improve public access to public tidelands for both residents and non-residents of Newport Beach.

**Create Wider and Well-defined Fairways:**

The proposed design will provide much wider fairways, ensuring safer navigation for various **mariners and** watercraft such as Duffy boats, young sailors, paddle boarders, and other human-powered craft. Often Duffy boats and other craft become tangled in mooring lines. This is because there is no clear path through most fairways in the mooring fields and there is no guideline on where or when moorings have spreader lines floating in the water. The new plan addresses these problems.

**Increased Spacing Between Moorings in The Same Row:**

The new design shows spacing between boats in the same row to be double what it is currently in many places. This adjustment will contribute to a more enjoyable boating experience and reduce the risk of accidents.

**Improved Views from the Shoreline:**

Currently, the views of the harbor (open water) from the shoreline in front of a mooring field are obstructed if not altogether blocked by a disarray of boats. The proposed double row design will allow for unobstructed views from the shoreline, providing residents and visitors with the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the harbor.

**Double Row Moorings Provide Safer Access:**

I have heard some mooring permit holders complain about being moved to a row of proper size to match the length of their boat and how double rows will be unsafe. Don't be fooled. On average, the double row design provides more overall room to navigate on and off a mooring than exists today. I believe that implementing these improvements in the mooring fields of Newport Beach will have numerous benefits for the entire community. Not only will it enhance safety and navigation, but it will also contribute to the aesthetic appeal of our harbor, benefitting residents and visitors alike.

I would like to express my gratitude for the City Council's dedication to addressing these issues and making our mooring fields safer and more accessible. Your efforts to improve Newport Beach and Newport Harbor are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing positive changes in our mooring

fields that will undoubtedly elevate the boating experience and enhance the beauty of our beloved Newport Harbor.

**Alex Dastmalchi**

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**From:** Donald Damask <ddamask@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** May 14, 2023 6:22 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Cc:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for NBHC Mooring Field

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To the attention of the City Council and Harbor Commission:

As 11 year residents of Lido Island my husband and I have often enjoyed many a boat and duffy ride in our beautiful harbor, as well as admired the scenery on our daily walks around Lido. We agree that a simple reorganization of the mooring field is long past due. It has always seemed like a free for all in the harbor: confusing, makeshift and unorganized. Better defined rows, as any city planning would agree, will improve navigation, safety and efficiency. The beauty of our harbor, admired by all, will be greatly improved.. so it may rival the great harbors of the Mediterranean in Instagram-able photos, especially taken by drones! A neat well presented harbor will enhance the harbors value and prestige, as well as complement the impressive real estate on its shores.

We support the initiative and urge you to do the same.

Joan & Donald Damask  
108C via Antibes  
Newport Beach, CA 92663

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May 14, 2023

**Via Email:** [citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)  
[HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov)

Newport Beach City Council  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

**Re: Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration**

Dear Newport Beach City Council:

I am writing with respect to the aforementioned reference.

We are a Newport Beach family and waterfront property residents who are owners of several boats, paddleboards, prone paddleboards, and, we enjoy gathering on our patio to enjoy the waterfront scenery and all that bayfront living affords one.

Through the years, my sons and I have witnessed and assisted many boaters (locals and visitors alike) who have become ensnared in more than one mooring field, not only in front of our home, but in other locations throughout the harbor as well. Like many others in Newport Beach, we feel that the current configuration and disarray of the mooring fields in some areas of the harbor are not only an eye sore but makes for navigation through the fields dangerous in some instances. This is especially true with the many regattas held in the harbor wherein inexperienced boaters force racers, or themselves, or both parties, into a particular mooring field only to find themselves entangled in mooring lines or bumping off moorings damaging personal and city property as they had to make incorrect maneuvering decisions wherein the outcome did not bode well for one or more party.

Newport Harbor is more congested than ever and a thoughtful configuration of the harbor's moorings is something that should be looked at in great detail to accommodate such congestion and changes that the harbor has seen.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Ryan R. Knott



# Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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**Your Support Will Help Keep Newport Harbor Safe for  
Our Young Sailors in Sailing School, Paddleboarders, Mariners  
and All of Us Fortunate and Able to Enjoy Our Beautiful Harbor**

## **The Benefits of a Simple Reorganization of Mooring Fields**

- **Better Defined Rows and Fairways To Improve Navigation and Safety** – *For decades there has been no policy or guidelines to keep the mooring fields organized. As a result, today the mooring fields to many onlookers are an eye sore that resemble a crowded parking lot but more importantly provide limited maneuverability within the mooring fields for safe navigation.*
- **Improved Optimization Of Space Within The Mooring Fields** – *Simply organizing the current mooring fields in a more efficient design that group boats of equal lengths in same rows will reduce the mooring footprint. “Open Water Space” is an asset of Newport Harbor. The new design will increase the waterways between shorelines and boats in the mooring fields and increase the waterways in the main channels adjacent to the mooring fields.*
- **Additional City Moorings Within The Current Mooring Fields** – *The efficiency of the new design will allow the City of Newport Beach to add a small number of new moorings. The new moorings will provide an improved opportunity to residents of Newport Beach and the general public to have access to mooring a boat over public tidelands, which is currently limited as the City has no new mooring permits available for longer-term rentals.*
- **Create Wider and Well-defined Fairways** – *The new mooring design will result in much wider fairways overall to safely navigate through by Duffy boats, young sailors, paddleboarders and other human powered craft. Current fairway widths average less than 40’ and in many cases are 25’ or less. The efficiency of the new design results in fairways that will be 60’ – 90’ wide.*
- **Increased Spacing Between Moorings in The Same Row** – *The new design will increase the amount of water space between boats in the same row to reduce congestion creating a more open feel and safer distance between boats.*
- **Improved Views From the Shoreline** – *The new design will allow for an unobstructed view from the shoreline through the mooring field and into open water of the harbor in many locations. Current visibility is blocked in many locations by the disarray and almost wall-like view created by boats of different sizes scattered around without being positioned in well defined rows.*

**Please Support Via Email To:**

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**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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To Newport Beach City Council and Harbor Commission,

I have been a long time resident in Newport Beach and own a home on the water in Newport. I support the Mooring Field Open Water Initiative which will help keep our harbor safer for all who use it. I support the:

Better defined rows and fairways

Optimization of space within the mooring fields

Additional City moorings within the current mooring fields

Creation of wider and well-defined fairways

Increased spacing between moorings in the same row and the

Improved views from the shoreline.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work in keeping our Newport harbor safe and so beautiful.

Marie Bartling  
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**Sent:** May 15, 2023 5:53 PM  
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**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative.

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**From:** Mike Nash <mike@revisitmarketing.com>  
**Sent:** May 15, 2023 6:34 PM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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“I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission’s Mooring Field Open Water Initiative”

Thank you in advance and also for your continued support of Newport Harbor Foundation.

Mike Nash  
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[www.revisitwineco.com](http://www.revisitwineco.com)



**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration  
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From: Tom Buckingham <revbuckingham@yahoo.com>  
Sent: May 15, 2023 5:02 PM  
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>  
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Subject: Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration

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I'm a long-time resident of NB, waterfront owner, a boater, and just enjoy the views, etc.  
I'm very much in favor of this initiative, and strongly support it!  
So please vote yes, and keep Newport Beach the place where everyone wants to live, safe And pristine!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas Buckingham

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New mooring field configurations  
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**From:** dave1@basinmarine.com <dave1@basinmarine.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 7:41 AM  
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**Cc:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** New mooring field configurations

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To All:  
We support the new recommendations to the mooring fields, it will be a great addition to the safety factor for all that use our beautiful Newport Bay  
Thank you  
Dave New, President  
Basin Marine, Inc. Since 1939

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
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**From:** Andrew Spath <[andrewspathdds@gmail.com](mailto:andrewspathdds@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** May 15, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <[CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>; Harbor Commission <[HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration

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I am a resident of 3506 Marcus Ave. a waterfront home with mooring adjacent to my property. I have my boat currently on a mooring in Newport harbor as well. I want to email my strong support for the ***Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration***. We need a better system here in our beautiful bay.

Andrew Spath, DDS

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**From:** Tom LeBeau <tlebeau@accretiverealty.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 7:10 AM  
**To:** Beer, Ira <lBeer@newportbeachca.gov>; Scott Cunningham <scott12159@icloud.com>; Blank, Paul <PBlank@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Open Water Initiative

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Please see the below letter of support for the Open Water Initiative. I thought I sent this to the entire HC (but it look like only City Council received it - also got a note back from Mayor Pro Tem). I have forwarded your summary onto a number of our folks, they are aware and should be sending letters of support as of yesterday (Monday) AM.

Thanks for all you all for hard work on the topic (especially you Ira). Together we can help get this over the goal line.

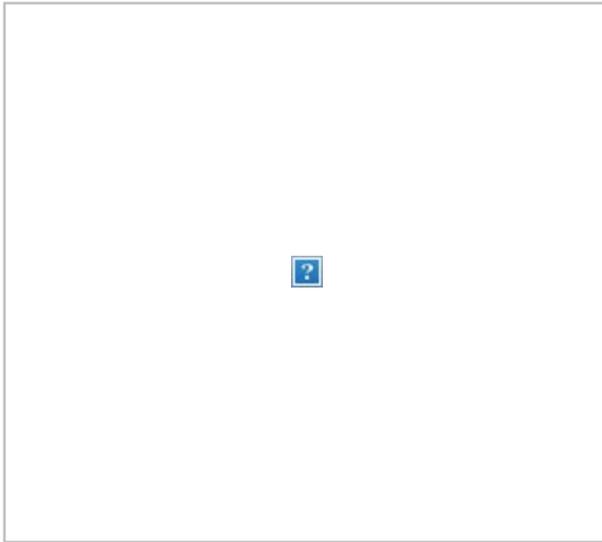
Best, Tom

Sent from my iPad

On May 15, 2023, at 2:01 PM, Stapleton, Joe <[jstapleton@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jstapleton@newportbeachca.gov)> wrote:

Tom, well said and thanks for reaching out.

**Joe**



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**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 1:50 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <[CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Open Water Initiative

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Honorable Council Members,

My name is Thomas LeBeau, I have lived in Newport Beach for 30 years. In 2014 my wife Kathy and our two children moved into our harbor front home at 1324 E Balboa Blvd and F Street. We are active users of the Harbor and own several boats. I also have operated my business, Accretive Realty Advisors, Inc. here in Newport Beach since August of 2002.

I write today to voice our full support for the Open Water Initiative approved by Harbor Commission, and its subcommittee chaired by Harbor Commissioner Ira Beer. I have attended several Harbor Commission hearings over the past several years where Harbor Commissioner Beer has outlined his well thought out and researched proposal to open up some water in our wonderful public treasure, Newport Harbor. Mr. Beer and the entire Harbor Commission should be applauded for coming up with a great plan! As we understand the plan as implemented will:

1. Open up more water by reducing the mooring fields by approximately 1/3.
2. Open up and widen fairways between mooring rows providing uniform access

for all water users, not just mooring owners.

3. Add additional City owned moorings in select mooring fields, this will add additional revenue into Tidelands Fund.
4. Reduce chain drag on the bottom of the bay which helps keep our Harbor cleaner and our water clearer by not dragging chain and clouding the water

(I am certain there are other benefits which I am overlooking as I write, so please forgive the abbreviated note).

At the onset, my wife and I were a bit concerned that our bayfront view might be impaired. We concluded, after attending several Hearings, if this occurs the benefits of the Open Water Initiative far outweigh any unintended issues. In the end as residents and stakeholders we may all have to give something up, the mooring owners, the bayfront homeowners too, to reap the benefits of the Initiative. We all will get a better more organized Harbor with more open water to navigate. So if our view is slightly impaired from where it is today, we are okay with that given the benefits that the Open Water Initiative will provide for all stakeholders.

I wanted to also add that Mr. Beer has done an absolutely wonderful job and we should all value his hard work and appreciate what his plan will do to enhance the Harbor. This letter represents our sincere interest in and hope that the City Council will approve the Open Water Initiative.

Please certify what the Harbor Commission has approved.

Sincerely,

Tom LeBeau  
1324 E. Balboa Blvd  
Blue Sky NPB, LLC

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Strong Support for the Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 10:52:05 AM  
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**From:** Vinny Smith <Vinny@vcsgrp.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 1:20 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Cc:** Vinny Smith <vinny@tobacapital.com>  
**Subject:** Strong Support for the Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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Dear Newport Beach City Council,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirit. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative. As a long-standing supporter of Newport Beach and a frequent visitor to Newport Harbor, I believe this initiative is a crucial step towards preserving the beauty and optimizing the functionality of our cherished waterways.

For many years, I have been fortunate enough to own bay front and oceanfront properties in Newport Beach. The proximity to the harbor has granted me countless opportunities to partake in various water activities such as boating, swimming, kayaking, and paddleboarding. These experiences have not only enriched my life but have also provided unforgettable memories with my children.

The Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative holds great promise for enhancing the natural beauty and overall appeal of our beloved harbor. By allowing for

improved views from the shoreline, this initiative will enable residents and visitors to appreciate the breathtaking vistas that Newport Harbor has to offer. Whether it is the vibrant sunset over the Pacific Ocean or the majestic sight of sailboats gliding through the tranquil waters, unobstructed views will undoubtedly elevate the experience for all.

Furthermore, optimizing the space within the mooring fields is a vital aspect of the initiative. As the demand for mooring spaces continues to grow, it is imperative that we maximize the efficient use of this limited resource. By implementing the proposed changes, we can effectively accommodate more vessels, reducing the strain on existing mooring fields and ensuring equitable access for all boating enthusiasts.

I firmly believe that by supporting the Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative, we are taking a significant stride towards the long-term preservation and enhancement of Newport Beach's most cherished asset. Our waterfront community thrives on the beauty of our surroundings, and this initiative aligns perfectly with the vision of a sustainable and vibrant future for Newport Harbor.

I kindly request that you carefully consider my endorsement of this important initiative during your decision-making process. Together, we can safeguard the natural wonders of Newport Harbor for generations to come, fostering a sense of pride and unity among residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving our community. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of the Newport Harbor Commission Mooring Field Open Water Initiative and continuing to enjoy the unparalleled beauty of Newport Beach's waterways.

Sincerely,

Vinny Smith

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**From:** Dana Place <danaplace2@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Harbor Moorings

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I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

Dana Place

Sent from my iPhone  
949.386.6595

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**From:** David Badajoz <d.badajoz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 11:08 AM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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As a longtime resident of Newport Beach and recreational user of the harbor, I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

Cheers,



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**Cc:** Harbor Commission <[HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative and request the Council's support of same at the meeting tonight.

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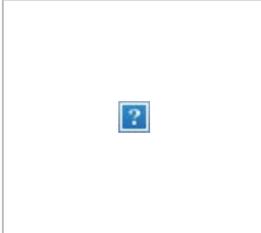
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**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 11:44:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**Paul Blank**  
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**From:** Peter Rooney <PROONEY@Sares-Regis.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 11:30 AM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I support the Mooring Field Open Water Initiative. Please vote yes on this initiative.

Thank you.

Peter Rooney

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring realignment  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 11:46:44 AM  
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**From:** Phillip D Rowe <phil.rms@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring realignment

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Pls be advised that I am in complete agreement with the realignment plan proposed.

I am a long time resident who, at one time, had a boat on a mooring in the field designed as first. Even then it was congested and difficult.

Overall it should improve our harbor appearance.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Rowe



**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Moorings  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 11:31:13 AM  
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**From:** Denis LaBonge <denislabonge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 10:11 AM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Moorings

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I support the proposed new Harbor open water moorings Initiative.  
Denis LaBonge  
38 via Coralle  
92657

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 11:19:34 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Vilgertshofer <[alex@walkingsofter.org](mailto:alex@walkingsofter.org)>  
Sent: May 16, 2023 9:12 AM  
To: Dept - City Council <[CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>; Harbor Commission <[HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov)>  
Subject: Support for Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Initiative

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Dear City Council Members & Harbor Commissioner,

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The benefits of this initiative, such as improved navigation, optimized space, additional moorings, wider fairways, increased spacing between boats, and better shoreline views, are essential for enhancing the harbor experience.

This email is for the Newport Beach City Council, copying the Harbor Commission, to voice my support for the Open Water Initiative and Mooring Field Reconfiguration. Please consider my voice and those of many others who value the safety and beauty of our harbor.

Thank you for your dedication to serving our community. Together, we can ensure the long-term health and enjoyment of Newport Harbor.

Warm regards,

Alexander Vilgertshofer  
618 Saint James PL  
Newport Beach CA, 92663

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 11:21:31 AM  
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**From:** Mike Hannegan <mike@mikehannegan.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 9:16 AM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>; Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Newport Beach Harbor Commission Mooring Field Initiative

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Warm regards,

Mike Hannegan  
Newport Beach Resident

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring field open water initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:33:42 PM  
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**From:** DOUGLAS RASTELLO <drastello@me.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 12:12 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring field open water initiative

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I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiatives

Regards

Doug Rastello

Waterfront homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:23:30 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Beauchamp <[dick\\_beauchamp1@me.com](mailto:dick_beauchamp1@me.com)>  
Sent: May 16, 2023 11:48 AM  
To: Harbor Commission <[HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov)>  
Subject: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative.

Richard Beauchamp

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:34:12 PM  
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**From:** John Francis Kucera <jfk.swim@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 12:27 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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Good day,

I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative.

It's long over due, and will certainly exponentially improve the current mooring configuration.

Thank you...all the best,

John Francis Kucera

Cell) 858.465.0005  
[jfk.swim@yahoo.com](mailto:jfk.swim@yahoo.com)  
Skype: jfkucera

Dum spiro spero = "While I breathe, I hope!"  
*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini*  
Sent from my AustinBella iPad Pro

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:36:51 PM

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From: David Clark <David.Clark@warmingtongroup.com>  
Sent: May 16, 2023 1:49 PM  
To: Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
Subject: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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I am writing to express my support of the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's Mooring Field Open Water Initiative.

Thank you,

David H. Clark

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative-Agenda May 23, 2023  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:38:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** ALRON7099@aol.com <alron7099@aol.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 1:49 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mooring Field Open Water Initiative-Agenda May 23, 2023

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Dear Councilpersons and Harbor Commissioners:

I was just made aware of this item, and must voice opposition.

While improving the mooring fields in our Harbor is an important item, it appears that there are changes to Title 17 included in this initiative, **that notice to all residents and boaters are not fully aware of.**

It appears that there was limited outreach to mooring stakeholders, and the addition of language that moorings may be relocated without mooring holders input and cooperation is on the surface a plan for moving or eliminating moorings to improve someone's view. This is demonstrated by the hundreds of pages in opposition from the Harbor Commission Agenda March 8, 2023.

One other large issue I do not see addressed, is the DDT concentration issue. This item will impact dredging maintenance and certainly any relocation of moorings.

As an owner of a commercial marina in our Harbor, and adjacent upland parcel, **I urge you to postpone this plan, till all harbor stakeholders are included, and further not to include changes to the Title 17 without full notice and disclosure to harbor residents and boaters.**

Please notify residents and boaters in our community, so that they may have a voice in these proposed changes.

Thank you,  
Allyson Presta  
Dover Landing Marina

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Reorganization of mooring fields  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:39:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** phillyons@pinecreek.net <phillyons@pinecreek.net>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 2:04 PM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Reorganization of mooring fields

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**To:** [citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov) <[citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>  
**Cc:** [harborcomission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:harborcomission@newportbeachca.gov) <[harborcomission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:harborcomission@newportbeachca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 01:38:56 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Reorganization of mooring fields

We strongly recommend approval of the proposed Mooring Field reorganization plan.

Phil and Mary Lyons  
36 Harbor Island  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Full Support of the Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:48:17 PM  
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**From:** gparker@geneveportfolio.com <gparker@geneveportfolio.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 2:42 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Full Support of the Open Water Initiative

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Attention Newport Beach City Council & Harbor Commission:

As residents of Newport Beach, we are in complete support of the Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

The Many Benefits of a Simple Reorganization of Mooring Fields are as follows:

- Better Defined Rows and Fairways To Improve Navigation and Safety
- Improved Optimization Of Space Within The Mooring Fields.
- Additional City Moorings Within The Current Mooring Fields.
- Create Wider and Well-defined Fairways.
- Increased Spacing Between Moorings in The Same Row.
- Improved Views From the Shoreline

We fully Support the Initiative.

Respectfully,

Greg & Karen Parker  
3 Canyon Island Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
949-355-0632

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:58:36 PM  
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**From:** Robert Steel <steelmaritime@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 3:30 PM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative

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From: **Robert Steel** <[steelmaritime@gmail.com](mailto:steelmaritime@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 16, 2023 at 3:19 PM  
Subject: Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
To: <[harborcommision@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:harborcommision@newportbeachca.gov)>, <[citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>

I support the Newport Harbor Commisions Mooring Field Open Water Initiative  
Having navigated on a lot of deep-keeled sailing yachts in Newport Harbor over 50 years as Kialoa 2,  
Windward Passage . Sirius..Ragtime,Warrior to name a few  
This will be a valuable realignment for all the traffic in the channels  
Thank you  
Bob Steel  
Steel Maritime Inc

**From:** [Blank, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open water initiative mooring fields.  
**Date:** May 16, 2023 3:48:51 PM  
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**From:** Devon Kelly <dkelly57@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Harbor Commission <HarborCommission@newportbeachca.gov>  
**Subject:** Open water initiative mooring fields.

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Dear Commissioners,

I support the Newport Beach Harbor Commission's  
Mooring Field Open Water  
Initiative"

Thank you again for your continued support of the Newport  
Harbor Foundation.

Devon Kelly  
Newport Harbor Foundation.  
Sent from my iPhone