



Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

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December 5, 2012

Mr. James Spengler, Director
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Dear Mr. Spengler:

RE: Waterfront Commission Recommendations Regarding Allocation of Marina Slips

At a meeting on November 20, 2012 the Alexandria Waterfront Commission endorsed a recommendation of the Commission's Marina Committee regarding the allocation of slips at the Alexandria City Marina. This letter documents the Commission's recommendation, and complements the Waterfront Commission's Marina user fee recommendations documented in an [October 22, 2012 letter](#).

At a November 8, 2012 meeting of the Marina Committee, staff from your department presented information on the number of slips available in the Marina, the size of the various slips, the present allocation of slips between leaseholders and transient boats, as well as the income generated by each. Based on this information, the Waterfront Commission recommends that the City make six Alexandria City Marina pleasure boat slips currently reserved for transient boats available for annual lease holders. The table below summarizes the Committee's recommended reallocation of slips:

Waterfront Commission Recommendation Regarding Marina Slip Allocation

Slip Type/Use	Current Number	Proposed Number	Net Change
Pleasure Boat Slips			
Annual Lease Holders	48	54	+6
Transient Slips	15	9	- 6
Fire Boat	1	1	
Subtotal, Pleasure Boat Slips	64	64	
Mixed Use Slips (T-heads)	3	3	
Commercial Only Slips			
Potomac Riverboat Company	7	7	
LA Yachts	1	1	
Subtotal, Commercial Only Slips	8	8	
TOTAL	75	75	

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The Commission recommends that the six smallest slips currently reserved for transient boaters be leased in order to reserve a sufficient number of slips for larger transient vessels. (Smaller transient vessels can always dock at a large slip, but the reverse is not true.) There are at least six local residents on the Marina annual lease waiting list whose vessels would fit within these smaller slips.

The Commission found that the Marina would retain enough supply to accommodate overnight and hourly demand by transient boaters based on traffic during the 2012 boating season.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback on the allocation of slips at the Alexandria City Marina. On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Commission and the broad Citywide constituencies that we represent, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Commission

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