

Proposed statement regarding docking the *Minnie V* at the Alexandria City Marina
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- Historic vessels contribute to the character of Old Town and Alexandria's historic seaport. They attract visitors to the community and serve as an anchor on the Waterfront.
- The *Minnie V* in particular is an authentic skipjack constructed in 1906 on Maryland's Eastern Shore and used for over 87 years in the oyster dredging business. The *Minnie V* would be the first historic vessel permanently moored at the Alexandria Waterfront in several years.
- The draft Waterfront Small Area Plan emphasizes that the Alexandria City Marina should continue to be a working marina served by commercial vessels. The draft Plan recommends facilities to host additional commercial operators, as well as historic vessels. Relocating the *Minnie V* to Alexandria is consistent with these objectives.
- The *Minnie V* could make use of a new slip constructed next to the *Cherry Blossom* berth. The new slip would make joint-use of secured facilities presently used by the Potomac Riverboat Company. The *Minnie V* would not impact existing Marina use by creating new facilities.
- With a length of 45 feet, a beam of 15 feet, and draft of 3 feet, the *Minnie V* is ideally sized to be accommodated within the Alexandria City Marina.
- The *Minnie V* would be operated by the Potomac Riverboat Company, which has a long-standing relationship with the Alexandria City Marina and a track record of collaborating with the City to bring new and innovative marine transportation services to the Alexandria Waterfront.