

# **Richardson Bay Anchorage Management**

## *Community Meeting Notes Breakout Group Transcript*

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Transcription of original notepads used during breakout group discussions to record group and table comments.

## TABLE 1

### *Environmental*

- Issues
  - Eel grass – avoid beds, however they move
  - Permanent Structures in Deeper Water
  - Case studies – more recent surveys
  - Be strategic about anchors
  - Approach anchoring out differently – New case study coming out 2015 - Laminar info to community
  - Communicate info – Library, Coffee shops, Notices at Turney Dock
  - Sewage
- Strategies/Goals
  - Water Quality Testing
    - Testing more frequently
    - Test water outfalls – storm drains
  - Like to see better awareness
  - How is sewage taken care of? How do we address?
    - Containment vessel
    - Grant funded pump-out
  - Permanent Moorings
    - Limited # multiple berths on each

### *Regulatory/Public Safety*

- Strategies/Goals
  - Enforce regulations ---> Increase funding
  - Increase public facilities
  - Charging per month for anchorage
  - Raising awareness of Dave's Dining (hours though 9 – 5) and dragging anchor
  - Boats coming ashore; important because of storms; better regulation coordination. Case study: Santa Barbara
  - All boats registered

### *Facilities/Amenities*

- Strategies/Goals
  - City/County facilities -→ increase
  - Permanent mooring balls

### *Overarching*

- Strategies/Goals
  - Agreement (memorandum of agreement) City of Sausalito (?)

### *Issue Ranking*

- Environmental – III
- Human / Social – II

- Navigational Hazards
  - Property Damage
  - RBA Operations + Finance
  - Public Safety + Enforcement – III
  - Regulatory – III
  - Facilities/ Amenities
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## TABLE 2

### *Issue Ranking*

- |                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| • Environmental                   | IIII |
| • Human Health & Safety           | II   |
| • Public Safety & Law Enforcement | II   |
| • Navigational Hazards            | II   |
| • Property Damage                 | I    |
| • RBRA Operations & Finance       | I    |
| • Regulatory                      | I    |
| • Facilities / Amenities          | II   |
| • Culture (Celebrate)             | I    |
| • Limited resource                |      |
| • Creation                        |      |
| • Regulatory concerns             |      |

### *Human Health & Safety / Community*

- Issues
  - Internal community
  - Network
  - Piracy
  - Self-regulation Vs. - Outside regulation
  - Dependent on Shore side facilities – some regulation needed
  - Huge change in culture since original population
  - Mixed group of users
  - Price driving population
  - Mistrust between populations
    - Discrimination
    - With law
    - No assist
  - People who are boaters, vs. people who live on boats
  - Anchoring services needed

### *Environmental*

- Issues
  - Pollution from multiple sources

- Strategies/Goals
  - Nature & human nature preserve
  - Create a preserve (ecologically)
  - Low carbon footprint

***Public Safety/Law Enforcement; Navigational Hazards; Property Damage***

- Issues
  - Abandoned boats
  - Issues of property damage

***Facilities/Amenities***

- Strategies/Goals
  - More facilities needed: moorings and onshore facilities
  - Mooring & ground mooring stations
  - Federal Anchorage – creates a unique scenario

***Regulation/(Self-Regulation)***

- Strategies/Goals
  - To provide safety for water community and surrounding community
  - To know who is there/who's out
  - Better information

**TABLE 4**

***Issue Ranking***

- |                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| • Environmental                   | III  |
| • Human Health + Safety           | IIII |
| • Public Safety + law Enforcement | II   |
| • Navigational hazards            | 0    |
| • Property damage                 | I    |
| • RBRA Operations & finance       | 0    |
| • Regulatory                      | I    |
| • Facilities / Amenities          | I    |

***Regulatory/Public Safety***

- Issues
  - Inter-Agency coop
  - Citizen advisory groups
- Strategies/Goals
  - Annual Mooring inspection
  - Sub-committees
  - Inter-Agency Committee

***Facilities/Amenities***

- Issues

- Moorings against the Law
- Strategies/Goals
  - Mooring field

### ***Environmental***

- Issues
  - Garbage
- Strategies/Goals
  - Garbage disposal

### ***Human Health & Safety / Community***

- Strategies/Goals
  - Safe Anchorage for boats currently in R. bay
  - Pilot Program – On-Shore Housing

## **TABLE 6**

### ***Issue Ranking***

- |                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| • Environmental welcoming         | IIII |
| • Human Health & Safety           | II   |
| • Public Safety & Law Enforcement | II   |
| • Navigational Hazards            | IIII |
| • Property damage                 | IIII |
| • RBRA Operations & Finance       | 0    |
| • Regulatory                      | I    |
| • Facilities / Amenities          | III  |

### ***Environmental***

- Issues
  - Clean water
  - Garbage
  - Wildlife
  - Sampan (Hong Kong)
  - Plastic bags – regulatory – enforcement, leakages/ gas/ diesel slick, dumpster rental
- Strategies/Goals
  - Garbage – pump out, enforcement – Clean up Boats

### ***Facilities/Amenities***

- Issues
  - Moorings against the Law
- Strategies/Goals
  - Dingy docking facilities (temporary)
  - Secure clean water (Human Health and Safety)
  - Mooring Field / some public substations / cables

- Showers
- Trash disposal ease
- Getting water
- Local organizations to help financially
- Dingy Docks (temporary)
- Enforcement

### ***Regulatory***

- Issues
  - Illegally moored boats
- Strategies/Goals
  - Re-Anchor every 15 days
  - Taking personal responsibility
  - Anchorage and chain
  - Live aboard rights
  - Equal access

### ***Navigational Hazards***

- Issues
  - Sunken boats
  - Anchor chains
  - Junk boats / no lighting
- Strategies/Goals
  - Enforcement
    - i. 1 person / 3 boats unoccupied
    - ii. Owner occupied – boats must be sea-worthy

### ***Property Damage***

- Issues
  - If a boat is dragging, Vulnerable w/o power
- Strategies/Goals
  - Mooring fields
  - Better Facilities & Amenities
  - Appropriate ground tackle
  - Anchor/ chains / skills

## TABLE 8

### *Issue Ranking*

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| ▪ Environmental   | ### | II |
| ▪ HH & S  | II  |    |
| ▪ Facilities  | III |    |
| ▪ Nav Haz   | I   |    |
| ▪ Prop Dam  | I   |    |
| ▪ Pub Safety  | III |    |
| ▪ Regulatory (public trust)                             | II  |    |
| ▪ Maritime History                                      | I   |    |
| ▪ Threat to Sailors' way of life (Open water anchoring) | I   |    |

### *Environmental*

- Issues
  - Decline in herring pop → dim. Crop areas
  - Debris Fields
  - Agricultural runoff (from storms)
  - Storm pollution / Runoff from lawns
  - Trash
- Strategies/Goals
  - Mooring field to protect Eelgrass
  - Spill prevention
  - Public awareness (education)

### *Health and Human Safety*

- Issues
  - Abuse of \_\_\_\_\_???
  - Personal responsibility
  - Equality???
  - Should not be **the** topic
  - Self-reliance
- Strategies/Goals
  - Public showers, bathrooms, facilities
  - More shoreline access
  - Empathy towards others
  - Awareness/education

### *Public Safety / Law Enforcement / (Awareness)*

- Issues
  - Sunken Debris
  - Dock maintenance – who?
  - Use of boats for storage
- Strategies/Goals
  - Anchor Lights
  - Enforce registration

- Anchor – out management
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## TABLE 9

### *Health and Human Safety*

- Issues
  - Reducing pop/removing people
  - Financial issue
  - Human issue, homeless
  - Culture of anchor-out, Sausalito heritage lifestyle
  - Who gets to be out there + why?
    - Concern re: homeless
    - Keep R. Bay as great sailing spot
    - Diverse housing types, heritage, but safely, secure moorings
  - How much anchorage for lifestyle boats? Vs. day sailing – both needed
- Strategies/Goals
  - Everyone take responsibility for self
  - Government should not enable homeless to live on boats (Regulatory)

### *Environmental*

- Issues
  - Environment- be aware of impact on birds and Eelgrass

### *Regulatory*

- Issues
  - Illegally moored boats
  - **CA Law** for license to operate vessel
  - Need clear management between agencies, who is in charge?
  - Depending on individual is not working – public fed up
- Strategies/Goals
  - Need proper management systems
  - Government installed moorings, regulated, management systems
  - Should be managed anchorage with set #
  - Government should not be responsible for mooring, mariners should be
  - Boaters need to be responsible for themselves + boats
  - Legal – access to shore in CA should be equal
  - **RBRA** should make sure boaters responsible
  - Should be permanent opp. To live on water – culture
  - Government should control moorings / #s
    - Short term (private)
    - Long term (public)
  - “Anchorage Czar?” Overseer
  - Need for clear enforcement power
  - Need enforcement



### ***Public Safety/Law Enforcement***

- Issues
  - Boat theft
  - How many people will need help to cooperate?
  - Trust / theft not huge issue

### ***Navigational Hazards***

- Issues
  - Lack of maritime skill
  - Inappropriate use of Rich Bay Boats w/stuff
  - Many boats unoccupied!!!/ Storage of debris
- Strategies/Goals
  - Deal w/debris that accumulates on boats
  - Boaters should have anchoring boating skills

### ***Facilities/Amenities***

- Issues
  - Lack of shore facilities – water, trash, PG&E
  - Use of shore resources
  - Sewerage – need holding tank
- Strategies/Goals
  - Should be numbered in mooring field
  - Safe mooring essential
    - Liability for government but overall better, mooring cost well spent (Regulatory)
    - Licensing is essential (Regulatory)
    - Moorings should be inspected (Regulatory)
    - Reduce environmental damage of anchorage (Environmental)

### ***RBRA Operations and Finance***

- Issues
  - Purpose to reduce operating cost – mooring would increase cost
  - Liability a concern
  - Property values
  - Bill Price listed in City Hall + Police Department – why?
- Strategies/Goals
  - Deal w/debris that accumulates on boats
  - **RBRA** should oversee but lack of authority / enforcement power

### ***Issue Ranking***

- 1) Human/ cultural heritage, lifestyle
  - 2) Proper management enforcement – safety crime accountability
  - 3) Reduce environment impact debris, anchorage, sewage
  - 4) Need shore facilities
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## TABLE 3

### ***RBRA Operations and Finance***

- Strategies/Goals
  - Education – outreach water front meeting
  - Registration – violations – standards

### ***Environmental***

- Issues
  - Environment- be aware of impact on birds and Eelgrass
  - Ground tackle - SCOPE
- Strategies/Goals
  - Pump out boat – more frequent?
  - Protect Eelgrass – prove it
  - Recycling/reuse

### ***Health and Human Safety***

- Strategies/Goals
  - low income housing - regional
  - warning services
  - Anchorage representation – non profit
  - Booth at festival
  - Liaison – needs supported communication

### ***Regulatory***

- Issues
  - Illegally moored boats
- Strategies/Goals
  - Fed – Special Anchorage District
  - State services – MODEL ANOTHER COMMUNITY

### ***Facilities/Amenities***

- Strategies/Goals
    - Friendly and not intimidating facilities
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## TABLE 5

### ***Issue Ranking***

Garbage Boat II

Regulatory – divers I

Human Health - showers, safety + sanitation, Food availability – Garden III

Docking – Availability, Environmental I

Mooring – Subsidized? Aesthetic, optional, Security challenge III  
Service Vessel I

### ***Environmental***

- Issues
  - Who to call for spill? Fish and Wildlife
  - Crop circles, eel grass, herring and fish population

### ***Facilities/Amenities***

- Issues
  - Shortage of live aboard marina
- Strategies/Goals
  - Paid showers
  - Volunteer maintenance
  - Insurance
  - Services bulletin board / yahoo group
  - Maps of facilities

### ***Health and Human Safety***

- Issues
  - Civil rights
  - Population density, land and sea, limited space
- Strategies/Goals
  - Work with skills in anchorage; talented
  - Work with non-profit or jurisdiction
  - Like to live on water
  - Communication
  - Work services
  - Community with community watch
  - Donation inspections
  - Information – Census – Anthropology

### ***Regulatory***

- Strategies/Goals
  - Different anchoring, bow and stern regulation, information

## **TABLE 7**

### ***Environmental***

- Issues
  - RBRA's demolition
    - Spillagell, non-deployment of boom
    - Non response to complaints, marina boat owners

- Crop circles, eel grass, herring and fish population
- Improve habitat even with more boats

### ***Facilities/Amenities***

- Issues
  - Burden on city dock and existing harbors
- Strategies/Goals
  - Access to shore, bathrooms, garbage, galley, harbor
  - City needs to support financially
  - Boater responsibility
  - Improved mooring
  - Expand locations and \$\$
  - Sustainability = mooring balls

### ***Regulatory***

- Strategies/Goals
  - Should be insured
  - Insure boats

### ***Health and Human Safety***

- Strategies/Goals
  - Respect all people on anchorage, harbors, police, land owners

## **TABLE 10**

### ***Health and Human Safety***

- Issues
  - Steady influx of new, unregistered and “very aggressive” tenants/ bay residents
  - theft, noise, violence, destruction of the bay front, human waste/ garbage, and disruption of businesses
- Strategies/Goals
  - Partnership between marina owners, county, and the business sector to improve conditions for all
  - Clearing out residents should not be an option
  - Look at best practices from Chula Vista, San Diego or the Galilee and Schoonmaker marina owners.
  - Engage the residents and guests with adequate information and roles to play in the monitoring of anchorage and anchor outs in partnership with government departments
  - Solutions/education for anchorage dwellers
  - Anchor outs as property registered residents/businesses

- Prompt and regular information dissemination to ALL residents about the benefits of all the new measures including;
  - Living wage employment creation for eligible residents with training opportunities, as a partnership of non- profits and commercial entities/ businesses and county.
  - Common use facilities for healthy living including – showers, bathrooms, pay-per-use amenities.
  - Role of other areas/bays that contribute to the overcrowding in Richardson’s bay.
- Cooperative ownership examples of best practices
  - Mail delivery; employ the unemployed residents
  - Good use of unused \_\_\_\_\_
  - Generating funding by improved use of mooring fields, dinghy docks
- Provide low income housing for homeless

### ***Public Safety/Law Enforcement***

- Issues
  - Overcrowding
  - Guests and patrons of bay front businesses harassed or frightened from the area. Aggressive new residents.
  - Intruders on boats
  - Theft
  - Local police not able to help due to jurisdictional boundaries
  - Enforcement not able to cope with the number of cases.
  - Boat owners renting out boats without appropriate training or registration
- Strategies/Goals
  - Provide incentives for Law enforcement of the bay use regulations
  - Business owners must take responsibility for rentals

### ***Navigational Hazards***

- Issues
  - Navigational dangers related to poor navigational skills and lack of information to anchorage residents
  - Anchors coming loose
  - Boat traffic
  - Improper sailing/use of boats
  - Leads to loss of business to the county and businesses
- Strategies/Goals
  - Monitors needed for mooring field. Current guests to take mooring classes as prerequisite.

### ***RBRA Operations and Finance***

- Issues
  - Difficulty of acquiring permits for charter companies and businesses

- Onerous obligations/rules re: licensing, drug testing, timed \_\_\_\_\_, outlaws
- Inaccuracies in statistics of abandoned boats.
- Disposal costs unnecessarily high
- Cost of improvements to be borne by all other bays (Tiburon, Belvedere)
- Shared responsibility for services/maintenance

### **Regulatory**

- Strategies/Goals
  - RBRA needs to follow up on issues raised by the business community (statistics), and enforce existing laws
  - Insure boats

### **Facilities/Amenities**

- Issues
  - Garbage disposal
  - Showers
  - Safety during storms
- Strategies/Goals
  - Create mooring fields with specific capacity, with regulations that can be monitored with residents and county cooperating to reduce the costs.
    - Regulations, equipment
    - Tenants/guests
    - Categories of residents
  - Create expanded dinghy docks and other facilities for seasonal guests or new residents with time regulated use and enforcement.
  - Schoomaker
    - De-cluster anchorage community from facility expansion
    - Business community is at risk financially and in terms of safety
    - Making private business viable in the anchorage area

## **General Q&A**

- How to preserve anchorage culture?
- Improve/maintain navigable waters of the Bay
- Concern that RBRA is misusing federal admiralty law to seize property
- Establish a mooring field, preference for seaworthy/habitable vessels, guest moorings
- Great support in the community for live-aboards
- Providing basic services should be a priority (showers, trash, etc)
- Lack of space in Bay to anchor safely, illegal moorings take up too much space
- RBRA is taking people's homes, intention is for profit
- Legal vs. lawful