

## **DRAFT OUTLINE**

### **General Options And their Opportunities and Challenges For the future direction of Richardson's Bay**

**Enforce: Remove unoccupied marine debris, unattended moorings and floats, enforce vessel registration; enforce/remove unoccupied vessels; enforce time restrictions.**

Opportunity to:

Reduce volume of safety and environmental hazards and debris

Reduce number of vessels

Eventually reduce enforcement-related resources after direction has been underway for a period of time and compliance becomes more the norm than the exception

Challenges:

Potential for continued influx of new vessels of varying conditions

Culture and social change from historical experiences, now and into the future, for individuals and community

Identification and acceptance of alternative living/storage arrangements for persons on the bay

Financial implications of alternative living/storage arrangements

Attracting support from human/social services, other organizations, and communities to assist persons in making the financial and social transition from extended stay on a vessel in an anchorage

Obtaining local and state resources required to implement direction

Management, legal, fiscal, field, and enforcement resources needed to bring about compliance

Modify:

**Modify/establish conditions and requirements for vessels, such as:**

- **Type of ground tackle used to secure vessels (i.e. anchors or moorings)**
- **Where vessels may and may not be anchored or moored**
- **The duration that vessels may be anchored or moored**
- **Number of vessels that can be anchored or moored (per person and/or overall)**
- **Rules for varying types of vessels (e.g. recreational, commercial, storage, liveaboard, cruisers)**
- **And/or other requirements for vessels to be in/stay in the anchorage area (for example: sewage disposal; seaworthiness; current registration)**

Opportunity to:

- Minimize risks of unsecure vessels with more secure ground tackle such as moorings
- Reduce risks to eelgrass growth through use of moorings that remain in place rather than anchors that can drift and drag
- Maintain or reduce number of vessels and/or control influx of additional vessels
- Engage stakeholders and persons with specialized experience and/or knowledge in crafting conditions and requirements, and supporting compliance
- Seek the attention and resources of human/social services (non-profit, government, faith community, etc.) to offer avenues of assistance to persons with needs who are living in the anchorage
- Use attrition as a means of managing the number of vessels that may anchor/moor
- Reduce impacts/concerns about impacts on environment, water quality, safety, and community services
- Have efficient and effective management when boundaries are set and enforced
- Set separate areas for vessels depending on duration of stay
- Roll out conditions and requirements incrementally or collectively

Challenges:

- If anchors continue in use, continued concerns about affects on eelgrass growth, and vessels breaking loose and creating safety hazards for persons and property
- Resources needed to transition from anchors to moorings
- Resources needed to monitor and enforce compliance
- Access to goods and services – private or public - for persons on vessels
- Finding resources (financial, organizational, etc.) to assist persons with needs who live/are living on the anchorage
- Developing conditions and requirements under which vessels are on the bay, given the wide range of stakeholder perspectives
- Feelings by and for persons who are accustomed to and/or prefer current arrangements
- How modifications match or conflict with BCDC and RBRA adopted Special Area Plan and RBRA ordinances
- Management, legal, fiscal, field, and enforcement resources needed to develop and implement conditions and requirements, bring about compliance, and support continued enforcement
- Culture change for the future from current and historical experiences

**Eliminate any anchorage of any kind (Not feasible?)**

Opportunity to:

Over time, move to minimal resources needed for management

Challenges:

Bay contains area currently classified as a federal anchorage area

Impacts on visiting vessels

Significant culture change

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