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**Cc:** Malcolm, James <jmalcolm@marincounty.org>  
**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Proposed RBRA Mooring Field

Dear Supervisor Moulton-Peters,

Further to my email and statement on the public record on August 23, 2021, I am writing you again as my representative Marin County Supervisor as well as Chair of RBRA and member of BCDC.

I respectfully continue to adamantly oppose the proposal regarding moorings in Richardson Bay and have offered you mitigative measures in an effort to bridge the enormous gap of issues that exist as a result of a lack of public outreach and stakeholder outreach. Please refer to my previous letter and

The proposed location, placement and scope of the mooring balls is dangerous; it is unnecessarily creating/manufacturing a significant maritime and public safety/welfare situation on the water and potentially on land that is entirely avoidable. You are directly party to an extremely negligent and harmful manufactured problem that is, unfortunately, viewed as a dereliction of duty. This is not to be taken lightly. I implore you to please abandon this plan and course correct to a viable solution.

I also encourage you and your colleagues on RBRA and BCDC to suspend this direction until such time as you can firmly educate yourselves on maritime safety, wind, current and tidal forces **in this specific area** - it is a kill zone. This is also precisely the area that is chronically used by US Sailing for temporary start and finish pins and race courses. I will also note that the area is so volatile, it took 3 tries for a professional and seasoned race committee experts to set the pin in that location last weekend - a relatively mild weather weekend.

I further note that there is a ludicrous idea to allow up to 65 foot yachts in that area. Think about this...this is large and not a day cruiser. Where are these crews coming to shore? The draft on these size yachts will also stir up quite a lot. If you look around our marinas, the average sized sail boat is c. 35-42 feet. The largest fleet on the Bay are the J105's and they are about 35. Once you get up to 65 feet, you are looking (likely) at a motor yacht here in the Bay with an additional tender behind. For reference, the Freda B is 80 feet and requires a lot of servicing and crew. This tells me that these mooring balls are intended to attract large yachts into the Bay and these are NOT TEMPORARY. Yachts in the 65 foot length and larger have about a 7 1/2 foot draft - I would argue that the ill conceived location of these mooring balls cut this too close if you factor in wind, tide, wave action and current. This location gets hit hard by the most dangerous storms that come out of the south and generate wave action, flooding and have been known to sink boats.

Please place these comments on the public record. Thank you in advance.

Regards,  
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