

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of April 13, 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Malcolm, Harbormaster
Subject: Harbormaster's Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period Feb 9, 2023-April 7, 2023

Vessel metrics.

48	Number of vessels in anchorage excluding transient vessels
0	Number of transient vessels in anchorage
3*	Number of floating homes
51	Total Number of vessels, transient vessels and floating homes
48	Number of vessels inside the Eel Grass Protection zone

*One floating home is sunk in unincorporated Marin County waters, salvage efforts are ongoing

Significant events:

Several significant weather events in February and March posed a significant threat to residents and vessels on the anchorage. No personal injuries or casualties were sustained, and a small number of vessels were lost or went adrift.

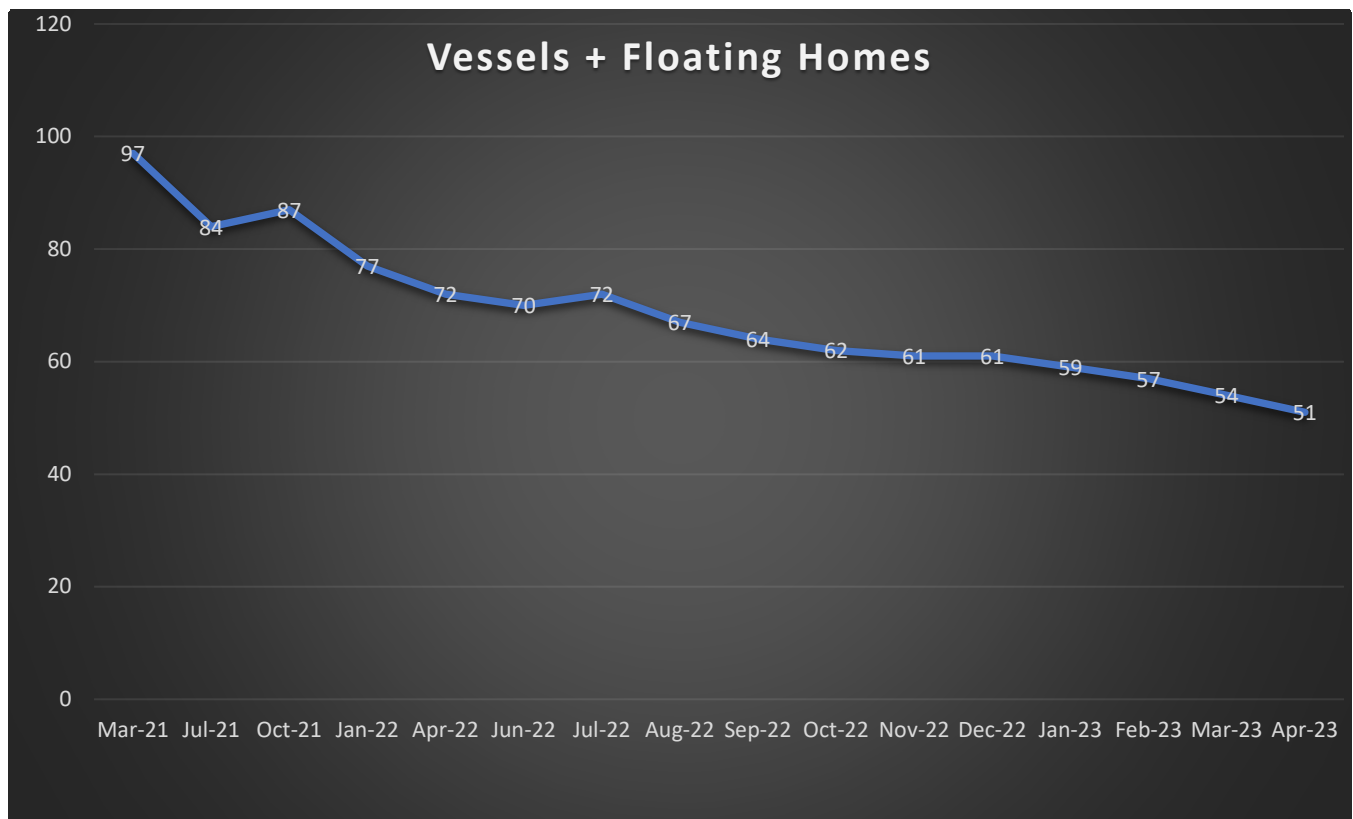
Two vessels sunk: Two vessels were disposed of from the anchorage during this period. One 30 foot no-name sail vessel went adrift during a February weather event and grounded on Strawberry Point with nobody aboard. The vessel was removed and disposed of.

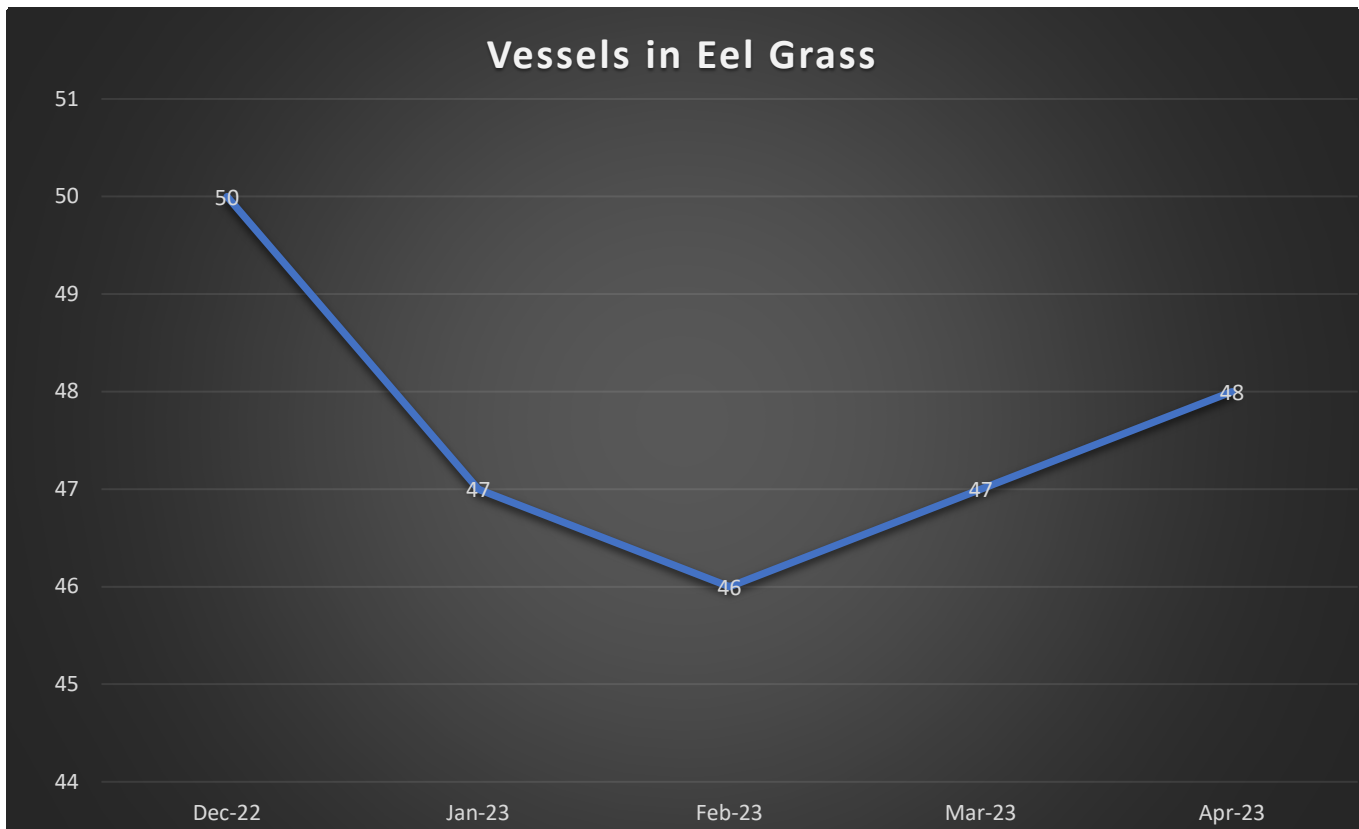
A second vessel, a 26 foot sail vessel was sailed off the anchorage to a Sausalito Marina during a March storm and the owner/occupant left the vessel for personal safety during the storm. The vessel subsequently sustained damage during the storm and sank at the dock. The vessel was contracted to be salvaged by the City of Sausalito and subsequently disposed of at their request.

Adrift S/Vs: Two vessels went adrift during a March weather event. A 55 foot sail vessel and a 40 foot sail vessel both went adrift and crashed into separate local marinas in Sausalito. The 40 foot sail vessel was unoccupied at the time of the storm. The owner of the vessel was contacted and has retrieved the vessel and re-located it to a marina outside of the SF Bay.

The 55 foot sail vessel was occupied at the time of the storm. The occupant sustained no injuries during the storm or during its collision with the dock. The occupant is elderly and is unable to control or operate the vessel without assistance. After the storm the vessel was properly attached to the dock it crashed into, remained there for 9 days, was then towed back out to the anchorage and placed back at anchor with its occupant aboard.

Night Heron: The Night Heron, or “Lifeboat” was 36 foot floating home and one of the four floating homes in unincorporated Marine County waters. The home was the only floating home with a full-time occupant. The floating home went adrift during a March weather event and grounded approximately six feet from the Waldo Point Harbor floating home community. The occupant was onboard during the event and sustained no physical injuries. Attempts were made after the storm by persons from the anchorage to raise and salvage the floating home with no success. Through the efforts of discussions and coordination by myself and Executive Director Gross with the owner/ Occupant of the floating home, they agreed to surrender the home to the RBRA as a voluntary turn in and recovery, salvage, and disposal efforts are ongoing with an anticipated completion date of April 11, 2023.





*Substantial southerly storms in the month of March hampered efforts to move vessels out of Eel Grass Protection Zone. Efforts toward moving vessels south continues.