

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of December 8, 2022

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period Nov 10- Dec 8, 2022

Vessel metrics.

59	Number of vessels in anchorage excluding transient vessels
3	Number of transient vessels in anchorage
4	Number of floating homes
66	Total Number of vessels, transient vessels and floating homes as of Dec 2, 2022
47	Number of vessels inside the Eel Grass Protection zone

Significant events:

Two new vessels arrived in the anchorage during this period. One vessel was brought in in as a "replacement" vessel for a resident of the anchorage. The second vessel was imported by a frequent vessel importer. I am working with both owners for the eventual removal of the vessels.

Two vessels sunk on the anchorage since the last HM report.

CF3367AL, a 32 ft Chris Craft, was brought to the anchorage in March of 2022 and was unoccupied both since its arrival, and at the time of its sinking. I attempted to work with the vessel owner, who is not a resident of the anchorage, for its removal citing the dangers of leaving an unoccupied vessel on the anchorage, as well as being a violation of the RBRA code; but they refused to remove the vessel, and on November 7, 2022 the vessel sank. The vessel owner claimed they would arrange for the floating of the vessel but failed to do so. Through the summary abatement process, RBRA claimed responsibility for the

wreck, commercial salvage was hired, and the vessel is 90% disposed of at the Army Corps of Engineers.

Total abatement cost unknown, but approaching \$20,000

M/V Min Flicka, an approximately 50 foot wooden motor vessel has been on the anchorage for many years, owner claims being present for 20+ years. On November 14, 2022, the owner of the Min Flicka brought in a new vessel of similar size and claimed that his intentions were to move to his new vessel and surrender the Min Flicka due to the fact that he was having difficulty keeping up with the rate in which the Min Flicka would take on water using his installed pumps. I expressed my concern to him about this situation and encouraged expediency of the surrender in order to prevent the vessel from sinking.

On the evening of November 28, 2022, the vessel sank with nobody aboard while side tied to the owners new vessel. Anchor outs claimed they would raise the vessel on their own and surrender it to the RBRA at the Army Corps of Engineers Debris yard. They were able to accomplish this on the overnight low tide on 29 November, and the vessel was left abandoned partially out of the water on the boat ramp at the Army Corps Debris Yard in Sausalito.

On the morning of November 30, 2022, I was apprised of the presence of an unexploded WWII grenade on the vessel. Appropriate authorities were notified (USCG, USACE, Sausalito PD, who assumed incident command). The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (OED) team from Travis AFB was dispatched, but were unable to locate the device, partly due to the partially submerged state of the vessel.

Arrangements were made to pull the vessel from the water with heavy equipment so that all compartments of the vessel could be accessed for a complete search for the device. On December 2, 2022 the vessel was successfully pulled from the water and a search was conducted by University of California, Berkely Police Department Bomb Squad. The grenade was not found, but a complete search was accomplished of all compartments that could contain the device. RBRA vessel abatement contractor was comfortable with the extent of the search and agreed to move forward with disposal of the wreck which will take place sometime the week of December 5, 2022.

Total abatement cost unknown at this time.

