



## **Waterfront Safety Committee September 29, 2019**

### **Minutes**

Attendance:

Craig Brigham, Jim Coughlin, Gordon Fuller, Bill Haverty, Bill Paige, Jeffrey Wilt

#### **I. Voluntary registration process for watercraft stored on NVC property:**

The committee reviewed the process for Summer 2019. We believe over 100 registration stickers were distributed and that most individuals made the voluntary payment of \$5. It appears the paperwork for those registrations is missing. If located, the committee plans to create a database reflecting the information gathered.

#### **II. Implementation of watercraft storage rules**

The committee reviewed usage of the wharf-float and the new out-float. There is a consensus that most boaters made an effort to adhere to the rules. There were 3 or 4 chronic "rule-breakers." The committee thanked Assistant Wharfmasters Craig Brigham and Jim Coughlin for their efforts in moving non-compliant dinghies to the out-float. All agreed that their actions greatly contributed to the success in limiting the congestion at the wharf-float. All agree that compliance will increase over time.

The committee discussed how best to manage individuals not following the watercraft storage rules. Ideas discussed for next year include:

- a "violation tag" that could be attached to watercraft.
- moving repeat offenders to the NYC float (this is only appropriate for NYC members with permission from NYC)
- moving repeat offenders to the shore
- charging a fee for watercraft repeatedly moved to the out-float
- moving repeat offenders to their boat mooring (we will have to review insurance implications)

#### **III. Liability coverage for volunteers moving water craft**

The committee asked the chairman to clarify liability coverage for our volunteer wharf team. Do we need to update signage and the registration forms to reflect that watercraft owners use NVC facilities at their own risk and that, by using facilities, agree to follow posted Village rules?

#### **IV. Upgrade out-float**

The committee discussed the need for upgrades to include: installation of a more effective rub-rail; padding for the metal corner plates; and installation of additional cleats. Gordon Fuller and Bill Paige will develop a budget for these items when the float is out of the water.

#### **V. Mandatory registration and fee**

The committee renewed its request for a mandatory process with fee for the 2020 season. The committee further asked Bill Paige to outline the cost associated with maintaining the wharf-float and out-float.

#### **VI. Future discussion topics:**

- Proposed mandatory registration fee for 2020
- Is the fee the same for all watercraft?
- Managing congestion on the north shore beach

#### **VII. Future meetings**

The committee will reconvene as needed or in early 2020.

The meeting adjourned at noon.