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Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 12:45 PM
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Subject: FW: Attn: Harbormaster Curtis Havel

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Greetings,

Last night and this morning I have received a number of emails related to the false narrative that the RBRA is destroying occupied vessels. Attached below is my response to the most recent email. I'm forwarding this example to you so that you know I am receiving these emails, and that I am responding promptly.

And if you haven't seen it yet, please check out today's editorial in the Marin Independent Journal:
<https://www.marinij.com/2021/02/07/editorial-homeless-camp-shouldnt-slow-richardson-bay-plan/>

Please feel free to call me at (415) 971-3919 if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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The Richardson's Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) is a local government agency serving Belvedere, Mill Valley, Tiburon, and unincorporated Southern Marin. RBRA is dedicated to maintaining and improving the navigational waterways, open waters, and shoreline of Richardson's Bay.

From: Havel, Curtis
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Pam Burns-Clair <pamclair@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Attn: Harbormaster Curtis Havel

Hello Mrs. Burns-Clair,

Thank you for taking the time to write. I appreciate your concerns and would like to share some information with you about the Richardson's Bay anchorage and the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency (RBRA).

Did you know that Richardson's Bay is a 72-hour anchorage and not a marina? A marina is where you pay for a berth and receive services such as parking spaces for a vehicle, trash receptacles, electricity and water, and restroom facilities.

An anchorage is where a mariner stops for a limited period of time to rest, re-provision and then carry on. While in an anchorage, it is the mariner's responsibility to maintain their vessel in a ready, seaworthy state so that they are ready to weigh anchor in the case of inclement weather. If the vessel needs repairs, or the mariner need to dispose of trash/sewage, it is expected that they conduct themselves in a responsible manner and pay for these services. The RBRA is neither required nor expected to provide these services.

The RBRA has been focused on removing **unoccupied**, inoperable and unseaworthy vessels located in Richardson's Bay. This work is being done in an effort to proactively manage hazardous conditions in the anchorage. For example, during a wind event this winter, over 20 vessels went adrift, and several vessels sank releasing debris and chemicals into the bay. Fortunately, nobody perished and nobody was seriously injured (although a dog was lost).

The negative impacts of these vessels sinking or going adrift cannot be underestimated. The environmental damage caused from fuels and trash entering the bay can be significant depending upon how much fuel and/or rubbish is on the vessel. Worst of all, a vessel adrift in an uncontrolled manner can collide with other vessels in the anchorage and amplify the cumulative negative impacts described above.

Rather than passively accept that a number of vessels on Richardson's Bay will either go adrift and/or sink at anchor, the RBRA has adopted a Transition Plan that clarifies enforcement priorities on the bay, supports and encourages alternative housing options for vulnerable individuals who want to get off the water, and implements the development of an eelgrass habitat management plan using a public outreach process that will explore how to best protect and enhance the Richardson's Bay ecosystems. Staff is working diligently to proactively manage vessels on Richardson's Bay consistent with the Transition Plan adopted by the RBRA Board of Directors.

I encourage you to read the RBRA's Transition Plan. The intention behind Transition Plan is to make the bay a safer place for everyone, and for the environment. The Transition Plan is online at www.rbra.ca.gov (it's on the front/home page, so it's easy to find).

If you have any questions about the Transition Plan or the RBRA, please feel free to contact me at any time. My direct phone is [\(415\) 971-3919](tel:4159713919). I'm happy to share whatever information I have with you.

Kind Regards,

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Please share also with Richardson Bay Regional Agency

Although we don't live in Sausalito, my husband (who has sailed from that harbor many times) and I are deeply disturbed to hear that you destroyed the boats of the "Anchorouts" and are now trying to get their tent encampment removed. This is a tragic example of class discrimination causing such a divide in our country, and we are aware Marin Co is among the wealthiest in our country. This is UNACCEPTABLE and this boat destruction and discrimination must cease, and a financial decision must be reached to help house and restore dignity to these community members!

Sincerely,

Pam & Bob Clair, Sonoma

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