

Zoom Meeting, 8 Nov 2021

Mr. Stephen Land, Newport Harbormaster
Christopher McNally, Esq.,
Jeff Schuldheiss, Commodore CHNYC
Kim Lyons, CHNYC facilities Manager

Take away: By May 2022, CHNYC will receive permits from the City of Newport, North Coast Mooring Program, with registered authorization for three moorings with permanent ownership status.

Background: Mr. Stephen Land is new to his position as Newport Harbormaster and is a huge proponent of promoting mooring usage saying, “a vacant mooring is a mistake”. Mr. Land likes to error on the side of boaters and public access and has set a goal to access and quantify all moorings status’ within his jurisdiction. He also acknowledged that little to no progress has been made North of the bridge yet he maintains as extremely positive expectation and promised everything will work out (for CHNYC). He also expressed his appreciation for CHNYC taking this initiative at this time adding this is, “perfect timing.”

A question remains over whether we will be a private mooring status or Riparian status. This impacts whether we can charge for the use of the moorings since a private mooring cannot be used to collect fees. The question of our status will be forwarded to the Newport City Solicitor for resolution following a thorough review by the Harbormaster’s Office. Of note, current mooring guidance is silent on one being able to charge fees for Riparian mooring usage. Mr. Land suggested these combined actions may set a new precedent and that our unique situation WRT historical and current association with Federal property may be grounds to create a new, sub-category of mooring status and associated rights.

Harbormaster requested current mooring locations and will personally view our moorings to fully qualify their current locations.

We will register a permit as part of the North Coast Mooring Program and pay annual fees IAW the weight category of each mooring. We will provide annual maintenance inspection documents to insure proper function of the moorings.

Note: A one-time upgrade in “gear” is authorized. It is good that we currently have both 500lb and 1000lb moorings. The 500lb moorings can be upgraded to a 650lb moorings. The 1000lb mooring is maximum weight.

If revitalization starts on the old hospital property, our moorings will remain at our near their current locations.

Background: this meeting was precipitated by research by Sayer, Reagan, & Thayer who facilitated contact with the Newport Harbormaster to engage in a Zoom conference to find and/or create mutually agreeable conditions between all parties to confirm CHNYC mooring historic and future ownership.

A PHONCON occurred 10/15/21 between:

- Mr. Christopher McNully, Esq., Sayer, Reagan & Thayer
- Lt Col (USAF Ret) Jeff Schuldheiss, Commodore CHNYC
- Capt (USN Ret.) Kim Lyons, CHNYC Facilities Manager

Notes:

- Water belongs to the City of Newport
 - No one is worrying about what is happening North of the bridge.
 - Good to work ahead of any transfer of interest in the old hospital property.
 - Jurisdiction of City of Newport but they manage all the moorings differently hence the new HM interest to quantify all moorings
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