



## PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.  
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium  
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Parks and Waterfront Commission

### Agenda

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair).
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary).
3. **Land Acknowledgement:** The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Chair).
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for May 8, 2024 (Chair).\*
6. **Public Comment.**
7. **Chair's Report.**
8. **Director's Report** (Erickson): PRW Divisions (Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget; Grants).
9. **Presentation: Update on Cesar Chavez Park Landfill Issues** (Kawczynska).\*
10. **Discussion/Action: Update on Cal Sailing Club 6 berth slips on J-Dock** (Kawczynska).\*
11. **Discussion: Recent Community Survey of City needs and potential ballot measures for November 2024** (Ferris).<sup>1</sup>
12. **Discussion/Action: create subcommittee on new dog parks in Berkeley** (Kawczynska).
13. **Information Reports:** The 2024 Update to Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, public process memo; Mental Health Services Act Community Meeting Flyer; Recent PRW Council Reports.\*
14. **Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.
15. **Communications.\*** Letters (68) re: PRW Comm to Council re: CIP allocation in FY25-26; PRW Comm to Council re: Nexus Study for Parks Impact Fee; SF Chron John King article on Dogs in Parks; Letters (69) re: Cal Sailing slips at J Dock.
16. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024.
17. **Adjournment.**
  - \* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.
  - \*\* document will be provided at the meeting.

<sup>1</sup> See: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-06-14%20Special%20Item%2002%20Community%20Survey%20Results%20and%20Direction.pdf>

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**MISSION STATEMENT – PARKS AND WATERFRONT:** Reviews and advises the City Council on issues related to all City/public parks, open space, greenery, pools, programs, recreation centers, the Waterfront, and resident camps: their physical conditions, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding; early childhood education programs; and animal care issues in parks.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

<b>Mayor-</b> Gordon Wozniak	<b>District 3 -</b> Gianna Ranuzzi	<b>District 6 -</b>
<b>District 1 -</b> Reichi Lee	<b>District 4 -</b> Erin Diehm	<b>District 7 -</b> Alyssa Hurtado
<b>District 2 -</b> Claudia Kawczynska	<b>District 5 -</b> Brennan Cox	<b>District 8 -</b> Allan Abshez

**Current assignments**

Subcomm on Marina Fund (12-14-2022)  
 Subcomm on dogs and parks (02-08-2023)

Liaison - Civic Center Planning – Erin Diehm  
 Liaison - Civic Arts in Parks – Brennan Cox

## 2024 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Commission Secretary: Roger Miller

Location: Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

Month	Meeting Day and Date (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday per month)	Time	Notes
<b>2024</b>			
<b>January</b>	Wednesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>February</b>	Thursday, February 15	5:30 p.m.	Regular Mtg/Corp Yard Rm
<b>March</b>	Wednesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>April</b>	Wednesday, April 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>May</b>	Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>June</b>	Wednesday, June 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>July</b>	Wednesday, July 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>August</b>	No meeting		
<b>September</b>	Wednesday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>October</b>	Wednesday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>November</b>	Wednesday, November 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>December</b>	No Meeting		
<b>2025</b>			
<b>January</b>	<i>Wednesday, January 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Regular Mtg</i>

**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M., Live Oak Community Ctr, Fireside Room

**Minutes – Draft**

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair). 7pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Present: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Absent: None.
3. **Land Acknowledgement**: The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Chair). (M/S/C to approve agenda and move item 12 (Cal Sailing) to Item 9): Wozniak/Kawczynska/U): Ayes: Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for April 10, 2024 (Chair).\* (M/S/C: ): Ayes: Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez.
6. **Public Comment**. a) Kelley Hammargren, median & park plantings with natives and pollinators.
7. **Chair’s Report**. Community meeting on 5/23 at 5pm re: two Cesar Chavez Park projects (perimeter pathway and new restroom) (Kawczynska); Dog rules in other communities (Kawczynska); Cesar Chavez Park Off Leash Area sign (Kawczynska); Oak tree replanted at 600 Addison (Diehm).
8. **Director’s Report** (Erickson): PRW Divisions (Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget; Grants).
9. **Discussion: Update on Cal Sailing Club’s 6 berth slips on J-dock** (Kawczynska). Item was discussed. Public Comment: a) Nicholas Waton; b) Jim McGrath; c) Shreyas Chand ceded to Nicholas; d) Charlene Woodcox; e) Robert Ofsevit ceded to Nicholas.
10. **Discussion/Action: Update on FY25-26 PRW Capital Projects submittals and commission recommendations to Council** (Erickson).\* Item was discussed. (M/S/C to recommend Council allocate capital funding of \$2.4M in FY2025 and 2026: Wozniak/Kawczynska/U). Ayes: Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez.
11. **Discussion: Update on Sports Field Permit Fee Increases in FY2025** (Erickson). Item was discussed.
12. **Discussion/Action: Recommendation to Council to allocate funding for a Nexus Study for a Future Development Impact Fee for Parks** (Abshez/Wozniak).\* (M/S/C to

approve recommendation and designate Abshez, Kawczynska, and Wozniak to present PRW Commission at City Council meeting re: budget: Cox; Hurtado) Ayes: Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez.

**13. Discussion:** Update on Cesar Chavez Park Landfill (Kawczynska). Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Jim McGrath.

**14. Information:** Recent Council Reports.\*

**15. Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.

**16. Communications.\*** a) Cliff Pred email, 2024-04-10; b) EAFC Ltr, 2024-04-15; c) Commercial Dog Walkers in Cesar Chavez Park (Kawczynska); d) Berkeley to plant new trees at Indian Rock, Berkeleyside, 05-02-2024.

**17. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

**18. Adjournment.** 9:00pm.

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\*\* document will be provided at the meeting

- Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 14
- Public speakers: 6

**\*Note:** For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for May 8, 2024 on the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission webpage at the following link online:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-and-waterfront-commission>

## Agenda Item 9: Update on Cesar Chavez Park Landfill Issues

**To:** Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska, Chair

**Date:** June 12, 2024

**Re:** Background information regarding the landfills at Cesar Chavez Park and the Albany Bulb

**Berkeley's Public Works Department**, that is responsible for maintaining the landfill at Cesar Chavez Park, has a [web page](#) for the methane collection system "improvement" project. You can find information including an off agenda [memo](#) (the 4/18/24 one is good for background information specifically about the methane collection) and maps. Their latest [memo](#), "Update on Environmental Testing at former City landfill" from 5/24/24 covers the radiation testing project.

**The City of Albany** provides updates about radiation testing work to be performed at the Albany Bulb on their [site](#). Albany noted that "The City moved quickly to submit its investigation work plan to the Regional Board and received approval for the plan on May 15, 2024. The first phase includes gamma surveys that will begin in late June and will take about a week to complete. " They also provide these related documents specific to Albany's Bulb:

[Letter from the SFBRWQCB - Concurrence with Site Investigation Work Plan, 5/15/2024](#)

[Site Investigation Work Plan at the Albany Bulb, 2024](#)

[Letter from the SFBRWQB, 1/18/2024](#)

**Recent media coverage includes the following:**

[Regulators reject Berkeley's plan that would have allowed for 'excessively high' radiation at park](#), Los Angeles Times, 6/4/2024

[Berkeley, Albany to test popular bayside parks for evidence of uranium and DDT, - San Francisco Chronicle](#), 6/1/2024

[Radioactive waste at Cesar Chavez Park? Berkeley to test former landfill site.](#) – Berkeleyside, May 29, 2024

[Map shows where radioactive waste may have been dumped in Bay Area parks](#) - San Francisco Chronicle, 5/14/2024

[Revelations of possible radioactive dumping around Bay Area trigger new testing at parks](#) - Los Angeles Times, 5/14/2024

[Berkeley fined \\$130,000 for air quality violations at landfill beneath Cesar Chavez Park](#) – Berkeleyside, April 4, 2024

**City Manager Memos to the Berkeley City Council**

[Update on Environmental Testing at former City landfill](#)

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-24%20-%20Update%20on%20Environmental%20Testing%20at%20former%20City%20landfill.pdf>

[History and update on former Berkeley landfill environmental compliance](#)

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04-18%20%20History%20and%20update%20on%20former%20Berkeley%20landfill%20environmental%20compliance.pdf>

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Taplin

Subject: J-Dock Community Service and Recreational Uses

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution designating Cal Sailing Club's historic J-Dock berths for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses in perpetuity, and ~~refer~~direct the City Manager to retain ~~six~~two slips at the terminus of the J-Dock for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff timeTBD.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The nonprofit Cal Sailing Club has operated a community based sailing and windsurfing organization open to all for many years, run by volunteers, without city staff or financial outlays from the city, in contrast to community sailing organizations elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond that receive direct public operating subsidies. Cal Sailing Club also receives grant funding from the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for safe boating training.<sup>1</sup> However, CSC has long received waivers for annual berth fees to utilize the J-Docks at the Berkeley Marina.

There are currently several major capital projects underway at the Berkeley Marina, including the replacement of D & E Docks, which will result in limited space for slipholders who rely on these docks.<sup>2</sup> However, the J Dock has been critical for sailing instruction programs that Cal Sailing Club provides, ~~because it provides docks that are accessible for 40' long sailboats to dock, as illustrated below. It is critical that the J Dock remain accessible to Cal Sailing Club for its nonprofit water recreation programming.~~ Cal Sailing Club has utilized the se J Dock berths (numbers 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 398) for 50 years because it enables an "open water" approach for departing and docking with sails under any wind direction-conditions, with minimal risk of collision with other berthed boats. While it will be necessary to relocate other slipholders during repairs to other docks, the outermost slips of the J-Dock can still be retained for Cal Sailing Club with no impact to other users.

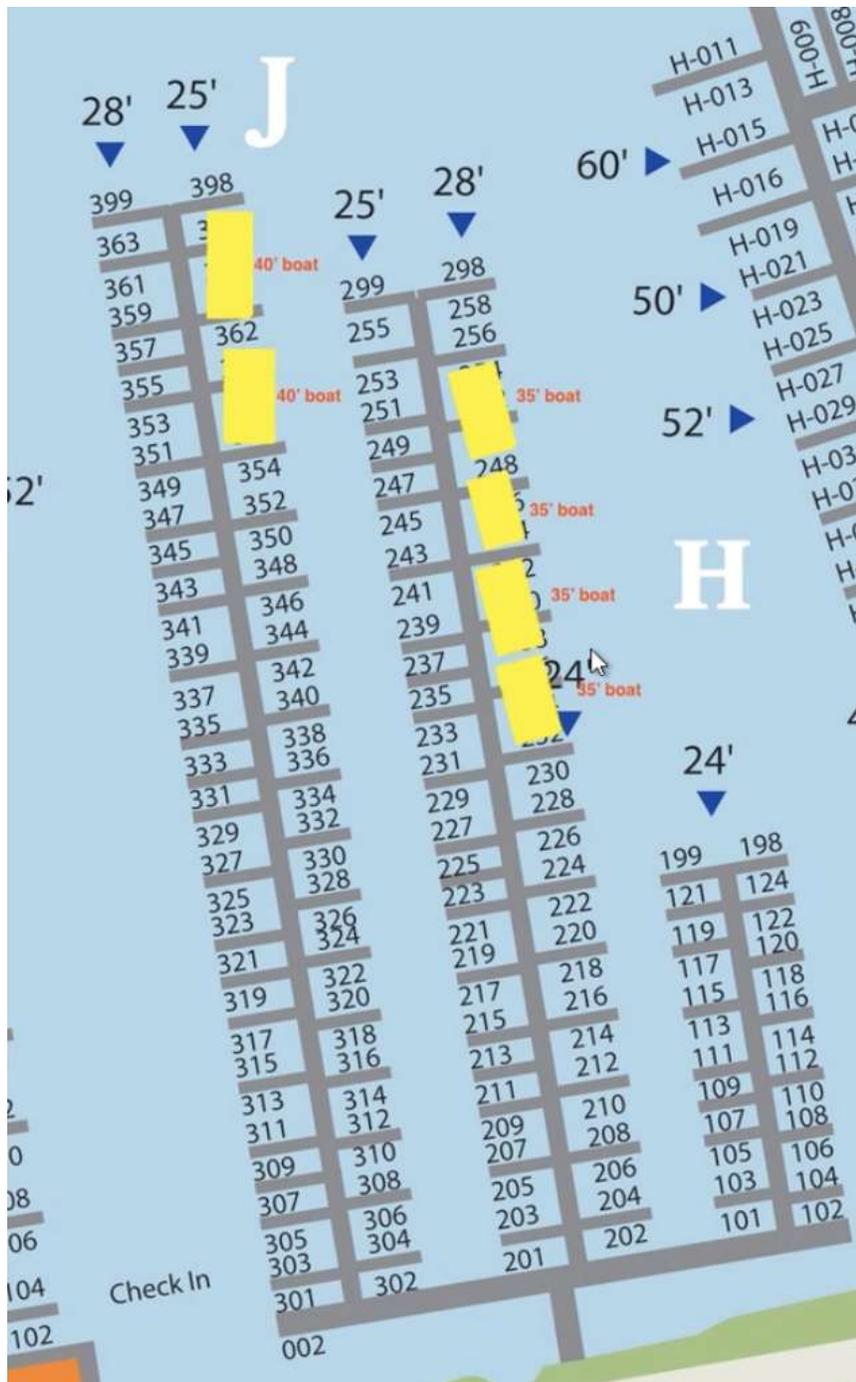
~~Due to disruption from the D & E Dock Replacement project, it may not be possible to fully reserve the J-Dock for community service and recreational education uses until~~

<sup>1</sup> [https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28817](https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28817)

<sup>2</sup> Berkeley Waterfront CIP Projects 2008-Present. (July 20, 2023). *City Manager Off-Agenda Memo*: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-07-20%20BerkeleyWaterfront%20CIP%20-%20Off-Agenda.pdf>

| ~~such capital projects are completed. However,~~ it remains essential that such uses receive priority for slips that are ideal for open water approaches.





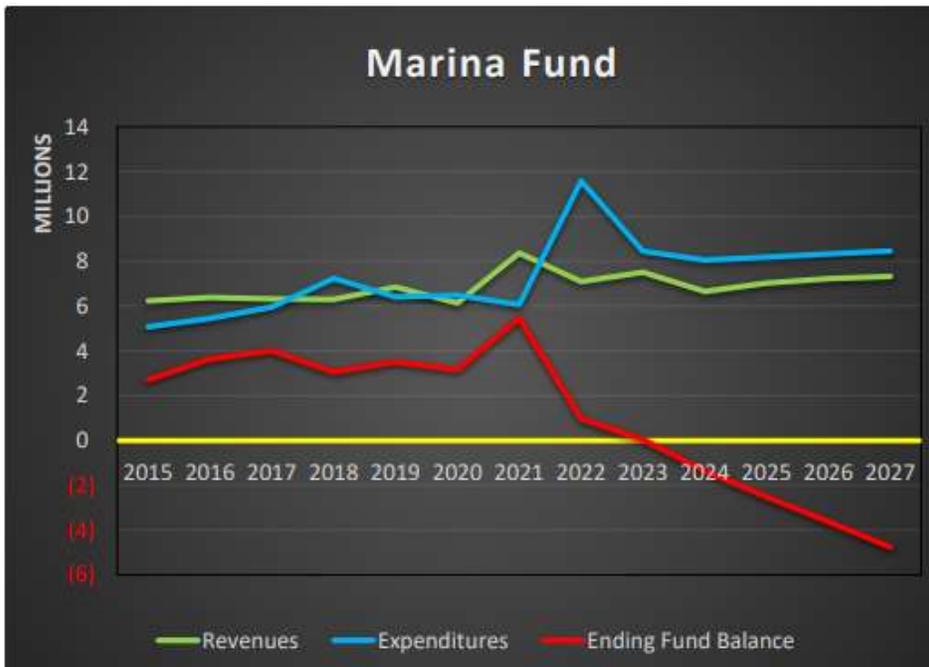
[CSC's Six J-Dock Slips](#)

*J-Dock Map. Courtesy: Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront*

It is important to underscore that the fee waivers for CSC have been a net revenue-positive investment for the Berkeley Marina because many Club members have gone on to purchase their own boats and pay slip fees to dock in the Marina. In 2022, CSC

estimated that current and former Club members generated \$125,000 in annual slip fee revenue, far exceeding the cost of the Club’s berth fee waiver.<sup>3</sup>

Lacking a permanent and sustainable revenue source, the Berkeley Marina Fund is in a projected operating deficit as of Fiscal Year 2024<sup>4</sup> which has impacted the City’s general fund and capital budget. The City is developing a new Waterfront Specific Plan<sup>5</sup> to better align ongoing repair and future uses, such as an electric Bay Ferry operated by the Water Emergency Transportation Authority, with sustainable revenue generation. ~~For example, various repairs and long-anticipated rehabilitation of the Municipal Pier would increase revenue from slipholders who are currently unable to dock at the Marina.~~<sup>6</sup>



2022 Marina Fund projections. (see footnote 3)

Retaining free, nonprofit recreational education uses at the Berkeley Marina is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

<sup>3</sup> E-mail Communication with District 2 Council Office. (March 21, 2024)

<sup>4</sup> PRW Budget Presentation (April 28, 2022). <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/PRW%20Budget%20Presentation%20FY23-FY24%20Revised.pdf#page=12>

<sup>5</sup> Draft Waterfront Specific Plan (November 2, 2023): <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/WSP-DRAFT-2023-11-02.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Raguso, E. (9 Aug., 2022). City secures \$15M state earmark to improve Berkeley Marina. *Berkeleyside*. Retrieved March 25, 2024 from <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2022/08/09/berkeley-marina-15-million-state-money-pier-ferry-harbor-dredging-waterfront>

**BACKGROUND**

In the City of Berkeley's General Plan, the Open Space and Recreation Element (adopted in 2002)<sup>7</sup> includes Policy OS-7, "Serving Disadvantaged Populations":

*Within the context of open space resource allocations for new or expanded facilities, give high priority to providing additional facilities for populations that are disadvantaged or underserved.*

**Actions:**

- A. *Ensure that park planning processes consider the needs of low-income residents and residents with limited English.*
- B. *Ensure that park facilities and recreational activities **are available at low costs to low-income residents** [emphasis added] and accessible by public transportation.*
- C. *Ensure that new open space, recreational, or cultural uses are compatible with the other vital community priorities for disadvantaged populations in Berkeley.*

For decades, Cal Sailing Club has provided youth program events serving Berkeley Youth Alternatives and low-income youth, plus area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts (for earning the sailing merit badge). According to the organization, CSC currently provides:

- **2500+**: total number of free rides per year that have been provided to the public for decades now, giving visitors aged 5 and up superb views of the Golden Gate and the Berkeley waterfront during our monthly Open Houses from April to November.
- **\$90,000** in estimated annual Value of Presence in Marina or Community Service for these free introductory sails provided to the general public and diversity groups.
- **1,100**: annual active memberships.
- **19,026**: number of members since 2009.
- **\$1.33**: Average daily cost for full membership. Fee is waived if a member contributes additional volunteer hours.
- **54.4%** of new members self-identified as other than White in the last 12 months as of November 2023
- **2,942**: lessons given last year in sailing and windsurfing.
- **\$45,000** grant from California Department of Boating and Waterways every year to teach Boating & Water Sports Safety.
- **7,126**: estimated area in square miles from which CSC draws members.
- **\$126,793**: annual slip fees in 2022, paid into Berkeley's Marina Fund by current or former CSC members (this number varies from year to year).

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<sup>7</sup> Open Space and Recreation Element:

[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/08\\_Open%20Space%20and%20Recreation%20Element-FINAL.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/08_Open%20Space%20and%20Recreation%20Element-FINAL.pdf)

On March 13, 2024, Berkeley's Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission received a draft staff recommendation for an updated Berth Fee Waiver Policy, which would establish qualifications and an application process for organizations to receive annual berth fee waivers in exchange for offering community services free to the public.<sup>8</sup>

The draft proposal included the following qualifications:

- a. *The organization must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*
- b. *The organization must conduct its primary baseline activities on a regular and ongoing basis.*
- c. *The primary baseline activities of the organization must involve a "water-related activity" (in order to be consistent with uses permitted by the State tideland trust guidelines).*
- d. *The organization must provide Community Service, which is defined as additional water-related activities provided at no charge to the general public that are over and above their primary baseline activities. Examples include free access to their programs and equipment at City special events. Such Community Service must be pre-approved in writing by City staff.*
- e. *The value of the annual Community Service must be one of the following two requirements: (a) at least \$10,000 per year or (b) at least twice the value of the requested annual berth fee waiver, whichever is greater. Each organization shall provide an explanation and calculation of how their Community Service complies with this section at the following reporting times: a) the initial berth fee waiver request, b) the subsequent yearly report, and c) at each four-year renewal.*
- f. *Per the current berth slip procedures at the Berkeley Marina, each organization that receives a berth fee waiver must have a permit to berth, insurance, and registration.*

Additionally, qualifying organizations would be required to "promote ethnic and cultural diversity" in order to qualify, under the following criteria:

- a. *Membership policy and practices.*
- b. *Recruitment strategy.*
- c. *Outreach to under-represented populations.*
- d. *Mission statement, if any.*

Cal Sailing Club has previously qualified for this waiver program annually.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

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<sup>8</sup> March 13, 2024 PRW Commission Agenda: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-agendas/PRW%20Comm%20Agenda%20-%202024-03-13.pdf#page=13>

J-Dock Recreational Uses

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTACT PERSON

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Council District 2

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CAL SAILING CLUB'S HISTORIC J-DOCK SLIPS IN BERKELEY MARINA FOR SAFETY TRAINING FOR BOATING ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND RECREATIONAL EDUCATION USES

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Marina is a treasured public facility, developed as the Berkeley Yacht Harbor in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration, which provides recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Cal Sailing Club's 50-year unique J-Dock open water location provides incomparable access for sailboats to depart and dock under sail in any wind direction ~~the J-Dock provides incomparable access for sailboats to depart and dock in open water under any wind conditions~~; and

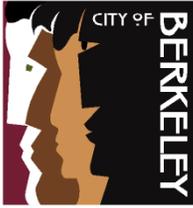
WHEREAS, the nonprofit Cal Sailing Club has provided sailing instruction programs and low-income youth programs for free, with membership available at low or no cost to any member of the public, ~~with open access approaches for sailboats at the J-Dock for 50 years~~; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space and Recreation Element of City of Berkeley's General Plan, adopted in 2002, commits the city to "[e]nsure that park facilities and recreational activities are available at low costs to low-income residents and accessible by public transportation"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley and the State of California are investing unprecedented sums in various capital projects to revitalize the Berkeley Marina and preserve legacy recreational uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the historic the J-Dock slips (numbers 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 398) at the Berkeley Marina shall be designated for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses, upon the completion of the D & E Dock Replacement project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event of future emergencies or other extenuating circumstances, ~~these community service and recreational education~~ uses shall remain the highest priority for the designated J-Dock slips.



Office of the City Manager

May 31, 2024

To: Commission Secretaries

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager 

Subject: 2024 Update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;  
Public Comment Process

The First Draft of the City’s 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update has been released on the City’s website ([www.BerkeleyCA.gov/Mitigation](http://www.BerkeleyCA.gov/Mitigation)). The document’s Executive Summary and Actions are attached to this letter.

As a Commission Secretary, please:

- Include the attached material as an Information Item in your next Commission meeting packet
- If your Commission wishes to provide feedback on the plan, please send comments to [mitigation@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:mitigation@berkeleyca.gov) by July 31.

Plan Content

The LHMP identifies natural hazards in Berkeley and outlines a five-year strategy to further protect Berkeley’s people, buildings, infrastructure, and environment from those hazards. The City began updating the LHMP in early 2023. This update effort will allow Berkeley to apply for federal mitigation grant programs and State funding, and is anticipated to be complete at the end of 2024.

The content of the LHMP is dictated by State and federal requirements and focuses on City actions to reduce risks. In an effort to make the LHMP more relevant and accessible to community members, staff created a new section called “Berkeley Household Risk Reduction” to offer clear steps people can take to mitigate risks in their own households. Staff also wants to acknowledge all the work community members do to contribute to collective risk reduction in Berkeley by taking these actions.

Commission Review

All City Commissions are welcome to review the First Draft Plan. Commissions interested in providing feedback must submit it to [mitigation@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:mitigation@berkeleyca.gov) by July

31, 2024. Staff will review the feedback and incorporate appropriate edits into the Final Draft Plan.

Staff will present on the First Draft Plan at the Planning Commission's June 5 meeting and the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission's June 26 meeting.

#### Community Review

The First Draft Plan has been posted for review and comment on the City website ([www.BerkeleyCA.gov/Mitigation](http://www.BerkeleyCA.gov/Mitigation)). Staff recognize that it is difficult to engage with long documents, such as the LHMP. In an effort to support community review of the materials, the website also has detailed videos about each hazard included in the LHMP. The videos describe each hazard, its impacts, actions the City is taking to reduce risk, and recommend actions that community members can take to reduce risk in their own lives.

Members of the public are invited to provide written feedback on the document until July 31, 2024.

Written feedback can be submitted:

- a) Via email to [mitigation@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:mitigation@berkeleyca.gov)
- b) Via postal mail to:
  - Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services
  - Attn: Mitigation Plan
  - 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - Berkeley, CA 94704
- c) In-person during business hours to the Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services at the address above.
- d) In-person at Public Review Workshops:
  - a. Monday, June 3, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Central Library, in The Commons
  - b. Saturday, July 20, 10 am to 12pm at the Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library

Following the public review process for the First Draft Plan, staff will review community member feedback and will incorporate appropriate edits into the Final Draft Plan. Staff will concurrently develop an outline of edits made based on Commission and community feedback.

The Final Draft Plan will undergo review first by the State of California Office of Emergency Services, and then the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Staff will make changes to the plan as required by these State and federal bodies.

#### Adoption

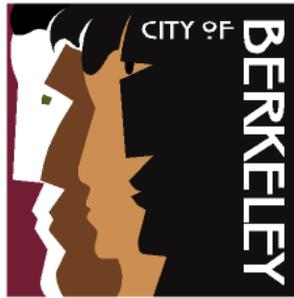
In winter 2024 (est.), staff will post the Final Draft Plan, including any State and federal edits, to the City website. At that time, staff will present the Final Draft Plan to the

Disaster and Fire Safety Commission and the Planning Commission, requesting their recommendations to the Council on the plan. The Planning Commission meeting will also serve as the First Public Hearing for the plan. Staff anticipates bringing the Final Draft Plan to the City Council for review and adoption in December 2024.

Commission Secretaries will serve as their Commissions' point of contact for this project. Please contact Jamie Albrecht, Emergency Services Coordinator (<mailto:jalbrecht@berkeleyca.gov>x5514), with questions.

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# **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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## Executive Summary

Berkeley is a vibrant and unique community. But every aspect of the city – its economic prosperity, social and cultural diversity, and historic character – could be dramatically altered by a disaster. While we cannot prevent natural hazards, we can anticipate their many impacts and take steps to reduce those harms to our infrastructure, environment, and community. We can make sure that the Berkeley that emerges after a disaster continues to reflect our current values.

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) calls for all communities to prepare mitigation plans every five years. City government and community members have been working together for years to address certain aspects of disaster risk – such as strengthening structures and managing vegetation to reduce fire risk. The 2004 Disaster Mitigation Plan formalized this process for the first time, ensuring that these activities continued to be explored and improved over time. The 2014 and 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plans continued this ongoing process to evaluate the risks that different hazards pose to Berkeley, and to engage the community in dialogue to identify the most important steps that the City, its partners, and residents should pursue to reduce these risks. Over many years, this constant focus on disasters has made the Berkeley community much safer.

The City adopted a plan that met the requirements of DMA 2000 on June 22, 2004, and an update in December 2014 and 2019. This is the first draft of the 2024 update to that plan, called the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2024 LHMP).

### ***Plan Purpose***

The 2024 LHMP serves four functions:

1. The 2024 LHMP documents our current understanding of the hazards present in Berkeley, along with our vulnerabilities to each hazard – the ways that the hazard could impact our buildings, infrastructure, community, and environment.
2. The document presents Berkeley City government’s Mitigation Strategy for the coming five years. The Mitigation Strategy reflects a wide variety of both funded and unfunded actions, each of which could reduce the Berkeley’s hazard vulnerabilities.
3. In addition to presenting a City-level mitigation strategy, the document outlines Actions that Berkeley community members can and do take at the household level to reduce their own vulnerabilities to hazards in Berkeley. While these household-level actions are not a requirement of the DMA 2000, including these details makes the plan’s risk assessment more immediately relevant to community members, also acknowledging the work they do to reduce our collective risk.
4. By fulfilling requirements of the DMA 2000, the 2024 LHMP ensures that Berkeley will remain eligible to apply for mitigation grant funding before disasters, and to receive federal mitigation funding and additional State recovery funding after disasters.

## ***Plan Organization***

The 2024 LHMP has been structured to specifically address DMA 2000 requirements as well as recent updates to these requirements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The 2024 LHMP is organized as follows:

### *Element A: Planning Process*

This section of the 2024 LHMP describes the process used to develop the document, including how partners, stakeholders, and the community were engaged. It also addresses the City's approach to monitoring the 2024 LHMP over the five-year planning cycle.

### *Element B: Risk Assessment*

This section of the 2024 LHMP outlines the different hazards present in Berkeley. Analysis of each hazard includes a description, the locations in Berkeley with exposure to the hazard, previous occurrences, probability of the hazard occurring in the future, Berkeley's vulnerabilities, and the potential impacts. This section also now includes actions that individual community members and households can take to reduce their risks.

### *Element C: Mitigation Strategy*

The Mitigation Strategy section first documents the authorities, policies, programs, and resources that the City brings to bear in implementing mitigation actions. Second, this section outlines a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects designed to reduce Berkeley's hazard vulnerabilities. This section also describes how the 2024 LHMP is integrated with other City plans.

### *Element D: Plan Maintenance*

This section describes how public participation in the plan maintenance process will continue as well as the methods and schedule for keeping the plan current. It also provides a detailed description of how the 2024 LHMP will be integrated into other planning mechanisms.

### *Element E: Plan Update*

This section describes how changes in development and priorities have influenced updates to the 2024 LHMP. It also provides a detailed description of Berkeley's progress on the Mitigation Strategy adopted in the 2019 LHMP.

### *Element F: Plan Adoption*

This section will be used to document formal adoption of the Final Draft 2024 LHMP by the Berkeley City Council.

### *Element G: Community Education*

This section is new in the 2024 LHMP and is not a FEMA requirement. It includes information on what the City has done to make the risk assessment and mitigation strategy more applicable and accessible to community members. This section includes links to educational resources.

In the pages that follow, this Executive Summary describes highlights from Element B: *Risk Assessment* and Element C: *Mitigation Strategy*, as well as key updates that were made to the section since the 2019 version.

## Element B: Risk Assessment

Berkeley is exposed to a number of hazards that vary in their intensity and potential impacts. This mitigation plan addresses the following hazards: earthquake, wildland-urban interface (WUI) fire, extreme heat, poor air quality, high wind, rainfall-triggered landslide, tsunami, flood, sea level rise, utility interruption, hazardous materials release, and infectious disease. Each of these hazards can occur independently or in combination, and can also trigger secondary hazards.

Climate change was included as a separate hazard of concern in the previous versions of this plan. However, in this update, climate change has been integrated throughout the plan and into every hazard of concern. Climate change will continue to increase the likelihood and the severity of the hazards outlined in this place.

*Table 1. Summary of Hazard Analysis*

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Severity of Impact</b>
<b>Earthquake</b>	Likely	Catastrophic
<b>Wildland-Urban Interface Fire</b>	Likely	Catastrophic
<b>Extreme Heat</b>	Likely	Moderate to Catastrophic
<b>Poor Air Quality</b>	Likely	Minor
<b>High Wind</b>	Likely	Minor
<b>Rainfall-Triggered Landslide</b>	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic
<b>Tsunami</b>	Possible	Minor to Catastrophic
<b>Floods</b>	Likely	Minor
<b>Sea Level Rise</b>	Likely	Minor to Major
<b>Utility Interruption</b>	Likely	Minor to Major
<b>Hazardous Materials Release</b>	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic
<b>Infectious Disease</b>	Likely	Minor to Catastrophic

## Earthquake

The United States Geological Survey states that there is a 72% probability of one or more M 6.7 or greater earthquakes from 2014 to 2043 in the San Francisco Bay Region. There is a 33% chance that a 6.7 or greater will occur on the Hayward fault system between 2014 and 2043.<sup>1</sup> This means that many Berkeley residents are likely to experience a severe earthquake in their lifetime.

A catastrophic earthquake on the Hayward Fault would cause severe and violent shaking and three types of ground failure in Berkeley. Surface fault rupture could occur in the Berkeley hills along the fault, damaging infrastructure and utilities that cross the fault. Landslides are expected in the Berkeley hills during the next major earthquake, particularly if the earthquake occurs during the rainy winter months. Landslide movement could range from a few inches to tens of feet. Ground surface displacements as small as a few inches are enough to break typical foundations. Liquefaction is very likely in the westernmost parts of the city and could occur in much of the Berkeley flats. Liquefaction can destroy pavement, dislodge foundations, and damage underground and aboveground infrastructure.

Shaking and ground failure are likely to create impacts that ignite post-earthquake fires. Firefighting efforts will be simultaneously challenged due to broken water mains and damage to electrical, transportation, and communication infrastructure.

In a 6.9 magnitude earthquake on the Hayward Fault, the City estimates that over 600 buildings in Berkeley will be completely destroyed and over 20,000 more will be damaged. One thousand to 4,000 families may need temporary shelter. Depending on the disaster scenario, one hundred people could be killed in Berkeley alone, and many more would be injured. Commercial buildings, utilities, and public roads will be disabled or destroyed. This plan estimates that building damage in Berkeley alone could exceed \$2 billion, out of a multi-billion-dollar regional loss, with losses to business activities and infrastructure adding to this figure.

Low-income housing units are expected to be damaged at a higher rate than other residences. Other types of housing, such as condominiums, may replace them when land owners rebuild. This could lead to profound demographic shifts in Berkeley.

## Wildland-Urban Interface Fire

Fire has always been a natural part of the California and East Bay wildland ecosystem. Fire has historically been a way to maintain forest health, to control invasive species, and to provide a rich habitat for wildlife. In Berkeley, densely-built homes and vegetation have been introduced to hillside areas that otherwise required burning to maintain ecological balance. For many years people have tried to prevent fire in forests and developed areas, disrupting this balance. As a result, catastrophic fires are now occurring throughout the Bay Area and the world.

There are two primary types of wildfire: “wildland” fire and “wildland-urban interface” (WUI) fire. WUI fires, the primary concern in Berkeley, occur where the natural landscape and urban-built environment meet or intermix. It is especially difficult to control a fire in the wildland-urban interface, where homes and other infrastructure are close to and within wildland areas.

Increased structure density exacerbates wildland-urban interface fire risk. The rate of structure-to-structure ignitions increases when there are more structures per acre. More than two structures per acre is considered high density in the WUI; most areas of the Berkeley hills have at least 2 structures per acre.<sup>2</sup> Areas of the north Berkeley hills and around Panoramic Hill more than four structures per acre. The density of Berkeley's hills areas will be a critical factor in fire spread.

Minimal separation between structures also increase fire risk. Structures that are less than 25 feet apart are at extreme risk of directly spreading fire to one another, in a process called "structure-to-structure ignition." Fires in denser areas will have high rates of structure-to-structure ignition and high risk of losses. In Berkeley many structures are less than 25 feet apart, which places the community in the highest risk category.

Berkeley is vulnerable to a wind-driven fire starting along the city's eastern border. The fire risk facing the people and properties in the eastern hills is compounded by the area's mountainous topography, minimal access and egress routes, and location, overlaid upon the Hayward Fault. Berkeley's flatlands are also exposed to a fire that spreads west from the hills.

The extent and intensity of a WUI fire is closely tied to weather conditions and fuel moisture. Fires that ignite under periodic conditions of "Red Flag Warning" or "Extreme Fire Weather" may result in uncontrollable firestorms. During Extreme Fire Weather, when a fire builds to this magnitude and travels with such extreme speed and force, firefighters' primary focus often shifts from firefighting to supporting evacuations. This is because during this type of weather, some normally-available firefighting tools can be ineffective or even unusable – like planes and helicopters, which need to be grounded during high winds.

The Berkeley Hills have narrow, windy roads that make evacuation difficult, which is why the Berkeley Fire Department recommends that people leave the hills during Extreme Fire Weather. While the ignition risk is highest in the Berkeley Hills, a wind-driven fire under Extreme Fire Weather can blow through the Berkeley flats, all the way to the Bay.

## Extreme Heat

In Berkeley, an extreme heat day is a day above 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit (F). Climate models from the Cal-Adapt tool<sup>3</sup> from the California Energy Commission predict the average number of extreme heat days (above 88.3 degrees F) in Berkeley to continually increase by the end of the century. The specific number of extreme heat days expected in Berkeley depends on the level of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emitted from human activities into the atmosphere.

Extreme heat is a major public health concern with most impacts being on human health, especially on marginalized populations. Public health impacts associated with extreme heat events include premature death, cardiovascular stress and failure, and heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and kidney stones.<sup>4</sup> Studies have also found links between rising temperatures and a range of mental health issues including mental fatigue, aggression, and even higher rates of suicide.<sup>5</sup>

Berkeley has regularly experienced extreme heat events since 2017, which have included impacts such as heat-related deaths, power outages, and poor air quality.

### Poor Air Quality

Poor air quality is a growing concern in Berkeley and in California. According to the California Air Resources Board, 90% of Californians breathe unhealthy levels of outdoor air during some parts of the year. Poor air quality can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, cause shortness of breath, aggravate asthma and other respiratory conditions, and affect the heart and cardiovascular system.

Poor air quality can last for a few hours or a few weeks, depending on its source. It can also be a chronic issue, for example in places near industry or highways. Southerland et al., published a study in 2021<sup>6</sup> on the harmful impacts of pollution in the Bay Area. According to these estimates, more than 2,500 people die and 5,200 children develop asthma every year due to traffic-related air pollution exposure in the Bay Area.

Everyone in Berkeley can be impacted by poor air quality – some neighborhoods experience moderate or unhealthy air quality on a regular basis due to proximity to various sources of pollutants like highways and industry, and there have also been several extreme examples of poor air quality that impacted the entire City due to nearby wildfires. The air quality can also change quickly due to weather conditions, such as rain or wind.

### High Wind

The National Weather Service (NWS) defines “high winds” as: sustained wind speeds of 40 miles per hour (mph) or greater lasting for one hour or longer, or wind gusts of 58 mph or greater for any duration.

In Berkeley, high wind events are typically associated with the seasons. In the winter, high winds come with weather systems and cold fronts, generally between November through March. In the summer, temperature and pressure differences between the Pacific Ocean and the interior valleys to Berkeley’s east create stronger afternoon and evening winds coming from the west.

Primarily in the fall, dry offshore foehn winds, known as the “Diablo Winds,” occur. Diablo Winds are associated with fire weather. Using data collected by observational instruments placed at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, we identified several days with sustained winds exceeding 25 miles per hour in Berkeley.

As temperatures increase worldwide due to climate change, changes in rising sea levels, humidity, and storminess are unavoidable as the physical processes are all interlinked. Given the prevalence of previous high-wind events, it is expected that each year will bring more.

High winds are dangerous to people, structures, and systems.

## Rainfall-Triggered Landslide

Berkeley has a number of deep-seated landslides in the hills that continuously move, with the rate of movement affected by rainfall and groundwater conditions. Significant localized areas of the Berkeley hills face risk from landslide, and a major slide could endanger lives and impact scores of properties, utilities and infrastructure.

## Tsunami

Tsunamis, though rare inside the San Francisco Bay, can occur from large offshore subduction style earthquakes around the Pacific Rim. Small, local tsunamis can also result from offshore strike-slip faults such as parts of the San Andreas Fault of the Peninsula and the Hayward Fault through San Pablo Bay. The March 2011 Japan earthquake generated a devastating tsunami, which reached the Bay Area and caused minor damage to docks and floats in the Berkeley Marina. A larger tsunami could impact much more of Berkeley's western shores. Berkeley's maritime community, which would be greatly impacted, includes low income individuals and households. Buildings, infrastructure, and roadways could be damaged, and debris and hazardous materials could cause post-tsunami fires. Deaths are possible if individuals choose not to evacuate hazardous areas, do not understand tsunami warnings, or are unable to evacuate.

## Floods

In Berkeley, three types of flooding typically occur: coastal flooding, creek flooding, and storm drain overflow. Creek flooding in Berkeley has the potential to affect an estimated 675 structures, mainly in the western, industrial area of the city. It is unlikely that floodwaters will reach higher than three feet, but damages to homes, businesses, and their contents could total over \$201 million. Storm drain overflow creates localized flooding in many known intersections in Berkeley. With few properties covered by flood insurance, these costs would be borne primarily by Berkeley residents and businesses.

## Sea Level Rise

Warmer temperatures associated with climate change are causing global sea levels to rise. Recent scientific studies have begun to evaluate the impact of the shallow groundwater rising in low-lying coastal areas (like Berkeley) combined with sea level rise. According to the San Francisco Estuary Institute and the Pathways Climate Institute<sup>7</sup>, as sea levels rise in San Francisco Bay, shallow groundwater underneath low-lying coastal communities will also rise. Sea level rise and rising groundwater can damage buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewer and water systems, natural resources and ecosystems. Sea level rise will have disproportionate impacts on disadvantaged communities in Berkeley. The areas most likely to experience flooding with increased sea level rise are in West Berkeley, which has a higher percentage of communities of color and low-income communities.

## Utility Interruption

Utility interruption is any loss of a public service including electrical service, telecommunications, wastewater and potable water, and natural gas.

Berkeley residents, visitors, businesses, institutions, and other partners rely on utilities for day-to-day life. Loss of utilities for prolonged period is particularly devastating for people with disabilities, people with access and functional needs, and people with low incomes that may not be able to purchase supplies and or relocate.

Utility interruption can be planned and include a warning, such as with PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs that proactively turn off electricity to mitigate wildfire risk, or come a secondary impact of the other natural hazards included in this plan. Utility interruption can also occur without a preceding natural hazard, for example maintenance and repair or accidental damage. The extent and severity of utility interruption depends on many factors, including cause, location, duration, and time of year. The probability of utility interruption is high, given the number of systems, aging infrastructure, and the variety of possible natural hazards.

## Hazardous Materials Release

The City has identified fifteen facilities in Berkeley with sufficiently large quantities of toxic chemicals to pose a high risk to the community. Hazardous materials also travel through Berkeley by truck and rail. Natural hazards identified in the plan could trigger the release of hazardous materials. Over the last 25 years, Berkeley has seen a more than 90 percent reduction in the number of facilities with extremely hazardous materials. The City carefully tracks hazardous materials within its borders, and works closely with companies using large amounts of potentially dangerous materials.

## Infectious Disease

Infectious diseases are illnesses caused by germs, such as bacteria, viruses, and fungi. They enter the body, multiply and cause an infection. Some infectious diseases are contagious, meaning they can spread from one person to another. The State of California has a list of over 95 communicable diseases that must be reported by healthcare providers or laboratories to local public health officials. All people in Berkeley are susceptible to infectious diseases. The populations at the highest risk for infectious diseases are the very young, the elderly, or individuals who are immunocompromised. Additionally, higher-poverty neighborhoods of color are at greater risk due to the effects of health and social inequalities.

Infectious diseases vary in their impact and severity. Recent outbreaks since 2019 include the COVID-19 pandemic and clusters of monkeypox virus. In most infectious disease outbreaks, the impact is limited, with the majority of illnesses treatable and the likelihood of fatalities low. Large-scale outbreaks like COVID-19 kill millions of people, completely alter daily life and social activities, threaten businesses and the global economy, and strain existing health care facilities.

## Access and Functional Needs

This plan recognizes that many individuals that are still disproportionately vulnerable during disasters. People with access and functional needs are defined as community members who may have additional needs before, during and after an incident in functional areas, including but not limited to: maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision, and medical care. Individuals in need of additional response assistance may include those who have disabilities, live in institutionalized settings, are elderly, are children, are from diverse cultures, have limited English proficiency, or are non-English speaking, or are transportation disadvantaged. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who had a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA does not specifically name all of the impairments that are covered.

## Underserved Communities and Marginalized Populations

Disasters also disproportionately impact underserved communities and marginalized populations. For example, people of color and people with low incomes have been historically denied access to housing and resources, increasing their vulnerability to these shocks. The Mitigation Strategy in the 2024 LHMP identifies if or how each Action benefits underserved communities and socially vulnerable populations. The strategy prioritizes those actions that provide benefits to underserved communities and marginalized populations. Further, the 2024 LHMP includes a list of mitigation actions for individuals and households that are designed to be approachable and accessible to people in varying circumstances and with varying resources to draw from.

## Summary of Changes to the Risk Assessment

The 2024 LHMP contains numerous updates to facts, figures, and descriptions. The City has incorporated the newest-available hazard data and incorporated new hazards into the Plan. The City and its partners have provided additional descriptions, details, and definitions to explain the science of these hazards and their potential impacts.

Within the previous events section for each hazard, the City has added information about any instances of the hazard affecting Berkeley since 2019. Throughout the plan, the City has updated financial loss estimates for inflation.

In some hazard sections, Risk and Loss Estimates include analysis from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). GFOA is a nonprofit association of more than 23,000 state and local government finance professionals and elected officials from across North America. The City of Berkeley has been assessing the potential impacts of extreme events, like natural disasters, on the City government's financial condition, particularly its reserve levels for the General Fund. The City engaged the GFOA to produce a recommendation to help it decide the appropriate reserve level for the general fund, given the risks from extreme events. A key part of GFOA's mission is to promote best practices in public finance, including reserve policies. The analysis by GFOA also shed light on the potential broader economic losses to the community from the risks posed by extreme events.

### **Hazards Described in the 2024 Plan**

For the first time, the plan identifies poor air quality, high wind, sea level rise, utility interruption, and infectious disease as hazards of concern. Significant changes and updates to the analysis of each hazard are described below:

#### **Earthquake (Section B.2)**

- The Earthquake section has been pared down to improve readability.
- The descriptions of vulnerable building types have been updated and now include photos.
- The map of potentially vulnerable buildings in Berkeley has been updated.

#### **Wildland-Urban Interface Fire (Section B.3)**

- This section has been updated to include the following:
  - Information about the Berkeley Overnight Camps and their fire risk.
  - Information about the 2017 Grizzly Fire.
  - A detailed description of fire weather, outlining Red Flag and Extreme Fire Weather days.
  - New data and narrative about wildfire risk in Berkeley from the National Institutes of Standards and Technology and East Bay Regional Parks.
- This section has been updated to include the following new maps that better contextualize the wildfire risk in Berkeley:
  - Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area from Cal Fire
  - City of Berkeley Fire Zones 1, 2, and 3
  - Wildfire Hazard Map for Fire Prevention Planning which classifies the hazard from lowest to highest
  - Density of Structures in Berkeley Fire Zones 2 and 3
  - Wildfire Risk to Structures Map which combines the hazard classification with structure density to show the areas of higher wildfire risk to structures
  - Distance Between Structures in Berkeley Fire Zones 2 and 3
  - An updated map of the 1923 fire boundary

#### **Extreme Heat Events (Section B.4)**

- This section has been updated to include the following:
  - Information and a map showing thermal belting, the phenomenon where the Berkeley hills has higher temperatures than the rest of the city.
  - Graphics about forecasting heat risk.
  - Extreme heat events since 2019 in Berkeley.
  - Data and a map of excess emergency room visits on extreme heat days by zip code have been included demonstrating higher rates for people in central, south, and west Berkeley.
  - A map of cooling center locations in Berkeley.
  - New data for potential impacts and losses from a study of the 2006 heat wave in California showing the excess statewide healthcare costs and premature deaths.

**Poor Air Quality (Section B.5)**

- Poor air quality events are a newly-introduced hazard of concern for the 2024 LHMP.
- The poor air quality section describes the factors that contribute to poor air quality, how it is measured, and how it can concentrate in the Berkeley hills due to marine layer inversion. It also describes the chronic poor air quality issues from industry and transportation infrastructure in west and south Berkeley.

**High Wind (Section B.6)**

- High wind events are a newly introduced hazards of concern for the 2024 LHMP.
- The high wind section describes what constitutes high wind and the seasonality of wind events in Berkeley. High wind events are very closely connected to fire weather. However, high wind in any season can damage trees, infrastructure, and utilities.

**Rainfall-Triggered Landslide (Section B.7)**

- This section has been updated to include the following:
  - Landslide occurrences in Berkeley since 2019.
  - New maps of Berkeley using data from the California Landslide Inventory and Landslide Susceptibility Classes from the California Department of Conservation.

**Tsunami (Section B.8)**

- This section has been updated to include the following:
  - A new map of the Tsunami Inundation Zone, which was updated to reflect new science and feedback from local jurisdictions.
  - Updated maps of the Berkeley Tsunami Evacuation Phases from the Tsunami Evacuation Playbooks. These Playbooks, developed by the California Geological Survey, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), reflect more refined and detailed planning, in which forecasted tsunami amplitudes, storm surge, and tidal information can help guide which areas might be inundated in different scenarios, depending on the extent of the event. This analysis uses helps NOAA to better predict inundation areas during actual tsunami events. Local emergency managers can use this information to better target evacuation areas during actual tsunami events.
  - Information about the 2023 tsunami advisory for Berkeley as a result of the underwater volcano eruption near Tonga.
  - New data and maps that show the probability of a tsunami occurring in Berkeley, expressed in 100-year, 200-year, 475-year, and 975-year return periods.
  - New data about the people and structures that might be impacted by a tsunami in Berkeley.

**Sea Level Rise (Section B.9)**

- Sea level rise is a newly introduced hazard of concern for the 2024 LHMP. It was listed in the 2019 LHMP as a related impact of climate change in that section, but did not have its own section.
- The section provides analysis of amounts of sea level rise anticipated under different projected carbon emissions scenarios, as well as maps of expected levels of inundation

from 2-ft, 4-ft, and 5.5-ft sea level rise scenarios using the Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Shoreline Flood Explorer.

- New studies about shallow groundwater rising and related maps are included.

**Floods (Section B.10)**

- This section has been updated to include the following:
  - Newly-revised flood exposure map for Berkeley using data from the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program.
  - A map of Community Calls for Service to report storm drain back up during the January 2023 winter storms.
  - Information about the most recent flooding in December 2022 and January 2023, which resulted in a Federal Major Disaster Declaration for Alameda County.

**Utility Interruption (Section B.11)**

- Utility interruption is a newly introduced hazard of concern for the 2024 LHMP. It was listed as secondary impact of several of the other hazards of concern in the 2019 LHMP. However, utility interruption can occur without a preceding hazard and can cause severe impacts, resulting in it receiving its own section in the 2024 update.
- This section describes the utility systems, who manages them, and what the impacts of interruptions (planned or not) can have on people and infrastructure.

**Hazardous Materials Release (Section B.12)**

- The Hazardous Materials Release section contains updated figures on the number of sites with hazardous materials in Berkeley.

**Infectious Disease (Section B.13)**

- Infectious disease is a newly introduced hazard of concern for the 2024 LHMP.
- This section describes infectious diseases, recent occurrences of outbreaks like the COVID-19 pandemic, and the potential impacts on people, daily life, and healthcare infrastructure.

## Element C: Mitigation Strategy

Through many years of diligent effort by City government and the community, Berkeley has developed many innovative initiatives to increase our disaster resilience. The authorities, policies, programs and resources that Berkeley will use to support execution of the 2024 LHMP Mitigation strategy include:

- The City has strengthened its ability to serve the community during and after disasters by seismically upgrading or replacing buildings that house critical City functions. In 2022, work was completed on the North Berkeley Senior Center. In 2021, work was completed on the Live Oak Community Center.
- The City has worked diligently to enhance public safety and reduce physical threats from earthquakes by requiring owners of soft story and unreinforced masonry buildings to retrofit their structures.
  - Berkeley was the first city in the nation to inventory the community’s soft-story buildings. As of July 2023, 277 buildings have completed their retrofit, 26 still need to be retrofitted, and 61 buildings were removed from the list.
- The City offers a comprehensive suite of programs to encourage the community to strengthen buildings to be more hazard-resistant.
  - In early 2017, the Building and Safety Division developed a new Retrofit Grants program with funding from a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). As of August 2023, 63 design grants and 75 construction grants have been disbursed.
  - Since July 2002, the City has distributed over \$12 million to homeowners through the Transfer Tax Rebate Program, which reduces the real estate transfer tax to building owners who perform seismic safety work.
  - The City participates in the Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program, a grant program administered by the California Earthquake Authority, providing grants of up to \$3,000 for seismic retrofits of owner-occupied residential buildings with 1-4 dwelling units.
- The City, working together with key partners, is using a comprehensive strategy to aggressively mitigate Berkeley’s wildland-urban interface (WUI) fire hazard. These approaches include:
  - Prevention through development regulations with strict building and fire code provisions, as well as more restrictive local amendments for new and renovated construction;
  - Enforcement programs including annual inspections with support from the YouthWorks internship program;
  - Providing home hardening and defensible space materials and instructions to low income residents in targeted high risk areas;
  - Natural resource protection through vegetation management programs;
  - Improvement of access and egress routes;
  - Coordinating regional wildfire mitigation strategies with key partners and stakeholders;

- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements to support first responders’ efforts to reduce facilitate emergency evacuation and fire spread.
- The City is embarking on an update to the General Plan, including a new Environmental Justice and Safety Element. These processes and documents will build off the 2024 LHMP and Planning Process.
- The City’s Office of Emergency Services encourages community readiness and participation in hazard mitigation strategies. Through the 2024 LHMP Planning Process, the City created new videos, guides, and outreach materials intended to support community members in understanding their risks and what actions they can take to reduce risks.

These programs, and many others, place Berkeley as a leader in disaster management. Long-term maintenance and improvements to these programs will support execution of the 2024 LHMP Mitigation strategy, and will help to protect the Berkeley community in our next disaster.

***Disaster Mitigation Goals***

Berkeley will focus on five goals to reduce and avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the hazards identified in *Element B: Risk Assessment*:

- A. Reduce the potential for loss of life, injury, and economic damage to Berkeley residents and businesses from earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, floods, tsunamis, climate change, extreme heat, poor air quality, infectious disease, sea level rise, wind, utility disruption and their secondary impacts.
- B. Increase City government’s ability to serve the community during and after hazardous events by mitigating risk to key City functions.
- C. Protect and enhance quality of life in Berkeley.
- D. Connect with residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and essential lifeline systems in order to increase mitigation actions and disaster resilience in the community.
- E. Co-create mitigation plans, policies, and programs with Berkeley’s underserved communities, elevating the voices of these community members and prioritizing their needs to prepare for and adapt to climate change and natural hazards.

***Overview of Actions***

This plan identifies and analyzes 33 mitigation actions to reduce the impacts from hazards described in *Element B: Risk Assessment*. This suite of actions addresses every natural hazard posing a threat to Berkeley, with an emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure.

Tables 2, 3, and 4 below summarize all of the actions. The tables group actions by their priority level (see *Element C.5* for details on prioritization of actions), and identify the hazard(s) and each action addresses.

**Table 2. High-Priority Actions in mitigation strategy**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Hazards</b>
Continue appropriate seismic and fire safety analysis based on current and future use for all City-owned facilities and structures.	Multi-hazard
Strengthen or replace City buildings in the identified prioritized order as funding is available.	Multi-hazard
Reduce hazard vulnerabilities for non-City-owned buildings throughout Berkeley.	Multi-hazard
Implementation of the Retrofit Grants Program which helps Berkeley building owners increase safety and mitigate the risk of damage caused by earthquakes	Earthquake
Continued Implementation of the Soft Story Retrofit Program, which mandates seismic retrofit of soft story buildings with 5+ residential units.	Earthquake
Complete the ongoing program to retrofit all remaining non-complying Unreinforced Masonry (URM) buildings.	Earthquake
Monitor passage and implementation of mandatory seismic retrofit ordinances for concrete buildings in other jurisdictions to assess best practices.	Earthquake
Reduce fire risk in existing development through fire code updates and enforcement.	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Reduce fire risk in existing development through vegetation management.	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Manage and promote pedestrian evacuation routes in Fire Zones 2 and 3.	Earthquake Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Improve responder access and community evacuation in Fire Zones 2 and 3 through roadway maintenance and appropriate parking restrictions.	Earthquake Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Research, identify, and implement infrastructure improvements to facilitate emergency evacuation.	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Tsunami
Reduce fire risk through utility undergrounding.	Earthquake Wildland-Urban Interface Fire High Winds

<b>Action</b>	<b>Hazards</b>
Work with EBMUD to ensure an adequate water supply during emergencies and disaster recovery.	Earthquake Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Reduce Berkeley’s vulnerability to extreme heat events and associated hazards.	Extreme Heat Poor Air Quality
Mitigate hazards associated with natural gas usage, including disaster damage and energy service disruption, by minimizing need for energy use and moving toward use of electricity in lieu of natural gas.	Multi-hazard
Mitigate hazardous materials release in Berkeley through inspection and enforcement programs.	Multi-hazard
Maintain City participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.	Floods
Maintain City programs and projects to mitigate the impacts of infectious diseases in Berkeley.	Infectious Disease
Collect, analyze and share information with the Berkeley community about Berkeley hazards and associated risk reduction techniques.	Multi-hazard
Coordinate with and encourage mitigation actions of key City partners.	Multi-hazard
Coordinate regional wildfire mitigation strategies with key partners and stakeholders	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Advance equitable community resilience, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.	Multi-hazard

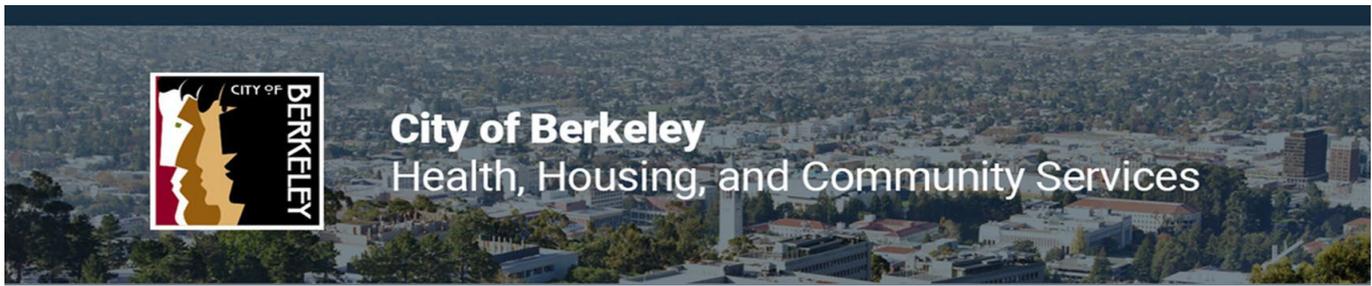
**Table 3. Medium-Priority Actions in mitigation strategy**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Hazards</b>
Mitigate wildfire risk to Berkeley’s overnight camps.	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire
Reduce Berkeley’s vulnerability to severe storms and associated hazards through proactive research and planning, zoning regulations, and improvements to stormwater drainage facilities.	Landslide Floods
Reduce Berkeley’s vulnerability to extreme heat events and associated hazards.	Extreme Heat Poor Air Quality
Implement energy assurance strategies at critical City facilities.	Multi-hazard
Implement existing City programs, plans, and projects designed to reduce emissions that contribute to poor air quality.	Poor Air Quality Extreme Heat
Mitigate the impacts of sea level rise in Berkeley.	Sea Level Rise Flood

**Table 4. Low-Priority Actions in mitigation strategy**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Hazards</b>
Mitigate climate change impacts by integrating climate change research and adaptation planning into City operations and services.	Multi-hazard
Collaborate with partners to increase the security of Berkeley’s water supply from climate change impacts.	Multi-hazard
Mitigate Berkeley’s tsunami hazard.	Tsunami
Give priority to project applications that would rebuild to current standards following disasters.	Multi-hazard

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JOIN A COMMUNITY MEETING TO SHARE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE INPUT ON CITY OF BERKELEY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUNDING AND SERVICES AND PROPOSITION 1



**In-Person Hybrid Meetings:**

**North Berkeley Senior Center**

1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley – Gooseberry Room  
 Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm-7:30pm  
 Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm-7:30pm

**South Berkeley Senior Center**

2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley – Multipurpose Room  
 Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm-7:30pm  
 Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Zoom Only Meetings:**

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am-12:30pm  
 Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm-2:30pm

**Join Zoom and Hybrid Meetings at:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8446733966?pwd=OGp3Tm5LQTc5TGdhd2tYWllKcDVhdz09&omn=89471660365>

Or call into Zoom Meetings: 1(669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 844-673-3966

Password: 081337

Meetings are being held to share information and elicit input on the proposed MHSA FY25 Annual Update, Proposition 1, and on mental health needs in Berkeley.

Four in-person hybrid meetings (where individuals can either join in person, or by Zoom), and two Zoom Only Meetings will be held.

*Light refreshments will be served at in-person meetings.*

**For more information contact:**

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\*If you are calling into the meeting and would like a copy of the presentation, please contact Karen Klatt.

Agenda Item 13. Recent Council Reports**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION****RECENT COUNCIL REPORTS**

The following recent PRW council reports can be accessed from the City Council Website by using the following URL's:

**June 4, 2024 (regular)**

17.-FY 2025 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-06-04%20Item%2017%20FY%202025%20Tax%20Rate%20%20Fund%20the%20Maintenance%20of%20Parks%2C%20City%20Trees.pdf>

**May 24, 2024 (special)**

Community Survey for Potential November 2024 Ballot Measures

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-24%20Special%20Item%2001%20Community%20Survey%20for%20Potential.pdf>

Presentation

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-24%20Presentation.pdf>

**May 21, 2024 (regular)**

8.-Grant Application: The Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program of the California Division of Boating & Waterways

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-21%20Item%2008%20Grant%20Application%20%20The%20Surrendered.pdf>

24.-Selected Sports Field Fee Increases

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-21%20Item%2024%20Selected%20Sports%20Field%20Fee%20Increases.pdf>

**May 14, 2024 (regular)**

7.-Amendment #1 to the WETA Memorandum of Understanding for the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project

URL: [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2007%20Amendment%20%201%20to%20the%20WETA%20Memorandum%20of%20Understanding%20for%20the%20Berkeley%20Water%20Transportation%20Pier%20Ferry%20Project\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2007%20Amendment%20%201%20to%20the%20WETA%20Memorandum%20of%20Understanding%20for%20the%20Berkeley%20Water%20Transportation%20Pier%20Ferry%20Project_0.pdf)

8.-Contract: COWI North America, Inc. for engineering and design of the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project

URL: [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2008%20Contract%20COWI%20North%20America%2C%20Inc\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2008%20Contract%20COWI%20North%20America%2C%20Inc_0.pdf)

9.-Accepting a Donation from Friends of Fountain Walk for Installation of Benches and Repairs to Balustrades of Fountain Walk

URL: [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2009%20Accepting%20a%20Donation%20from%20Friends%20of%20Fountain%20Walk\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-05-14%20Item%2009%20Accepting%20a%20Donation%20from%20Friends%20of%20Fountain%20Walk_0.pdf)

To: PRW Commissioners  
 From: Claudia Kawczynska, Chair  
 Date: 6/12/24  
 Re: Signage at Cesar Chavez Park Off Leash Dog Area (OLA)

After 25 years of no official “welcome” sign at the OLA, this sign was recently installed on the bulletin board. The sign was developed and designed by the manager of the Marina, Animal Care Services and the Citizens for Cesar Chavez Off Leash Area (CCCOLA).



## Welcome to the César Chávez Off-Leash Dog Area

**City of Berkeley Phone Numbers:**  
 Animal Care Services: (510) 981-6600  
 Police: (510) 981-5900  
 Graffiti/Damage: 311  
 Emergencies: 911 or (510) 981-5911  
 Berkeley Waterfront/Park Management: (510) 981-6740  
 Waterfront Monitor: (510) 549-6036

### Park and Off-leash Dog Area Rules

- Dogs must be on a six-foot leash in all areas of César Chávez Park, with the exception of the Off-Leash Area, and also when entering and exiting the Off-Leash Area. Dogs found off leash outside boundary of the Off-Leash Area may be impounded (BMC 10.04.120).
- Dogs should be under voice control at all times.
- Dog litter must be picked up and deposited in garbage cans (BMC 10.04.091).
- Digging holes and damaging vegetation/park resources is prohibited (BMC 12.44.020).
- Dog barking should be controlled and limited.
- Puppies under 4-months, aggressive dogs, or dogs in heat are not allowed.
- Dogs should not interfere with wildlife, ever.
- Immediately leash any dog showing aggressiveness.
- Accept responsibility for any damage or injury caused by your dog.
- Dogs must be licensed and wear the license on a collar at all times (BMC 10.04.020; 030; 060; 220).
- Not more than four dogs per owner/guardian are allowed in the park at any one time (BMC 10.04.120).
- Contact Animal Care Services in the event that unsafe behavior is observed (510) 981-6600

**To All Park Users:**  
 Please be aware of the Off-Leash Area context within the park. It is shown in the light green on the map, and indicated on site with green “entering on leash area” signs and red “Exiting off leash area signs” at key locations.  
 In this area, expect to see dogs running free, under voice control. Adherence to park rules improves safety of other park goers and preserves the protected natural habitat in other areas of the park.

COMMUNICATION

To: The Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Claudia Kawczynska, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission  
Date: May 31, 2024  
Re: Recommended Approval of \$2.4M for Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department  
Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in FY25-26

At the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission on May 8, 2024, the Commission reviewed the PRW Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget, and after an in-depth discussion with Scott Ferris and Christina Erickson, we voted to request the City fund the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department Capital Improvement Projects at \$2.4m in FY25 and FY26. The vote was unanimous.

## COMMUNICATIONS

May 8, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

Submitted by: Claudia Kawczynska, Chairperson

Subject: Proposal to fund a Nexus Study, to establish the basis for a Parks Impact Fee that would be charged on new development, and used to mitigate the park and recreation needs generated by projected population growth.

### RECOMMENDATION

To provide for the foreseeable new park and recreation needs generated by the City's assigned (RHNA) population growth, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission recommends that the City Council allocate \$100,000 to fund a Nexus Study, in the FY24/25 Budget, as a first step toward adopting a Parks Impact Fee.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Most Californian cities charge Parks Impact Fees on new development, which generate millions of dollars to mitigate the park needs created by population growth. While a Parks Impact Fee can be established by legislative action, an Impact Study (Nexus) is required.

For example, a modest impact fee of \$5,000 per unit would generate \$0.5M/per new 100 units. If such a fee had been in place in 2022 when the City approved plans for nearly 900 homes, a Parks Impact Fee would have generated \$4.5 million in single year. Thus, any delay is making this upfront investment of \$100,000 to fund a Nexus Study will result in the loss of millions in future funding for our parks!

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

#### **A. Berkeley's Parks Service Standards Are Below Average**

The City of Berkeley currently maintains a parks service standard of 2 acres of parks per 1,000 residents. This standard was adopted in the 1977 "Master Plan" and has been incorporated in the City's General Plan guidance ever since; most recently in the City's 2002 Open Space Plan, which is significantly out of date. Furthermore, Berkeley's 2 acres/1,000 residents fails to meet the Quimby Act's base standard of 3 acres/1,000 residents.

The City of Berkeley's 2 acres/1000 park service standard is below average in comparison to comparable municipalities. The below table shows that Berkeley's standard is significantly lower than Fremont, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and Fresno..

City	Parks Acres/1000 residents
Fremont	5
Sacramento	5
Los Angeles	4.2
Fresno	3
<b>Berkeley</b>	<b>2</b>

**B. Population Growth’s Impact on Parks**

Berkeley’s current population is 122,580. Based on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) assigned to Berkeley by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Berkeley must accommodate the addition of 8,934 new residential units between 2023-2031. This new growth will bring Berkeley’s population to 140,935 by 2040. To meet Berkeley’s policy goal of 2 acres/1,000 residents would require 52 acres of new parkland by 2040.

**C. Berkeley’s Current Parks Taxes Insufficient is to Meet Future Needs**

The existing City Parks tax of \$0.213/ft2 is needed primarily for maintenance of existing park facilities and is insufficient to cover major capital improvements or property acquisition for new parks. Thus, the City’s current parks taxes are not intended or expected to address the impacts of residential and employee population growth.

**D. Parks Impact Fees Mitigates Growth Impacts on Parks**

Each of the Cities in Table 1 has a parks impact fee, which is charged to new development to mitigate the impact of new growth (residents and employees) on parks infrastructure. Park impact fees may be used to pay for park land, park improvements, community centers, recreation facilities, trails, open space, and etc.

Santa Monica, a city to which Berkeley often compares itself, currently charges the following park impact fees:

- Single Family Residential – \$9,092 per unit
- Multi-Family Residential – Studio/1 Bedroom - \$4,927 per unit
- Multi-Family Residential – 2+ Bedrooms - \$7,936 per unit
- Retail \$1.78 per square foot
- Office \$2.75 per square foot
- Medical Office \$1.51 per square foot
- Lodging \$3.71 per square foot
- Industrial \$1.55 per square foot

In FY 2021-22, the City of Santa Monica collected \$1,952,613 in parks impact fees and expended \$944,782 from its improvement fund.

The City of Berkeley does not have a parks impact fee. By way of information, Berkeley does have a “Percent for Art Policy” that assesses a fee [BMC 23.316], which applies to multi-family residential development and commercial developments and requires on-site artwork values at 1.75% of construction costs: or an in-lieu valued at 0.8% of the construction costs: or combination of the two.

### **E. Procedure for Adopting a Parks Impact Fee**

Adopting a Parks Impact Fee does not require a vote of the people, and it can be approved by City Council action after complying with the Mitigation Fee Act and conducting requisite public hearings. A Parks Impact Fee would be charged only on new development. Accordingly, it would provide a way for new growth to contribute a “fair share” to address the parks infrastructure need created by that growth.

The process for adopting impact fees is well-established. The principal requirement is the preparation of a “Nexus study.” Nexus studies are typically prepared by well-established professional consulting firms with expertise in municipal finance and real estate issues. After completing the nexus study, the final step is to determine and adopt a fee for each land use through the legislative process, after evaluating local policy and financial considerations, and deciding how the impact fee program will be implemented. This step includes an evaluation regarding whether fees should be charged at or below the maximum nexus fee amount and how the impact fee program will be implemented, including how fees may be annually adjusted.

### **F. Summary**

Berkeley is not keeping up with its *modest* park service standard. As the City’s residential and employee population grows—as it must grow as the City responds to its Regional Housing Needs Allocation—Berkeley’s parks infrastructure will foreseeably fall further behind. Berkeley is an outlier in terms of its being a densely urbanized area that has not adopted a Parks Impact Fee.

Adopting a Parks Impact Fee will require a meaningful allocation of resources (i.e, funding of a nexus study) as well as a commitment of staff time from PRW, Planning and Economic Development and resources to support the preparation of the nexus study. However, it is well established that new development may be asked to pay for its “fair share” of the cost attributable to the increased demand for public facilities: the City Council has the legal authority to adopt a Parks Impact Fee (and has adopted other impact fees); and that—considering Berkeley’s projected growth—meaningful funding to meet the needs of that growth would be generated by a Parks Impact Fee.

### **Commission**

At a regular meeting on May 8, 2024, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission M/S/C. Ayes: Wozniak, Lee, Kawczynska, Ranuzzi, Diehm, Cox, Hurtado Noes: None; Absent: Abshez; Leave of Absence: None.

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# Dogs have become S.F.'s 'most important urban accessory.' It's changing the city's landscape



With dogs' undeniable presence in San Francisco — reportedly, they now outnumber children here — more and more city spaces and streets are being designed with canines in mind.  
Jessica Christian/The Chronicle

By **John King**, Urban Design Critic  
June 5, 2024



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Or consider this facet of today’s San Francisco. Taking shape before our eyes is — a dogscape.

The term isn’t one you’ll find in planning manuals. No matter. Use it to comprehend the urban landscape in a city where, famously, there are reputed to be more dogs than children. And where, with each passing year, more and more spaces and streets include design touches that are a direct response to Fido’s presence.



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It's the whimsically named "Yerba Buena Barklet," a customized relief area that opened last year behind Moscone Convention Center. Those metal screens framing the base of tree trunks outside residential towers on Rincon Hill? They shield the roots from dog urine.

Viewed singly, such elements are specific responses to specific situations. When you contemplate them as a whole, the scale of the ongoing transformation becomes apparent.

"In the old days you might say, 'We need a kids' area,' " said Christopher Meany, a veteran Bay Area developer who's part of the team working to convert Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island from a naval base into the city's newest neighborhood. "Now it's, 'We need a dog-related space.' "

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The dogscape isn't defined by grand flourishes. Sculptures of schnauzers and St. Bernards don't adorn our public spaces (though Toronto's [Berczy Park Fountain](#) features 27 cast iron sculptures of you-know-what, each a different breed).



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That’s where you often find a dozen or more dogs running free on artificial turf — tumbling over each other, sniffing each newcomer, tearing after tennis balls launched by their owners. The humans mostly huddle near the fence enclosing the ersatz lawn that backs onto a slope thick with native shrubs.



An enclosed dog play area at the base of Russian Hill opened in 2021 as part of Francisco Park.



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“It was a wasteland before, just empty,” said Nadine Reich, who has lived on Russian Hill for 30 years. She and her husband bring their Labrador most days to enjoy the scene. “This is wonderful.”

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Dogs do find their way uphill, though legally they are not allowed — a visual reminder of how, for many dog owners, rules concerning their pets are nothing more than suggestions to be ignored. That’s why dogs are now seen so routinely on BART, or why such supposedly dog-free zones such as Rincon Park along the Embarcadero turn into canine congregation areas after work.

Not that there aren’t bespoke destinations for the four-legged set — such as Rocks Dog Park. It’s nestled against the summit of Yerba Buena Island in the middle of the bay. Dogs are treated to a 1/3-acre space with a pebbled granite surface and dozens of large boulders forming slopes and nooks to explore. Owners can relax at a picnic table offering a postcard-worthy panoramic views of the bay.

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Against the summit of Yerba Buena Island, the new Rocks Dog Park features a 1/3-acre space with large boulders creating slopes and nooks to explore.  
 Jessica Christian/The Chronicle

Rocks Dog Park opened in November as part of the multibillion-dollar project to convert the former naval base at Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island into a neighborhood with 8,000 homes. Not included in early designs, developers added it while they pondered how to lure prospective



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Playgrounds will follow as larger complexes begin opening on Treasure Island this summer, Meany emphasized. He also described how younger members of the development team responded to his skepticism about whether a dog park made sense: “They’d tell me, ‘You don’t get it. Dogs are the most important urban accessory now.’ ”

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There’s no way to know the precise number of dogs in San Francisco. The closest thing to a hard figure is that 31,592 dogs have received rabies shots in the city in the last three years, according to the city’s Animal Care and Control department (such shots are required by law). Nationally, a Zillow study last year estimated 40% of all households that recently rented apartments have dogs, compared with 29% with cats.



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A dog owner crosses at Folsom and Spear streets. The visibility of dogs in San Francisco is ever present.  
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But the visibility of dogs in the city is ever-present — from leashed pets being walked on downtown streets to the way that owners bring their canines onto Muni and BART despite rules against their presence.



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Which brings us to spaces that adorn new residential complexes. The private dogscape, so to speak.



People and dogs mingle during “yappy hour” at the canine-friendly “woof terrace” at the Fifteen Fifty apartment tower in San Francisco.

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The city’s most elaborate example is Fifteen Fifty, a 40-story apartment



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“The design wasn’t just an afterthought,” Brittany Norris, marketing director for developer Related California, said during a tour this month of what she described as “a huge plus.”

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The “woof terrace” helped attract resident Kreev Joundi from another apartment in SoMa. Not only does he like the dog-centric features, and the community with other owners — including a monthly “yappy hour” — but he also appreciates the sense of security.



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“In San Francisco, there’s always debris and broken glass on the sidewalk,” Joundi said as he played fetch with his two diminutive French bulldogs. “Here, I know their paws are safe, which makes me happy.”

A much different refuge is found at United Nations Plaza, between mid-Market and the Tenderloin, notoriously troubled by drug dealing and other social crises. One safe haven? A 3,000-square-foot dog run built and maintained by the Civic Center Community Benefit District.

“The need for an enclosed place to bring dogs had come up again and again” when talking with nearby residents, workers and students, recalled Marlo Sandler, the district’s program director. “Dogs level the playing field for all the people.”

Sandler and her staff found a workable spot near McAllister Street, a long-neglected dirt rectangle studded with spindly London plane trees. The city’s Historic Preservation Commission signed off on design elements, and the space opened in spring 2022.

The metal fence has a stately look appropriate to the neoclassical Civic Center. Artificial turf covers the dirt. A fake hedge frames the entry gate.

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The new dog area at Francisco Park is one of San Francisco’s 36 “dog play areas.”  
Jessica Christian/The Chronicle

The city’s Recreation and Park Department now has 36 “dog play areas” to choose from, double the number in the early 2000s. This includes the recent fenced additions in U.N. Plaza and Francisco Park, but also such mainstays as Dolores Park and Duboce Park, where free-range dogs are



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especially during the rainy season. Such spaces must then be roped off for several months so new sod can take root.

At Merced Heights Playground near Parkmerced, by contrast, the dog run installed last year replaced an unimproved clearing. It now gets steady year-round use in a quiet setting where mostly single-family homes surround the redone park.

Dog-friendly zones “aren’t that different from soccer pitches,” Ginsburg said, watching three canines cavort behind a bench where owners also gathered. “We’re talking a high amount of intensive use with heavy impact on the land. They become like a mud pit.”

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This is a more subtle aspect of the public dogscape: defensive strategies that are tailored to how dogs behave, and what they leave in their wake.

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John Luzon walks his puppy, Milo, at the Yerba Buena Barklet in San Francisco. The “barklet” was added at the request of residents, according to the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District.

Jessica Christian/The Chronicle

That’s the reason for Yerba Buena Barklet at Third and Folsom with its lighting, a dog-poop bag dispenser, custom drainage for the fake lawn and a ring of hardy succulents behind a low wall intended for use by dogs relieving themselves. The formerly stark edge of the Moscone Center block



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protected from urinating canines by foot-high metal screens, artfully designed with patterned perforations.



Dog-friendly plants, top, at Fifteen Fifty's dog terrace in San Francisco. Along Folsom Street, above, low metal barriers protect trees from urinating dogs.

Or consider the scene in China Basin Park, which opened last month across

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“During the design process of the park, I realized that having a very large lawn without a dog park would be setting up the lawn to fail,” said Kate Orff, the MacArthur Prize recipient who founded Scape. “This enables it to be for picnickers and sunbathers, not dogs.”

The fenced-in space gets use, no question. But plenty of dog owners visiting the park still let their dogs run free across the grass.

When I informed Orff of that reality — her office is in New York — there was a sigh and then a pause.

“We can’t control things,” Orff conceded. “But at least we can make it possible for people with dogs to make a choice.”



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Resident Dick Lowrey and his dog, Forrest, visit a dog run at the senior-living complex Coterie in San Francisco.  
Brontë Wittpenn/The Chronicle

Throughout history, the public realm of cities has been reshaped by new technologies or shifts in cultural values.

Speed bumps on roadways are fairly recent innovations. So are the metal slabs — some artful, most blunt — attached to benches and ledges in an often-futile bid to repel skateboarders.

Dogs and their owners aren't going away. That's why San Francisco's dogscape has emerged. It is a manifestation of contemporary life.

"I don't know if the number of dogs has increased, or our thinking about them has evolved," Ginsburg suggested. "We only have the space we have. We need to accommodate the variety of ways that people get outside."

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**Miller, Roger**

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**Cc:** Excom  
**Subject:** Note from Cal Sailing Club regarding Agenda Item 12.Discussion: Update on Cal Sailing Club's 6 berth slips on J-dock

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Dear PRW Commissioners,

This is Nicholas Waton, Commodore at the Cal Sailing Club, representing the club. I am thankful for the opportunity to come discuss the issue of the slips on J-Dock.

I thought we would share a few elements by email ahead of the meeting to support this discussion.

As you may or may not know, we launched a petition during our first Open House on April 27, and it has gathered **1,790 signatures** as of now to help protect our Community Sailing Program: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-eviction-protect-community-sailing-preserve-cal-sailing-club-s-j-dock-berths>

We have a supporting letter (linked to from the petition) to provide more information and context: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QN9LRxXyuYEL2B8aLW4jFhfKu7r1Pa470VAzABypeL4/edit?usp=sharing>

This issue and petition has also been picked up and covered in Latitude 38, the Bay Area sailing newspaper: <https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/2024/05/03/#cal-sailing-club-community-support-save-program>

Latitude 38 highlights the sailing community at the Berkeley Waterfront on a regular basis and in particular Cal Sailing Club. Here's a few highlights:

- this article was published in February about the Club's sailing education program and community: <https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/super-sail-sunday-cal-sailing-club/>
- And just yesterday, inviting the public to our planned Open House on June 23 for the Sailstice (a celebration of sailing on the Solstice): <https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/have-june-22nd-sailstice-sailing-plans/>

I bring up our sailing education program and our Open House, because those 6 berths on J-Dock are key to both those programs. Their unique location in the Marina allows us to train Senior Skippers on Keelboats, to do dockings under sail which is a skill that is not typically taught at other sailing schools. This skill is one of the reasons why people seek us out and this skill is heavily used during Open House. It is also a very good skill to have for safe boating and during emergencies.

CSC has been using these current berths for 50 years, and they are essential to its programming and functioning and we've also qualified for the berth fee waiver program since its inception in 1997 for the community service we provide.

Yet, in an effort that would not add any new revenue, the City is contemplating evicting CSC from these spots. It is our position that there are other viable options that allow for new, larger boats, while allowing CSC to keep its J-Dock home at the current location. Given these options, this eviction would be a critical and needless blow to Cal Sailing Club's educational program.

We have done a study that shows that Cal Sailing Club is a revenue generator for the marina. We bring in new people

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who become sailors, some of these sailors buy boats and berth them in the Berkeley Marina. We have tracked down a lot of the former and present members who have boats in the Marina and have found that for instance in 2022, they have generated \$126,793 in annual slip fees, paid into Berkeley's Marina Fund (this number varies from year to year).

We ask that the City recognize that the services that CSC provides are worth more than the value that might be gained from selling out here. We ask for your support of a potential resolution that would protect CSC's historic and vital berths at J-Dock.

With this, I look forward to the meeting tomorrow and discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your time!

Nicholas Waton,  
On behalf of Cal Sailing Club's Executive Committee.

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** CSC Keelboat Program and the Marina

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Dear Roger,

I am writing in support of the Cal Sailing Club's request to retain the slips they are currently using for their keelboat program and request that you forward this letter to those attending the June 12th PRW Commission meeting.

I have been a member of CSC for over 31 years and since 1994 have been teaching and participating in sailing outreach programs on the club's keelboats. I remember the years when we didn't have motors on the keelboats at all, and we would only bring an outboard motor over from the club for special circumstances, such as overnight cruises. Although the boats now all have motors, sailing into and out of the slip is a fundamental skill that all good sailors should learn, and the location of our slips on J dock means they are uniquely positioned for us to be able to teach upland coming sailors these fundamental skills in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

Mark

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**Subject:** Please keep Cal Sailing Club J-docks keelboat berths

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Greetings Roger,

Please read this email at the PRW Commission meeting June 12:

Greetings all,

I'm Steve, a 63 year old Cal Sailing Club member residing in Menlo Park. I do the long drive to CSC because of the unique decades old, one of a kind experience provided by the world class members and sailors at the club. The community outreach and value provided to local and nearby Bay Area residents is second to none. This is a very low cost, volunteer based organization, providing an incredible service to young and old and from all walks of life. The J-dock berths, because of their unique location in the marina, provide the ability for aspiring keelboat sailors to learn how to sail away under sail, and return to the docks under sail, all without the use of a motor. This longstanding and unique to Cal Sailing Club opportunity results in world class keelboat sailors being made at this humble volunteer organization. To take that away from the community would be a crime, and take away a very real part of the soul of Berkeley and the area.

Please do not make the catastrophic mistake of taking away a 50 year tradition of excellence by evicting Cal Sailing Club from the J-dock berths. Moving to another location destroys the unique benefit provided to the community. Please, please don't do it. Cal Sailing Club is a jewel of the community and must be preserved.

Many thanks,

Steve

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** David Fawcett <dfawcett9@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Location of Cal Sailing Club berths in the Berkeley Marina

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Mr. Miller,

I'm writing to request that you include this issue in the June 12 PRW Commision meeting agenda. I am a District 3 Berkeley resident, and a member of the Cal Sailing Club.

I love giving people rides on our keelboats every month for what we call Open House. There's nothing better than seeing kids and adults get excited about their first sail. We've seen many of them return to join the Club as members. Moving Cal Sailing Club from our current docking location would mean we'd have to stop offering this valuable experience to our community.

Respectfully,  
David Fawcett

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Ivan Bankov <8760558@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Preserve CSC's Keelboat Berths at J-Dock for Sailing Education and Community Use  
**Importance:** High

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Dear PRW Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your support for a resolution that dedicates in perpetuity the J-dock berths currently used by the Cal Sailing Club (CSC) for the purpose of teaching and community sailing programs.

Evicting CSC from these berths and moving the club's keelboats elsewhere would be a shortsighted mistake with minimal, if any, benefit to the City. Conversely, it would inflict significant damage on CSC's ability to deliver its vital sailing instruction and community outreach programs.

CSC's unique location at J-dock has provided the club with unrivaled access to open water for over 50 years. This direct access is crucial for effectively teaching docking, departing, and other essential sailing skills under sail. Furthermore, the proximity of the berths to the clubhouse allows for the efficient organization and management of teaching and community sailing events.

Maintaining CSC's keelboats in a row and close to the clubhouse is essential for several reasons. It simplifies boat maintenance and streamlines the logistics of organizing sailing instruction and community events. Dispersing the boats to other locations would significantly hinder these operations.

I urge you to recognize the immense value that CSC provides to the City community through its sailing education and outreach programs. Please support a resolution that safeguards CSC's continued use of the J-dock berths to ensure the future of these vital programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Ivan Bankov  
Cal Sailing Club member

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** marc olivier le blanc <marc@marcolivierleblanc.com>  
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**Subject:** Preserve Cal Sailing Club's J-Dock Berths

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Hi,

I am writing today to ask you to preserve the Cal Sailing Club's J-dock berths. The CSC community have been using these for 50 years and are an essential part of or programs.

It would be damaging to our lovely sailing community, and will not benefit greatly the city of Berkeley. The marina is a popular spot for locals and families, and is thriving thanks to the help and support of dozens, if not hundreds, of volunteers and enthusiastic neighbors.

We need these keelboats at their actual locaiton, and close to the club, to be able to share the joys of sailing with our friends.

The CSC is a uniquely lively place where so many of us have discovered, or developped, our sailing skills, but also sterenghen our community bonds. If not for the CSC, many os us couldn't go on the Bay and enjoy water sports. As a San Francisco resident, I love spending time at the CSC and meet so many entusiastc freinds.

I urge you to designate our current berths as dedicated in perpetuity for the Cal Sailing Club teaching efforts.

Merci,  
Marc

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**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** A. Shermoen <shermoen@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** CSC J-Dock Berkeley Marina slips

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Roger Miller, Secretary  
Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Dear Mr. Miller

This is a letter in support for this commission to allow the Cal Sailing Club to maintain our current keelboat slips on J-Dock at the Berkeley Marina. I also would hope that the commission make these locations permanent to the club.

I am member of the Cal Sailing Club and am currently benefitting from the club's teaching the mastery of departing and docking under sail in addition to other sailing skills. This level of competence in sailing benefits the sailors in the CSC, but also benefits the Berkeley Marina generally in training skippers whose competence in dealing with emergency situations is at a high skill level. While this safety component may be a bonus, I can understand that this commission may be more concerned by the financial aspects of the slips that this club occupies. I know well at least 3 of the skippers who learned to sail at CSC and bought sailboats which they now house at Berkeley Marina slips. I understand that Robert Ofsevit of the CSC has data supporting the positive financial impact that the CSC has had and continues to have on the Berkeley Marina. The point that I would like to make is that the CSC funnels clients to this marina and they are will trained sailors who would benefit any marina and their skill level is such because they have benefitted from being able to practice their skills which are afforded by the location of our current slips.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,  
Antony Shermoen  
Member, Cal Sailing Club

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** William Hogan Gavelis <billgavelis@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Please support CSC's access to safe berths for teaching docking under sail

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To: Roger Miller, PRW Commission Secretary

Dear Mr. Miller,

RE: Request to include this letter on the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda in reference to the need to support Cal Sailing Club's continued access of its upwind berths at the end of J-Dock to enable the safe instruction of docking keelboats under sail.

As a former Berkely resident--currently residing in Oakland--I am disheartened at the Berkeley Marina's expedient, and seemingly arbitrary, attempt to displace the Cal Sailing Club from its upwind berths at the end of J-Dock.

I have been a member of Cal Sailing Club since 1969 and a keelboat instructor at CSC since 1971. When CSC's berths were originally moved from O-Dock to the end of J-Dock, that process went smoothly because the current upwind berths at the end of J-Dock are conducive to safely teaching docking keelboats under sail--both for leaving and returning to the berth.

The Berkeley Marina has benefited from CSC's successful keelboat instruction program for decades.

- 1) Many CSC keelboat students have later purchased sailboats and become berthers in Berkeley Marina.
- 2) Through CSC, both I and other CSC keelboat instructors have partnered for decades with the City of Berkeley's Shorebird Nature Center and Berkeley Bay Festival to provide both sailing instruction to young students as well as sailboat ride experiences to adults. Through these programs, these young students and adults gain a positive impression of the Berkeley Marina. Some of these positive impressions might translate into future customers for marina berths.

In making your decision regarding CSC's berths, please consider both the positive benefits of CSC's keelboat instruction program for the marina, and the need for safe access when sailing into or out of CSC berths, as provided by the current upwind berths at the end of J-Dock.

Thank you for your consideration.

William Gavelis

CSC member since 1969 and former Berkeley resident

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**Subject:** Preserve Cal Sailing Club's J-Dock Berths

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I'd like to urge you and the PRW commissioners to support Cal Sailing Club's request to dedicate the J-dock berths for the purpose of maintaining the collective knowledge of a crucial skill: docking and departing under sail is a unique skill that humanity is losing, because of polluting alternatives.

Humans have been sailing for centuries but complete mastering a sailboat is now unknown to most sailors. I've met sailors from all over the world and none of them feels comfortable docking and departing under sails. This means that marinas around the world are noisy, full of gas and oil spillage. But most of all, they're full of sailors who can't handle their boat in tight quarters in case of emergency.

You may already be aware of Cal Sailing Club's mission to teach water safety and all the other good work the volunteers do for the city of Berkeley and all of the bay area. I'd like to share a personal story about the city of Venice (Italy) and its lagoon. Until the 60's, the lagoon only saw row and sail boats. Not only fishermen and other marine workers, but also woodworkers, bricklayers, plumbers, regular people they all knew had to maneuver a boat without a motor, either sailing or rowing.

By the 70s the combustion engines replaced all traditional means of transportation in the lagoon. Sailboats left to rot, row boats abandoned. By the early 80s **there was no knowledge of how to build traditional sailboats** (vela al terzo) in the whole lagoon. It took about 2 decades for the community to lose its collective knowledge. Similarly, the tradition of rowing was left to the gondolas for tourists: How to row on all other traditional boats was forgotten.

Nowadays, thanks to the work of a handful of archivists and passionate volunteers, there are a handful of shipyards that can build traditional boats (row and sail) and a couple dozen sailors who know how to operate vela al terzo sailboats and rowing schools.

But! I met only **one** sailor in the whole lagoon who knows how to dock his boat under sail only and all the others think he's crazy. That was the norm only 40 years ago!

I strongly encourage you and the commissioners to allow the Cal Sailing Club to keep teaching how to respect and control boats using only what nature gives us by letting them use J dock. It's the most powerful lesson to learn for generations to respect the environment they're in. Berkeley is an example of this approach and must continue leading the rest of the world, not repeat the mistakes of the Venetian community.

Please add this topic to the next PRW Commission meeting agenda and support a resolution that dedicates in perpetuity CSC's J-dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing.

Best regards,

Stefano Maffulli, Cal Sailing Club member, San Francisco resident

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Paul Sommers <98116sommers@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club keelboat berths

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I urge you to give the club the berths it needs to maintain its keelboat program. I was a student at Cal from 1970-72 and I was a member of Cal Sailing Club through 1974. I rose from Junior Skipper up to Cruising skipper in those years, and acquired a lifetime passion for sailing. Sailing the Club's 3 Pearson 22 keelboats in and out of the Berkeley Marina was an essential skill I learned. We had Seagull outboards hanging off the back of those sailboats but they were rarely used. We sailed in and out of the brand new marina, up the Petaluma River, and all over San Francisco Bay. Since then I have sailed the west coast of North America from Glacier Bay in Alaska to the Panama Canal, and the east coast from Nova Scotia to the Panama Canal. Cal Sailing Club has had as much impact on my life as my undergraduate education in economics at Cal. It is critically important that this opportunity be preserved for current and future students at Cal. A dinghy only program would rob the club of much of its potential for educating future sailors.

Paul Sommers, Ph.D.  
Economist and Sailor

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**Subject:** June 12 PRW Agenda-Pls add Cal Sailing Club J Dock

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Good morning,

Thank you for letting me share how important it is for the Cal Sailing Club to keep its boats at J Dock!

Many times, on open to the public day, the volunteers are asked while taking people sailing for free on small dinghies if they can learn how to sail bigger boats so they can take their families out if they join the Club.

At that point we talk about the bigger, yet modest, boats the club owns over on J Dock at the Marina. The boats need to be there because the water there is deeper. The water depth at the club is too shallow. I know people join this great club which is a great asset to the community to learn how to handle larger, and safer boats on the main SF bay which can be unsafe for smaller boats.

Please do what you can to keep the Cal Sailing Club at J Dock in the Berkeley Marina! It's important to its survival.

Thanks,  
Jim Struble

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**Subject:** Protect CSC J-dock Access

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Hi Commissioner Miller,

I am writing to support the protection of Cal Sailing Club's access to their current berths on the J-dock at the Berkeley Marina. A few months ago, the school at which I teach partnered with CSC to give sailing lessons to twelve of my students. Part of this training was on CSC keelboats berthed at the J-dock. The students got first-hand experience with the time-honored techniques of departing and docking under sail, without the aid of motors. The J-dock is an excellent location for these elegant maneuvers to be taught safely and I urge you to support the measures to preserve CSC's berths at the end of the J-dock.

Thank you for your consideration.

Grant Padmos  
Contra Costa Christian Schools

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**From:** michael elie <michaelelie43@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** To be included in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

As a Berkeley resident and CSC member since 14 years now, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential eviction of the keelboats belonging to the Community Sailing Center (CSC) from their historic J-dock location. As a member of the community who values both the preservation of our maritime heritage and the accessibility of sailing education, I urge you to support a resolution that dedicates CSC's J-dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing in perpetuity.

CSC's 50-year legacy of providing unique open water access keelboat berths for teaching docking and departing under sail, as well as community usage, is invaluable. The eviction and relocation of these keelboats would not only disrupt CSC's longstanding programs but also deprive the community of a vital resource for learning and recreational sailing.

Moving CSC keelboats elsewhere would be a shortsighted mistake, offering little to no gain for the city while dealing a damaging blow to CSC's teaching and community outreach initiatives. The proximity of the keelboats to the Club is essential for maintaining them and organizing teaching and community events effectively.

I strongly believe that preserving CSC's presence at the J-dock location is not only in the best interest of the sailing community but also aligns with the city's commitment to promoting maritime education and community engagement.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I urge you to stand with the community in supporting the resolution to protect CSC's J-dock berths for the benefit of present and future generations.

Sincerely,

Michael Elie

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Eric Arens <ericarens@comcast.net>  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club docks

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Please let the Cal Sailing Club keeps its keelboat docks in the Berkeley marina. Cal Sailing has introduced a huge number of people, including me 59 years ago, to sailing. Sailing is a great activity, enjoyed by the very young to the very old. A club like Cal Sailing makes this possible to people of all income levels.

I have been the commodore of the Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, Maryland and the Richmond Yacht Club in Richmond, California I have sailed in many regattas in many countries in the world and was the US champion in a racing sailboat. It all started with a few experiences like the sail in an Ensign sailboat kept by Cal Sailing (part of the University of California at that time) in the Berkeley marina.

Sincerely,  
John "Eric" Arens  
1501 Campus Drive, Berkeley, CA 94708

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club & the J Dock reconfiguration

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Members of the Park, Recreation & Waterfront Commission.

As a Berkeley resident for more than 60 years and an avid boater for more than 40 years, I am concerned about the plans to reconfigure J dock to accommodate larger boats at the expense of Cal Sailing Club's keelboat slips.

Cal Sailing Club is a community sailing group. Why is that important? Cal Sailing Club offers an inexpensive opportunity for members of the community to learn to sail - from wind surfer to keel boat skipper. San Francisco Bay, and especially the part of the Bay that gets strong winds virtually every day from Spring through early Fall, is challenging for people who are learning to sail. J dock offers a wonderful place to learn how to maneuver a keel boat into and out of a slip.

The reason that is true is because of the space around the slips that Cal Sailing Club currently has access to. Having had a keel boat off and on for most of my boating life and a slip in the Berkeley Marina for several years, I know first hand how difficult it can be to get in and out of a slip when the wind is up. Having a "bail out" space around your slip, means you have a way to escape a bad landing and come around for another try. In slips that lack that space in the fairway, damage to boats is a likely outcome if the docking out or landing goes badly.

There is no other part of the Berkeley Marina that allows that extra space other than J dock.

In addition, I take exception to the concept that much larger boats will flock to the Berkeley Marina as has been posited by the experts working with the P, R & W development team. I've seen the renderings that show the marina as a sunny, warm place where people will sit out on open decks to enjoy the view and have their beverages. That's just not going to happen. There is a reason that Skates, His Lordship and even the Modern Sailing School don't have open decks facing the water - it's too windy and too cold most of the year. The weather conditions at the Berkeley Marina are such that people with bigger boats often end up in Richmond or the Alameda Estuary where it is warm and sunny most of the sailing season.

Please support Cal Sailing Club's request to keep the slips they currently have on j dock so they continue to teach people how to sail a keel boat. For the community it offers a whole new way of enjoying the Bay.

Vince Casalaina  
2619 Benvenue Ave. Apt. A, Berkeley, 94704

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**Subject:** Preserve Cal Sailing J Dock Location

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Commissioner Roger Miller,

I am commenting on the proposal to move the Cal Sailing slips on J Dock to another part of the Marina, and I request these comments to be included in the June 12 PRW Commission Agenda.

Sailing is a sport for those with money. This is largely true, but not completely. There are a handful of groups in the US who make sailing available widely at low cost. One of them is Community Boating in Boston, where I learned to sail in the 1980s. Another is Cal Sailing, here in Berkeley.

There's a great sailing school in the Berkeley Marina, and you'll pay a few thousand dollars for the basic classes, which will allow you to rent their boats for a few hundred dollars a day. They are no different in that respect than most of the sailing schools in the US.

At Cal Sailing, you pay about \$120 for a three month membership (less if you're a student or a senior), and everything else is free. You have to do a couple of hours of work for the club during that period, and this is how we keep the costs low. You can even pay for your membership in work hours, ten of them buys you a three month membership. We have many members who don't pay anything except their work. So anyone can afford this.

I moved to the Bay Area from Boston in 1989, and at first I did the usual sailing school/rental thing, which I could afford. There are many good schools in the area. Later I found Cal Sailing, and I found several wonderful things there. One was a community. A diverse community, not just the rich guys who could afford the standard boat rentals. People who come down not just to sail, but to maintain the boats, fix stuff in the yard, and all that.

I found an interesting thing here. The sailing standards are very high. It's relatively easy to get certified in most sailing schools and relatively hard at Cal Sailing. You have to really know your stuff and demonstrate it in challenging conditions. If you're paying the big bucks for a class, you expect that you'll be certified at the end of it. At Cal Sailing, you're paying effectively nothing, and you have to show that you can actually do it. And the pass rate is not high.

This leads into the J Dock issue and Cal Sailing's slips there, which are threatened by Marina plans for power boat slips. We teach departing and docking under sail, which is an advanced technique that no commercial sailing school teaches, except as an emergency maneuver (the motor fails). A member will not be certified unless they can demonstrate that skill confidently, in all wind conditions.

Why is this important? Some talk about the tradition of sailing without motors, but I think of it as understanding at a deep level how to sail the boat, how the boat works. If you can do this, you can handle lots of unusual situations, as you understand all of the controls available to you, not just the motor (which could fail at the wrong time).

It turns out that Cal Sailing's current slips at J Dock are the perfect place for teaching these skills. I won't bore you with the reasons, but I and others have looked around the Marina for a similar place and haven't found one.

It also seems that the economic benefit to the Marina of moving Cal Sailing's slips elsewhere is pretty minimal.

So I would encourage you to maintain the Cal Sailing slips in perpetuity for sailing instruction and community service.

John Bongiovanni

Head Instructor, Cal Sailing

Oakland Resident

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Robert Hugel <rhugel@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Please allow the Cal Sailing Club to remain in the Berkeley Marina at J-dock !

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Dear Roger Miller,

Please allow the Cal Sailing Club to remain at J-dock in the Berkeley Marina.

CSC contributes a lot of wonderful experiences for our whole community. Keeping the boats on J-dock will allow us to maintain the boats, and better serve the community.

We have been at J-dock for 50 years. Moving us is short-sited and unnecessary.

Please include this issue in the June 12<sup>th</sup> PRW Commission meeting agenda.

Urge the PRW commissioners to support CSC boats to remain at J-dock.

Thank you for your time and efforts,  
~Robert Hugel

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Thibault de Poyferré <thibault.de.poyferre@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Keeping CSC on J dock

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Dear Roger Miller,

My name is Thibault de Poyferré and I have been a member of Cal Sailing Club (CSC) for 5 years. I have learned that the city of Berkeley is trying to evict the club boats from their marina berths on J dock. I write to urge you to put that subject on the next PRW Commission agenda, and for the commissioners to support keeping CSC in those berths and dedicating them to teaching and community sailing in perpetuity.

Those locations are critical to the functioning of the club; they are unparalleled for learning departure and docking under sail, a critical safety skill. As a student currently learning those skills, I can attest that they teach a lot about boat handling, and that any other location in the marina would be much harder to learn from. Those spots are also close the clubhouse, which makes community events easier to organize.

When I arrived in the bay area, it is through CSC that I integrated in the local community. Although I don't live in Berkeley anymore, it is the reason I keep coming back, and it keeps me supporting the local businesses, in and out of the marina. The club means a lot to me, and I hope I can count on your support so that it can continue serving the community.

Best regards,  
Thibault de Poyferré

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** CSC Community Value

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Greetings --

I am a former Cal Sailing Club member now living in Sydney, Australia. In my ten years living in Australia, I have never really felt accepted as a member of the community here. I have been engaged with various volunteer activities, including taking taking handicapped kids sailing - a skill enabled by my training at Cal Sailing Club. The adults at my various volunteer activities here in Australia have always treated me as an outsider. Fortunately, the kids I took sailing didn't perceive me first as an American; an outsider. That made the experience worthwhile.

One of the qualities of Cal Sailing Club is that everyone gets involved; everyone becomes part of the community; everyone learns and advances.

This is a truly valuable contribution to the social fabric and allowing everyone to feel that they're part of the organization. CSC helped me integrate into what my life became in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sadly, I have found nothing similar here, and I have some regrets about leaving the Bay Area. I would hope that Cal Sailing Club continue in the role I found so valuable. The city should be proud this organization exists, and do what it can to support it.

p.s. if you know anyone living in Sydney who sails, I've been trying to figure out how to get on the water without having to buy a house that has a driveway to fit a boat and tow vehicle. Cal Sailing Club makes the path a no-brainer.

James Lamb

21 Herbert Street

Dulwich Hill, NSW 2203 Australia

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Jim

## Miller, Roger

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**From:** Mark Elgood <elgoodmark@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Please preserve Cal Sailing Club Keelboat berths at Berkeley Marina J-dock

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Hello Roger,

It's a wonderful feeling taking a keelboat lesson at Cal Sailing Club J-dock berths and seeing the enthusiasm/progress of the local students/residents who are learning critical sailing skills from instructors who have grown up through this wonderful and unique system in a way you very rarely find through traditional commercial sailing schools or clubs. For minimal to zero cost anyone is able to learn to sail and especially solidly learn key skills around marina docking in all weather conditions / wind directions and covering situations where things go wrong - engine failure, rudder failure and how to safely get back in such circumstances.

Because of the unique location of the CSC berths that have been established for almost 50 years the club is able to teach these unique skills while minimizing risk of damage to other boats renting berths in the marina.

I personally have benefited from this along with many other students each year for all the 50 years CSC has been able to offer this.

It's a huge rung up on the ladder to having the skills and confidence to being able to sail/dock larger boats in more adverse wind / current conditions which ultimately benefits the marina/BYC if someone gets a boat and berths there, the larger bay area cruising/racing scene or the general maritime industry.

CSC keelboat lessons have allowed me to pursue my dream and sailed many passages in the Atlantic and Pacific stopping at many ports over the past 5 years.

I respectfully request that the PRW Commissioners support a resolution that dedicates in perpetuity CSC's J-dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing.

Please include this letter in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

And if any of you have not come down and tried CSC community open house sailing I thoroughly recommend it - the bay and being on the water is just gorgeous at the moment.

Many thanks,

Mark Elgood - 925-922-7461 - [elgoodmark@gmail.com](mailto:elgoodmark@gmail.com)

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** CSC Keelboast Berths

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

My name is Kevin Wong, I'm a 3rd generation Bay Area resident and member of the Cal Sailing Club. I'm writing to urge that you add to the June 12th meeting agenda, maintaining CSC's J-dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing.

I joined the club in 2022. I had been wanting to learn to sail for over a decade but, due to a combination of barriers including cost, inflexibility and exclusivity I never had signed up with another club. CSC eliminates all of those barriers and I am so happy that I found the organization. The program goes out of its way to be welcoming to everyone, meeting people on their terms, where they are in sailing experience, comfort level and financial resources. That is a very rare thing, especially in the world of sailing.

The J Dock Berths are integral to CSC's ability to offer wholistic training to aspiring sailors. The foundation of the clubs instruction is safety and docking under sail is a vital safety skill. Moreover, as a volunteer run club a single location of the keelboats means a better ability to maintain the boats and more efficient instruction. Moving the berths would be a devastating blow to the club.

Again, I urge you to add this item to the June 12th agenda and support a resolution protecting the existing CSC berths.

Thanks,  
- Kevin

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Jonathan Abramson <jcachips@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Saving CSC Sailing Berths

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Dear Mr. Miller: I am a Berkeley resident for the past 35 years. I have been a member of the Cal Sailing Club for the past 2 years and have greatly benefited from this organization. I and many others in our organization ask that you reconsider the decision to move the CSC berths. The current berths allow our members to learn the skills necessary to safely sail the boats docked in these berths. Moving the boats to the proposed berths would make it much more difficult for students to learn the skills required to safely sail the boats docked in these berths. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully, Jonathan Abramson

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** ilia Mirkin <mirkin@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club Keelboat location in Berkeley Marina for June 12 PRW commission meeting

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Dear Roger Miller,

I am writing to ask for your support in maintaining the Cal Sailing Club's unique water access for our keelboats. The specific location of our boats enables us to teach how to depart and dock our keelboats under sail. Moving our boats from their current location would significantly diminish our ability to provide these unique teaching opportunities to members of our community.

The Cal Sailing Club has been an integral part of my life since 2005. I became a member while a student at UC Berkeley. As a child, I always dreamed of learning how to sail. However, living in San Francisco, this dream seemed out of reach, especially after my mother approached the Saint Francis Yacht Club and was told that I would need to be recommended by three current members to participate in their sailing classes. Consequently, I gave up on my dream as a teenager. This would not have happened if my mother had approached the Cal Sailing Club instead. It took me another eight years to discover the club and finally realize my dream of learning how to sail.

The Cal Sailing Club is one of the most special places in the world for me. I have traveled to over 30 countries and have not encountered another club like this anywhere else. For a very modest fee, I was able to join the club and learn to sail in one of the best sailing locations in the world, our San Francisco Bay. Thanks to the unique location of the club's boats, I was able to learn to sail in and out of the marina under sail. This experience taught me the beauty of sailboats and connected me to one of my life's passions. Everywhere I sail around the world, people are impressed by how comfortable I am controlling the boat, all thanks to the club and its unique opportunity to teach us to rely on sails instead of motors.

If our boats are moved to another location, we will lose the ability to practice these skills, and future members of our community will miss out on the opportunity to become world-class sailors. The Cal Sailing Club has been a community, a refuge, and a place to recharge and nourish my soul. The club thrives on volunteering and members who are passionate about sailing and sharing their passion with others. We all teach and train each other, passing on the unique skill set we have learned thanks to the club.

The Cal Sailing Club is one of the main reasons I chose to live in Berkeley. I have been a Berkeley resident since 2015 and currently reside in the South Berkeley district on Stuart and McGee. The club allows me to enjoy our beautiful bay and sail with other passionate sailors as much as I desire without having to own a boat. Sailing has led me to become a social worker, supporting others in their healing and growth. I would not have been able to do the work I do without having the Cal Sailing Club as my refuge, a place to recharge and be able to serve others in need.

Please help us spread the beauty and healing of sailing in our community. Please help us keep our keelboats at their unique location in the marina, which allows easy access for maintenance and organization of teaching and community events. This location also allows us to sail our boats in and out of the dock under sail, a unique sailing skill and a core essence of our club.

Please protect our club and allow it to remain one of the most special places on earth for Berkeley residents and members of the community. It is hard to quantify the joy and the benefit that future generations of sailors will gain from learning these amazing sailing skills, which will help them enjoy life and become active members of our community.

Please include this issue in the June 12, 2024 RRW Commission meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Ilia Mirkin  
South Berkeley Resident

## Miller, Roger

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**From:** Stephanie Evans <stephanie.j.evans@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** RE: CSC's berths on J-Dock & the June 12 PRW Commission

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Dear Robert Miller,

Thank you so much for your service on our Waterfront Commission. I'm a member and former Commodore of Cal Sailing Club. I joined the club in 2011 and fell in love with sailing thanks to the affordable membership dues of the cooperative model, wonderful volunteer instructors, and easy access to sailboats. While I felt lost as a young woman before joining CSC, the club gave me meaning, purpose, and lifelong friends along with new technical, leadership, and communication skills. The first time I sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on a cruise led by CSC, I felt like I finally understood the point of life.

**I'm writing to strongly oppose the movement of the CSC keelboats from J-dock.** For decades, the club has sailed out of J-Dock - a location that allows club members to get their safety gear at the club and walk over to the docks. **That specific location, and all the boats being together, allows us to teach and coordinate in a safe and organized way. It also allows us to maintain the boats,** a crucial aspect of safely providing education in the intense winds of the Bay Area. **And it allows us to dock under sail, a crucial skill for every sailor familiar with temperamental outboard motors.**

**To move the boats would greatly disrupt our ability to serve the community through open houses and lessons.** We provide an enormous value (estimated ~\$90,000 annually) to the city of Berkeley and surrounding communities and hope the city will in turn recognize this by allowing us to stay where we've been for the past 50 years.

Please include our resolution to protect our J-dock berths location on the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda and consider providing a positive recommendation. I and our current and future members thank you.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Evans  
415-961-2388

Residency: I recently moved away from Oakland, CA to Minneapolis, MN, but plan to return to the Berkeley area next year.

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Asha Allen <ashaallenroth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 9:28 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Letter request to keep J-dock for CSC use. Please include this in 6/12/24 PRW Commission meeting.

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

My name is Asha Allen and I am writing to advocate on behalf of Cal Sailing Club to keep our J-dock berths for continued training to benefit the community. Please include this in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

I have been part of Cal Sailing Club (CSC) for over a year. I am a relatively new member, but have seen great benefit in the club and especially in keeping the J-dock berth. Now that I have learned some basics of dinghy sailing, the next step is to learn how to sail a keelboat, and the skills of docking and departing undersail are essential in that learning. We absolutely need J-dock for that. It is important that we retain the open water access to keelboat berths for teaching docking and departing undersail as we have done for the past 50 years. These are essential skills for any serious sailor and we aim to teach, learn and stay safe. For 50 years we have used J-dock to teach from. Please don't take it away. I strongly oppose eviction and moving elsewhere.

Roger, I am asking you to support a resolution that dedicates the J-dock berths to CSC. There is no value in a short-sighted change that prioritizes convenience over a long-standing tradition of expert teaching and community sailing. It would be a damaging blow to CSC and one that is unnecessary. Keeping our keelboats in a row and in close proximity to CSC is essential for maintaining the boats and organizing teaching and community events to a great number of diverse members. Learning and then teaching others how to sail - safely and expertly - is a vital part of our community. Lastly, I invite you to visit and to experience, first hand, this incredible club. There is no other club like CSC, it is a Bay Area treasure, and welcomes a large and diverse all volunteer community. Keeping J-dock will allow CSC to maintain the depth and quality of teaching the Bay Area has known for half a century.

Warmly,

Asha J. Allen  
Cal Sailing Club member

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Dave O'Keefe <ohdaway@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:02 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Please preserve the Cal Sailing Club's historic J-Dock home

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

As a Berkeley resident (District 2), I am writing to urge you to allow the Cal Sailing Club to continue berthing their keelboats in their current location. The current location is conveniently located near the club, which allows our boats to be together and facilitates the teaching of docking under sail.

I first joined the Cal Sailing Club in 1988 as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley and learned to sail from volunteer instructors at the Cal Sailing Club. They taught me how to safely sail keelboats. This instilled in me the confidence to buy a Catalina 22 of my own which I have berthed at the Berkeley Marina slip G204 since 2020. I went on to become a volunteer instructor at the Cal Sailing Club and have enjoyed many years of teaching there.

Over the years I've taught many people from around the world and I've learned through these interactions that the Cal Sailing Club, run as a volunteer cooperative, is truly unique and deserves your support in keeping their keelboats where they are.

Many slips in the Berkeley Marina are rented to current and former Cal Sailing Club members, like myself. I believe it is in the Marina's best

interest financially to allow the club to continue berthing their keelboats in their current locations so that the Berkeley Marina can benefit from future slip holders who will be slip holders because they learned to sail keelboats at the Cal Sailing Club.

Please include this letter in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

Sincerely,  
Dave O'Keefe  
1400 Fairview St  
Berkeley, CA 94702

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club on J Dock

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I hope you will continue to give the Cal Sailing Club the slips on J dock for all their boats.

I learned to sail at the club and then rented a slip for my boat at the Berkeley Marina for 19 years. The slip was optimal with all the Cal Sailing boats on J dock. The boat is now owned by Michael Faw who also learned sailing at Cal Sailing and pays Berkeley the rent.

Cal Sailing is one of the treasures of the Berkeley Marina and, indeed, of the Berkeley community. I hope you will continue to support the club and its amazing activities

Please include this letter in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda, and thanks so much for your continuing support of The Cal Sailing Club!

Paul Herzmark  
Member since 1993  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club J dock Berths

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**Hello,**

I support keeping the cal Sailing club keelboats in their current j dock location at the Berkeley Marina. It is important to teach docking and leaving the dock under sail. We bought a Morgan 30 that did not back up well under motor. We changed to leave and dock it under sail with much more reliable and controlled results. There are many sailboats that do not back up well, especially in Berkeley's strong winds. We have been berth holders at the marina for about 13 years after I learned at the Cal sailing club. The location of the j dock slips are important, when CSC had a slip further down j dock it was more exciting leaving the slip in lighter winds. Please keep the berths where they are, thank you for supporting community sailing at the Cal Sailing Club.

Karen Huie  
Resident of Fremont  
O215 Star Trek and current member of the Cal Sailing Club

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**Subject:** Please support resolution to dedicate J-Dock berths to Cal Sailing Club for community sailing

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Hello dear Commissioner Secretary Miller, I hope you are having a great day.

I would like to formally request that this letter be included in the agenda and minutes of the June 12 2024 public meeting of the PRW Commission.

My name is Ben Lee, and myself along with my sailboat partners are relatively new Berkeley Marina slip holders. We have been renting a 30 foot downwind slip on J-Dock since 2022 for our Catalina 30. As a marina slip holder I am writing to you in support of the resolution to protect and reserve selected historic slips on J-Docks for the Cal sailing Club's use in training new sailors. This is because we only became boat owners and Berkeley Marina slip holders because of our training at Cal Sailing Club, and we want to make sure that the Marina and the PRW Commission continue to support Cal Sailing well into the future.

While the Marina might potentially get marginally a few dollars more revenue from enlarging a couple of slips, I believe that would be a short-sighted decision. A very significant percentage of long term slip holders at the Marina were (and are) Cal Sailing Club members, A good number of Berkeley Yacht Club members were and are Cal Sailing Club members too. It was our world-class training by the Cal Sailing Club that led us to becoming boat owners and slip holders. By evicting the Cal Sailing Club boats from the ideal training docks on J, the marina would only be hurting its long term prospects, because a whole cohort of future generation boat owners might never come to be.

I urge you to support the resolution to reserve the historic slips on J-dock for the Cal Sailing Club, with a view towards the long term expansion of the sailing community in the bay, which will also ensure the long term financial health of the Marina. Thank you very much for your time and attention, and your work on the commission.

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Co-owner, Catalina 30 "Campanile"

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"The city is my church...  
It wraps me in its sparkling twilight"  
- M83

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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club and J-dock reconfiguration

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Dear Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the Cal Sailing Club J-dock issue on the PRW June 12 meeting agenda. *Please include the following note in the agenda as a communication for this meeting and circulate to all members of the commission.*

According to the CSC petition and letter (<https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-eviction-protect-community-sailing-preserve-cal-sailing-club-s-j-dock-berths>) the city’s plan is to remove CSC’s six berths occupied by their ~25’ boats for two berths for 40’ boats.

**Please advise your councilmember to listen to CSC’s requests and reasoning to maintain their current, historic spaces at the marina which allows this community-based program to operate and low- to average-income people to sail on the Bay.**

I am a longtime Cal Sailing Club member, Berkeley resident and mother with two children who have gone through the BUSD school system. The access to sailing and water sports in general made possible by CSC has been an integral part of our lives and well-being, especially on an average income for the Bay Area. I’ve been able to recreate on the San Francisco Bay, sailing in a boat while volunteering at the club to keep the costs down – something few other places offer and, amazingly, something anyone of any background, gender or income-level can do. For example, just a few weeks ago, I earned volunteer hours (thus lowering my membership fees) by teaching a dinghy capsizing recovery clinic to at least 15 of our women sailors, with techniques appropriate for lighter weight sailors. My next goal is to master the keelboats. Club members have looked but there are no places in the Berkeley marina other than the current consolidated CSC docks where it is feasible for all our keelboat sailors-in-training to safely practice the sailing maneuvers. On the other hand, other options for the two large boats exist without evicting CSC from these berths.

City staff say their hands are tied because they need to revenue-generate but that direction from city council would alleviate them of having to move us.

**The city’s revenue-generation argument raises several concerns which I urge the commission to evaluate. To this point:**

- Each year, several nonprofit organizations participate in Berkeley’s slip fee waiver program if they can document their monetized value to Berkeley over and above the rental value of the berths they occupy. According to CSC’s petition and linked letter, CSC’s annual give-back to Berkeley is four times the foregone rent, and that does not even include the additional spillover effect of teaching people to sail and then turn into slip renters, valued at over five times the foregone rent. I believe we should let

these community-valued recreational programs operate. They add equity, diversity and accessibility to the marina.

- Even if the CSC berths were rented, it appears to me that two slips for the 40' boats would generate less revenue than the current six slips for the 25' boats. According to the city's slip rental rates, two 40' boats would pay  $\$12.08/\text{foot} \times 40 \times 2 = \$966.40/\text{month}$ . Compare to the current six slips holding 25' boats, which would earn  $\$10.45/\text{foot} \times 25 \times 6 = \$1567.50/\text{month}$ . (See <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/waterfront/slip-rentals>)
- The 2022 slip mix study for the Berkeley marina says that D&E docks which hold bigger boats have low occupancy rates because of poor dock conditions. Therefore, owners of larger boats are not renting in the Berkeley marina because of the dock conditions, not lack of availability of bigger slips (Report available at <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/waterfront-specific-plan>, p. 5, accessed 6/3/2024). The slated repairs should boost occupancy rates for the larger boats.

I understand a parks tax may be on the ballot in the fall. Part of the tax increase will cover the marina fund's \$1.2M expense for annual maintenance of parks in the waterfront. However, I cannot see any logic in supporting a parks tax that goes to the waterfront if the city would not even support affordable public access to the recreational aspects of the waterfront.

**Please support CSC in their requests to maintain their berths now.**

Please contact me if you have questions on any aspect of this letter.

Thank you,

Camille Antinori

Berkeley resident, District 3

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**Subject:** Please Preserve Cal Sailing Club's Keelboat Berths

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

In 1970, I joined the Cal Sailing Club and honed my sailing skills over the next five years there. Its offering of small sailboats and its three 23' Ensign keelboats enabled me to become an accomplished sailor. Without my involvement with the CSC, I doubt that I would have had the opportunity to pursue sailing for the next five decades. Its keelboats are typically used without the benefit of motorized propulsion, rendering it essential for these boats to have upwind berths. Developing those skills is essential for truly learning how to sail. Please do not force the CSC to seek alternative berthing in Berkeley.

I also recall the CSC starting its community outreach programs in the early 1970s when we offered free introduction to sailing to the Berkeley community. This program has grown tremendously and is often people's first opportunity to pursue a green, water-borne activity. We should preserve CSC's ability to serve the Berkeley community.

Please include this request in the June 12 Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission meeting agenda.

Thank you,

Tom Edwards  
Berkeley Resident, District 6  
Former CSC Commodore 1973

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Greg Schlomoff <gregory.schlomoff@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** In support of protecting the CSC's access to keelboat berths

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I'm a Berkeley resident (San Pablo park neighborhood), and I write in support of the Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to ask that we keep the club's access to keelboat berths.

The CSC is a fantastic resource for us Berkeley residents. There is nowhere else in the Bay Area where people like myself can learn to sail in such an affordable way. I've been a member of the club since 2019, learned windsurfing there, and intend on learning sailing as soon as my schedule allows.

Please include the resolution to protect the club's berths in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

Thank you very much,

Gregory Schlomoff

## Miller, Roger

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**Subject:** Protect Cal Sailing's Berths  
**Attachments:** jdock letter.pdf

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Dear Secretary Miller,

As a Berkeley resident and Secretary of the Cal Sailing Club, I am writing to request that the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission take all available actions to protect California Sailing Club's continued use of its historic J-Dock keelboat berths. CalSailing is an amazing institution that provides incredible services to the people of Berkeley and the greater Bay Area, services that allow people of all incomes to learn and enjoy sailing and Bay recreational activities. I urge you to support this invaluable institution.

### Why Cal Sailing Matters to Me

I have been a Berkeley resident since 2007 and live in council district 2. I am a parent of three kids who have gone to Berkeley public schools; two of my kids are now in college and the third attends Longfellow middle school. My spouse works as a carpenter and I am a nonprofit lawyer working on climate change and racial justice issues.

From the time I was a child, I dreamed about sailing, but I always saw this as an activity that was out of reach for our middle class family. I stumbled across Cal Sailing two summers ago, when I was looking to get my oldest child a sailing lesson for their birthday. I was incredulous to find that a three month Cal Sailing membership was cheaper than a single sailing lesson at other sailing schools. An open house was scheduled for the next day, so we headed down to experience a sail. This was my very first time on a sailboat. There was wind and salty spray! The boat dipped and heeled in response to wind and waves! I could touch the water! It was exhilarating, and we became members on the spot. Since then, I've learned to sail the small CalSailing dinghies, gone on daylong Bay sailing adventures offered by members, attended sailing theory classes, become the Cal Sailing Club Co-Secretary, and begun learning to sail our bigger keelboats. In my two years at Cal Sailing, I've paid for two quarters of membership and have contributed volunteer hours to obtain free membership for the remainder of the time.

I love sailing because it allows me to directly experience our Bay's natural beauty, its rhythms, and its realities. Sailing makes me feel connected to human history – to centuries of humans engaging with our oceans and waters for sustenance, to travel, and for fun. Learning to better understand the wind and how it interacts with sails, careening through splashing waves, and seeing seals, pelicans, grebes, and other wildlife in their watery habitat are experiences that bring me joy and appreciation.

### Why Cal Sailing Matters for Our Community

Cal Sailing provides public goods that our city and our communities desperately need. Our climate is under grave threat. As San Mateo County declared a few months ago, loneliness and social isolation constitute a public health emergency. Among the many racial inequities that plague our country, unequal access to nature and high quality outdoor spaces is a significant contributor to health inequities.

The programs provided by Cal Sailing address these challenges. Cal Sailing provides a welcoming, affordable, and accessible way for people in Berkeley and the Bay Area to connect to nature, to learn skills, and to deepen their appreciation for why we need to protect our Bay, our oceans, our wildlands, and our climate. As an all volunteer club, Cal Sailing provides social connections and nurtures relationships. Cal Sailing is highly affordable and is free with volunteer hours. It provides a way for people to contribute to each other's learning and to benefit in experience, in friendship, and in life skills. Sailing has traditionally been a Whiter, more affluent, and more male activity. Cal Sailing has events and activities specifically to encourage and include women, femme, and trans sailors. Our diversity and inclusion chairs work to ensure a sense of belonging and welcome for people of color and other groups at Cal Sailing. Our youth chairs host activities and events to support young people on the water. Cal Sailing brings different people together, creates intergenerational friendships, exposes people to others who are unlike them, and teaches us to value each other.

### Protecting Our Berths Matters for Our Programs

As a member of Cal Sailing and the Berkeley community, I ask this Commission to support Cal Sailing's continued use of its historic J-Dock berths. As a newer sailor, learning to sail our keelboats, I have seen how the open space around these berths allows us to depart and dock under sail under different wind conditions. Because docking requires coming close to the dock and other boats, it is one of the more challenging aspects of sailing. Our current berths give us room to practice and learn, and room to bail out and try again if things aren't right. Having the chance to learn with some room for error is crucial. Even in my short time sailing, I've seen situations in which other Marina users' motors have given out or failed to start, requiring them to suddenly and inexpertly dock under sail. Seeing these situations has made me glad that this is a skill that we learn from the start. Without these berths, experts at the club would be less comfortable teaching newer sailors like me these skills. The location and proximity of our berths allow us to easily access the boats from the clubhouse and work together to maintain the boats.

I urge the Commission to demonstrate its appreciation for the value that Cal Sailing brings to the City of Berkeley and the people of California by supporting a resolution guaranteeing our continued use of the berths. Cal Sailing's presence and programs at the Marina improve health, equity, and joy for the community, as well as supporting public access and appreciation for our public tidelands. The Commission should do everything in its power to support these outcomes.

Sincerely,  
Sara Zimmerman

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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club

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Dear PRW Commission and Berkeley City Council,

Hopefully you will read and respectfully consider what I write below.

In 1955 my family lived in Berkeley on Ellsworth street. I was in the 6th grade at the time. My interest in sailing began in Berkeley. I remember riding my bike to the main Berkeley Public Library to check out every sea story book I thought I could read. I got my father to take me down to the marina to see the boats. The marina was very different then of course, much smaller than today. I recall not being able to decide which of the many sail boats I liked the best. They all had differing beauty. I still love that beauty today.

It took until 2003 before I was able to realize a life long dream of really learning to sail. CSC made that possible. My interest in 1955 and today, remains in the keelboats. Since joining the club in 2003 I have progressed to the Cruising Skipper level and continue to spend volunteer time maintaining the keelboats. I also taught keelboat lessons (12 continuous years), and still take folks out for free on our Open House rides.

It is critically important to keep the CSC keelboats together and right where they have been for this past 50 years. Moving them anywhere else in the marina will definitely seriously damage our ability to teach one of the last basic skills. Almost nowhere else at any sailing school, can one learn how to dock and depart from the dock under sail.

Sailing has been the joy of my retirement. I just wish I had discovered Cal Sailing earlier. Please do not do something that will make that joy difficult to impossible for others that will follow in the future years. Keep the CSC keelboats right where they are in perpetuity.

Please put this issue on the PRW agenda for the June 12, 2024 meeting.

Respectfully,

Sheldon Coad  
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**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Allan Champion <allanc@glasr.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club

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Dear Secretary Miller et al,

As a 26 year member of Cal Sailing Club I implore the City of Berkeley NOT to evict or move our current keelboat's location, but to continue to allow Cal Sailing to keep our current keelboat slips at the north end of J Dock. Cal Sailing's mission of teaching skills, water safety, and giving low cost access to the water for the public benefit would be hurt demonstrably by such a move.

Our all-volunteer members have worked for years, as slips have opened up, to get our keelboats moved so that they are all together at the end of J Dock. This is crucial for our teaching program and operations which support events like the Berkeley Bay Festival and our free, public Open House/ Introductory Sail program.

Our practice of teaching boathandling under sail, first in dinghies and then in our larger keelboats is unique in the sailing world where most keelboats leave and return to the dock under engine power. Our higher level skipper ratings require an ability to leave and return to the dock upwind, downwind, and crosswind in our keelboats which teaches boathandling to a finer degree, enhancing safety.

Thank you,

Allan Champion  
Commodore Emeritus  
Cal Sailing Club

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Andrew Hacket <ahacket@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing - keeping J Dock

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I am a US Sailing certified Keelboat instructor. All my skills were taught to me at CSC Cal Sailing which included sailing in and out of the slip at J dock which is very difficult and takes lots of training and practice.

J dock has been and still is uniquely qualified for this training due to its position close to the turning basin giving space and time to prepare and have multiple alternatives for plan As and Plan Bs in case something goes wrong.

CSC has produced 100s of highly qualified local sailors who keep passing on these skills. Me getting US Sailing certified as instructor was easy after being trained at CSC at J dock.

Thank you for reading this, Andy Hacket

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**Subject:** Please Add to June 12 PRW Meeting Agenda

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Dear Mr. Miller,

Please include these remarks in the agenda for the June 12 PRW commission hearing.

I am writing to voice my dismay with the proposed intention of the Berkeley Marina to evict or move Cal Sailing Club from its historical berths on J Dock to other less accessible berths in the Marina. These specific berths located at the end of J Dock have facilitated CSC's ability to successfully teach and safely navigate from these slips for decades. To force a move would materially affect our ability to easily perform the difficult maneuvers for docking. I am sure you have viewed many comments about the tremendous value the Club has contributed to the viability, exposure, and income enjoyed by the Marina.

I have lived in the Bay Area since 1965, moved to Oakland in 1982 and soon learned of Cal Sailing through their public outreach with their Free Open House rides. I soon became a member and over time advanced my skills to the highest level in the Club-Cruising Skipper. During the decades I have personally given rides, taught and exposed thousands of people to the joys and demands of safe, inexpensive, sailing/boating.

Through my experience here I have been connected to opportunities to sail on many other boats, including ocean crossings. In 2000 I purchased an older 28' sailboat, berthed on O Dock. I have done some quick calculations and I estimate my dock fees for the last 23 years are \$75,000+; my membership in the Berkeley Yacht Club \$16,000+; costs for boat haul-outs/maintenance \$10,000+. This is income for the Marina and their vendors from one boat owner. Multiply this by the scores of other CSC members who have purchased boats and you can see the benefit that CSC has been to the viability of the Marina.

To "reward" our club by arbitrarily moving our club boats to unfavorable berths that will adversely affect our ability to teach thousands more potential boaters is unconscionable for some misguided financial advantages perceived by the Marina.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Peter Baczek  
*Diva*, Ranger 28  
O Dock

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** chris kubick <socalledsound@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** CSC on J dock

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Dear Roger,

My name is Chris Kubick. I teach art at UC Berkeley and live in Berkeley with my family and about ten years ago I joined Cal sailing on a whim and learned how to sail. And then after a few years I bought my own little boat and I've been playing slip fees at the Berkeley Marina ever since.

I hear that you guys are thinking about mucking up the CSC keelboat access and I'd like to ask you to reconsider doing that.

Because here's the thing: there are COUNTLESS other people with the same story as me, or at least a dinosaur one. We grew up kind of normal, with no boats in our lives, and then we wandered into sailing through cal sailing, on a whim because it's fun and easy and not too expensive.....and then we got hooked and started to love the marina and now we've been sustaining the vitality of this marina for a five years or ten years or three decades.

I think that if you move the CSC boats and endanger their keelboat program it would be not only a huge loss for the city of Berkeley and for the ability for regular folks to learn about sailing without spending a fortune on it....but also a huge and catastrophic self inflicted gunshot to the face for the marina because I bet a solid 50% of the people who have sailboats there either are currently affiliated with cal.sailing or were at one time affiliated with cal sailing, and you run a very serious risk of shrinking your potential future berthers by some incalculable amount.

Thank you for your consideration!

Chris Kubick  
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Berkeley CA 94705

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**From:** Molly Morelock <mollymorelock@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing's legacy and contribution to safe sailing in the SF Bay

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Hi Robert and All:

I have been a member of Cal sailing for over 12+ years. I served on the BOD and finally bought my own boat in 2018. It would not have been possible without the education and support Cal Sailing provided over the course of many years.

I purchased a 24' S-2 named Gina from Alex Case and was especially interested in his slip, at the end of J-Dock., first finger. He had had that slip for many, many years. That particular slip allowed me and other beginner/intermediate sailors to sail in and out of our slip without the risk of hitting the houseboats, the dock and other boats. I learned how to slow sail at Cal Sailing and that technique has come in handy more times than I can count. Our motor was old and it always seemed to fail right when we were approaching a dock. But because of all of the Cal Sailing training and practice, I was able to safely dock and depart hundreds of times. Had I been in a slip closer to shore, the outcome may not have been as positive.

In 2021, The Marina informed me I had to move out of my slip to make way for a 40' sailboat. While I was not happy with the idea of leaving my sweet spot, we agreed we could move to the end tie. It wasn't the most ideal spot, but it was better than getting stuck close to shore with no Plan B if we got into trouble.

Fast forward to 2022 and one day, while I was getting ready to sail, the boat that took over my slip (the 40' boat) came in extremely hot, under motor and tore off the faucet on the dock at his "slip" which resulted in 1000s of gallons of fresh water spewing into the Bay. Just because they are bigger boats, doesn't mean they can dock/depart safely....even under motor.

I urge you to reconsider your plan to evict the Cal Sailing keelboats that provided 1,000s of free rides to Bay Area residents that have never even been on the Bay, let alone, a sailboat. It's a public service and One-of-a-kind club that fosters good sailing techniques, community, stewardship and respect for this beautiful Bay.

**Could you please include my letter in the June 12 PRW commission docket. You can delete my previous message. I didn't have a chance to cc: all the members of the Berkeley commission.**

Thank you,  
Molly

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Scott Selmanoff <scotty373@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 8:28 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club

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Dear Mr Miller,

We have been in Berkeley over 50 years and have used the sailing club many times. We continue to use the sailing club. It is an institution that needs to remain part of our wonderful city with access as it is. Thousands of people go. My family learned how to sail here.

Kind regards  
Scott Selmanoff

Please put the issue on the agenda.

Sent from my iPhone

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Hannah Maret <marethannah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 9:43 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** June 12 PRW Commission - Agenda Request

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I'm writing to request that the Cal Sailing Club J-dock eviction be included in the June 12 PRW Commission agenda.

I first became a member of CSC in September 2021. My husband and I had been planning to take a vacation in Bend, OR, but unfortunately had to cancel last minute due to wildfires nearby. We had mixed feelings about pivoting to a stay-cation in the Bay Area, but those quickly resolved as we spent more and more time at CSC that week. We were thrilled to find a club with an accessible membership fee and such a great group of people who were eager to share the sport. During our first day at the club, my husband and I earned a couple of volunteer hours helping out a club member who was kind enough to invite us on a sail camping trip to Angel Island after just a couple of weeks as new members. What a treat! That trip was so inspiring. I'll never forget the feeling of taking the helm under the Golden Gate Bridge. I also remember being so impressed by our skipper's docking and departing under sail at J-dock. It would be a shame to lose that opportunity if CSC were evicted. It's a skill that I'd love to master some day, and I'd hope that the community and its representatives would prioritize protecting access to that learning environment for all future students.

CSC is a truly special community that fosters a friendly and encouraging place to learn valuable skills, and I'm grateful to be a part of it. Please, protect CSC's indefinite access to J-dock births.

Best,  
Hannah Maret

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Joel Gussman <jgussman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:04 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP  
**Subject:** In Support of the Cal Sailing Club's berths

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Joel Gussman  
Former Commodore of the Cal Sailing Club

June 3, 2024

Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller:

Please include this email in the June 12 PRW Meeting Agenda.

I am writing to oppose moving the keelboat berths and to support a resolution to dedicate them in perpetuity to Cal Sailing Club for teaching purposes. I want to make three points:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Cal Sailing Club has a uniquely Berkeley
4. educational program in that they teach an heirloom skill that has nearly been lost in sailing education programs. This skill is departing and docking under sail and requires a certain type of berth next to an expanse of open water- berths like the current
5. ones. The skill cannot be taught from just any berth in the marina.
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- 8.
9. This skill helps fight climate change
10. because it reduces emissions. Most sailors can only use motors to depart and dock. Teaching sailors how to depart and dock under sail not only reduces emissions from motors in the Berkeley Marina, but it actually reduces emissions many times throughout the
11. life of the sailor wherever they sail in the world.
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15. The Cal Sailing Club generates revenue
16. for the City:
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  - a.
  - b.
  - c. First, many Cal Sailing Club members
  - d. later become boat owners in the Berkeley marina, where they pay slip fees.
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- i. Second, the Cal Sailing Club is a
- j. non-profit cooperative. We fulfill a need for community sailing education. Other cities have to spend money on this directly. For example, Oakland pays for a city-sponsored sailing program with paid staff.
- k.

For the reasons above, I respectfully request that the City protect something uniquely Berkeley and that the Cal Sailing Club not only be allowed to keep their current berths, but that these be dedicated to the club in perpetuity for teaching purposes.

Sincerely,

Joel B. Gussman, former Commodore of the Cal Sailing Club

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Yves Parent <parent.yves@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:15 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; nicholas.waton@gmail.com; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** CAL Sailing Club Marina berthing positions

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Dear M. Miller and City administrators.

It has come to my attention that the city of Berkeley or the Berkeley marina administration is considering changing the berthing positions for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) educational boats.

I strongly oppose this idea as it would very negatively impact CSC teaching activities.

The CSC keelboats need easy open water access provided by the marina's turning basin to allow teaching docking and casting off on the sail, without engines.

This unique skill has been taught to hundreds of skippers through the last 50 years.

I have learned it and taught it to dozens of people. Doing so I learned a lot about boating safety through better control of my vessel and crew communications, that I could not have if I was limited to motoring.

Motors can and do fail.

The unique skills of sailing using the wind (and the quirks or the absence of it) close to the berths is something incomparable regarding the benefits of safety and self-assurance for a boater. These don't fail.

Removing CSC's keelboats access to the turning basin would be a mistake, with the loss of an exceptional educational opportunity for the community. And I question what benefits the replacement would bring.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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>Yves<

Yves Parent

Cal Sailing Club keelboat instructor.

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Sarah Schroeder <SSchroeder@lbl.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:18 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; nicholas.waton@gmail.com; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** CSC keel boat eviction

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Dear Mr. Roger Miller,

I am writing to you in the context of the planned eviction of the sailboats at Berkeley Marina's J-Dock to strongly support CSC's interests.

A year ago, I moved from abroad to Berkeley (District 6). Sailing has been with me since childhood, so I was looking for a new club here in Berkeley. I found the CSC's open house to be a lively event that pinpointed the friendliness, diversity, and openness of this club, which is second to none. With the CSC, I have found a new club home that has made my arrival in the city easier and has enriched me every day since then. This club is unique in many ways! Every time I come to the club, I feel deeply grateful for what has been built up here over decades and can be vividly experienced by everyone.

On my first cruising trip, I was particularly impressed by the skilful docking of keelboats under sail. This is absolutely unique among all the sailing clubs I have been able to join around the world. Docking is one of the most complex manoeuvres that require a high level of sailing skill - doing the same under sail is a whole other level and speaks for the high standards of training in this club. I would like to emphasise here that the planned eviction of the CSC boats from the J-Dock berths will mean a huge loss of skills for future sailors and will also severely limit the experience at open house events when the boats are largely separated from the main venue.

I respectfully urge the PRW Commission to support the continued use of the J-Dock berths for CSC to maintain the club's outstanding contribution to sailor education and the whole community of Berkeley. Please consider this matter to be included in the upcoming PRW commission on June 12.

Kind regards  
Sarah Schröder

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Robert <robert@alamolighting.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:31 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** Claudia Kawczynska; Erin Diehm; Gordon Wozniak; Reichi Lee; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** Stand by Cal Sailing Club: Preserve their J-Dock Berths

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City officials,

Please include this correspondence in the agenda for the June 12 PRW commission hearing.

I am a Cal Sailing Club member, writing to encourage you to do something great and positive (and easy to do) for the marina and City of Berkeley: Simply support keeping Cal Sailing Club's (CSC) historic J-Dock keelboat berths right where they are, and allow CSC to continue what the Club does successfully, for years to come.

Let's put this unfortunately shortsighted planning snafu behind us; instead of pressing to evict CSC keelboats from our 50-year home, let's instead take civic pride, celebrating Cal Sailing as the region-wide magnet it is, drawing people from near and far to the Berkeley marina.

CSC exemplifies Berkeley California's long-held ideals, providing true economic and social equity, making water sports available to all, out of reach otherwise for most people. In addition, applying what we learn at our unique J-Dock berths, the ongoing free community open house and youth rides we provide, far exceed financial requisites for J-Dock slip fee waivers. Please do not mischaracterize these as 'free slips.'

As a substantial bonus from a non-profit cooperative, countless CSC members have gone on to buy their own boats and pay slip fees in the Berkeley marina; these fees exceeded \$125,000 in the year 2022 alone (which may vary year to year). Of course, we don't claim this annual CSC net revenue generation will solve larger financial challenges, but likewise, moving our six boats in exchange for two 40-foot vessels, will not make the slightest dent financially for the City either.

It would however be a body blow to Cal Sailing Club's program. Please reconsider. In future years, this questionable plan may even result in an ultimate net revenue loss, as our program degrades, producing fewer alum who buy their own boats, docking in the marina. Please don't ask us to reduce our level of instruction and downgrade our ability to provide cherished community services.

To sum up, this experience gives all involved the positive opportunity to pause; instead of taking for granted what Cal Sailing Club does for the marina and City of Berkeley, let's step back, take stock, celebrate and support a thriving community organization like no other: Cal Sailing Club.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Ofsevit  
Cruising Skipper  
Cal Sailing Club

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** David Fraser <teaclipper222@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:45 PM  
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**Subject:** CSC and J-dock  
**Attachments:** NOTE TO CITY ON J dock 6.3.24.docx

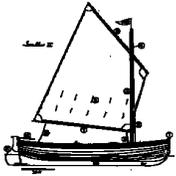
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Dear Mr. Miller and Commission officials,

I am a co-owner of the Catalina 30 Campanile at the Berkeley Marina, and a longtime CSC member and instructor. I write on behalf of Cal Sailing Club and the current issue of possible eviction from our keelboat docks. Please include this letter in the materials for the June 12 PRW meeting. Thank you very much.

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**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Nick Goyhenetche <nbg543@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 11:53 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; nicholas.waton@gmail.com; shreyas.chand@gmail.com  
**Subject:** CSC Keel Boat docks

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Dear PRW Commission,

Cal Sailing Club has utilized the slips at the end of J-dock for decades. Sailing into slips is an uncommon technique not taught at most schools but is a useful skill that helps create highly competent sailors. Internal combustion engines will fail and knowing how to get home when this happens is an invaluable skill.

These slips are uniquely situated to make this teachable with a roomy turning basin facilitating a thoughtful and controlled approach while under sail. Losing them would compromise our ability to teach and hurt the sailing experience at CSC.

Please consider preserving these slips for our community sailing club. We bring a lot to the table; providing a rigorous and economically accessible sailing education in the SF bay. I strongly believe this club is an asset to Berkeley and the Bay and should be cherished and protected for the rare gem that it is.

All the best,  
Nick Goyhenetche  
Cal Sailing Club cruising skipper  
S/V Wild Rover Cal 34-3

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** David Fraser <teaclipper222@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:24 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger; Claudia Kawczynska; David Fraser  
**Cc:** Erin Diehm; Gordon Wozniak; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** Re: CSC and J-dock

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Dear Mr. Miller and To Whom It May Concern: **[re-sending letter inline in case of attachment detachment. Thanks.]**

How hard is it to dock a large sailboat safely under sail alone? Until you've done it, it's difficult to conceive the complexity of the maneuver. To do it well requires dozens of practice tries. The opportunities for missing the slip – the parking spot – are many.

This is the primary reason that the Cal Sailing Club, a non-profit co-op, is rallying to stop the current effort to evict the club's six keelboats from their longtime homes on J-dock. **No other Berkeley Marina location even comes close** to providing a safe and sensible practice zone for docking and departing under sail – without notable danger to nearby houseboats or other Marina stakeholders.

Marina officials, scrambling to find funding for the strapped facility, have proposed cannibalizing the six slips CSC currently leases, in order to install a dock that can accommodate boats up to 40' long.

If they succeed, they will have decimated a unique arrangement that the city of Berkeley and the Marina **should be proud of**, in an age where those who can dock a large boat under sail are becoming an endangered species.

A few years back, as I prepared a 26-foot CSC Commander for departure, I watched the skipper of a larger sailboat motor down the same J-dock fairway. He had neatly rolled up and tied his mainsail. All looked well until his motor failed and his boat started banging into – **allided** is the technical term -- nearby objects.

It happens, given the tendency of marine engines to stop suddenly, like a stubborn horse bucking against its rider's commands.

What the Cal Sailing Club offers, through training more rigorous than that of ASA and other national groups, is a platform to teach advanced skippers to handle a 6,000 pound sailboat in docking **in any wind condition**, in any wind direction.

The wide expanse of water next to J-dock's western dock is ideally suited to this training because it allows skippers to correct their students' mistakes without endangering nearby vessels, including houseboats. There is plenty of room to interrupt the docking and either sail out for a second try, or to sail safely into an empty slip.

We at CSC are enormously proud of what we bring to the community and the Marina: a welcoming and dedicated center for launching generations of fresh sailors of diverse backgrounds. I have taught all levels of sailing there for 23 years. When I charter a sailboat elsewhere on the west coast, I usually just tell the place I teach at CSC in Berkeley, and am almost always allowed to proceed without a test checkout.

Very few US marinas help to nurture the kind of sailors Cal Sailing produces. If you haven't seen the complex, delicate, precise movements needed to dock under sail, come down to J-dock. Any of the advanced captains will be happy to demonstrate. In an indelibly commercial and technical age, the management of the city of Berkeley and the Marina should be proud to boast that they help enable these kinds of skills.

David Fraser, Ph.D.  
CSC Cruising Skipper

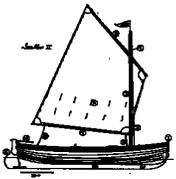
On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 10:44 PM David Fraser <[teaclipper222@gmail.com](mailto:teaclipper222@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** wittig eric <ecwittig@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:23 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club slips on J dock

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Hello Secretary Miller,

I joined CSC in 1987 and it changed my life profoundly. After honing my teaching skills at CSC for 10 years I joined OCSC in Berkeley as a full-time sailing instructor in 1997 and continue to work at Modern Sailing which took over OCSC several years ago. Despite all my professional sailing credentials from both US Sailing and American Sailing Association and my Coast Guard Master's credential I still regard as my most treasured maritime achievement earning my senior keelboat rating at CSC in 1988. Although the senior practical test requires many advanced boat handling skills the quintessential maneuver involves confidently and competently leaving and returning to a slip entirely under sail. The open area NNE of our J dock slips is crucial for providing room to accelerate or decelerate as required. Without this space the opportunity to practice this skill would be severely compromised. Please help us preserve our ability to serve future generations of sailors as we have past generations. CSC is a unique resource to the sailing community in its accessibility and affordability. It is a rich sailing legacy well worth perpetuating.

Sincerely, Eric Wittig

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**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Robert <robert@alamolighting.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 7:06 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** Claudia Kawczynska; Erin Diehm; Gordon Wozniak; Reichi Lee; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cal Sailing Club slips on J dock

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Please see Eric Wittig's letter below. At his request, I am forwarding to copy all concerned to please be included in the June 12 PRW commission meeting agenda.

Best,

Robert Ofsevit

On Jun 4, 2024, at 6:27 AM, wittig eric <[ecwittig@yahoo.com](mailto:ecwittig@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Hi Robert ,

The glitch persisted. I finally sent a letter to RMiller with bcc to you. Couldn't copy and paste to the cc group so wondered if you could forward it to them if useful. Thanks, Eric

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** wittig eric <[ecwittig@yahoo.com](mailto:ecwittig@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club slips on J dock  
**Date:** June 4, 2024 at 6:22:35 AM PDT  
**To:** <[RMiller@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RMiller@berkeleyca.gov)>

Hello Secretary Miller,

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**Subject:** Cal Sailing J Dock

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Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

Just wanted to voice my support for keeping the CSC keel boats at the current location on J Dock and not evicting / forcing them to move.

The club continues to make sailing accessible to the entire community like no other organization. The current J Dock location is an important part of being able to accomplish this.

Please include my comments for this agenda item on the June 12 PRW Commission agenda.

And please support a resolution to dedicate the current J Dock slips to the CSC program.

Thank you,  
Kent Moriarty  
510-672-1674

## Miller, Roger

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**From:** Tanja Geis <tanjageis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:41 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Let Cal Sailing Club keep its current berths at J-dock

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Dear Roger Miller,

As a Berkeley resident I am writing in strong support of Cal Sailing Club's request that our boats stay in their current berths. These berths and the opportunities that they provide for learning how to depart and dock under sail have been instrumental to my learning. I began with CSC with no sailing experience, and less than a year later I feel confident departing and docking on the keel boats under sail. The only reason I have been able to achieve the skill is the position of the current berths .

I urge the PRW commissioners to support a resolution that dedicates in perpetuity J dock berths so that CSC can continue the incredible community service that it provides.

As an artist by profession, I don't make a lot of money and learning to sail at this level would've been unreachable for me were it not for the affordability of CSC and the incredible generosity of its volunteer instructors. It's model is unlike any other, and it's service to the community is incalculable.

Please include this email in the June 12 PRW

commission meeting agenda.

Thank you for your time,

Tanja Geis

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**Subject:** Letter on Behalf of Cal Sailing Club to Prevent the Relocation of our Keelboat Fleet

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Dear Commission Secretary Miller,

Hi! I'm writing this letter to you on behalf of the Cal Sailing Club in our interest to prevent the eviction of our keelboat fleet from our current and historic J-dock location!

I would appreciate very much the inclusion of this letter in the June 12 PRWC meeting agenda, to bolster support of our position.

Thank you kindly for your time!

Margaret

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Hi!

My name is Margaret Spencer. I'm newish to sailing but a longtime Berkeley resident (El Cerrito High School class of 2015; my Junior prom was at the now-defunct waterfront HS Lordships. I joined the Cal Sailing Club about a year ago after an abrupt and difficult life event pushed me to find some confidence in myself. I had never sailed before. I had never considered learning how. Frankly, I thought that to be a sailor, you had to either be generationally wealthy, willing to enlist, or French.

So, there I was in the Berkeley Marina on Earth day last year, attending a shoreline cleanup, feeling particularly sorry for myself. I had fallen knee deep into some low-tide gunk after chasing down some foul-smelling plastic that got caught tangled up by J dock, and I was like, "you know what, the Earth looks fine. I'm going to take a break." So I hauled myself out of the mud and wandered over to the south side of the Marina and stumbled into an Open House at CSC. I had heard about the club, and was interested in the calm and total command that is involved in sailing, but I wasn't even equipped with the *vocabulary to ask questions*. I didn't know the difference between dinghies or keelboats, sheets or halyards (let alone the fact that ropes are called lines). If the member who showed me how to undo a daisy chain that day had done it 4 years earlier, I might have reconsidered my career. Okay—that's a little hyperbolic, but I'll get to the point now.

The skipper of my dinghy that day just so happened to be a woman (cool), who just so happened *herself* to have joined the club and learned to sail at the age I had just turned the month prior. I found out later that she also just so happened to be the commodore of the club (*coool*). I joined the club on the spot. I showed up to every volunteer-taught lesson that I could for the rest of the summer. I literally stumbled (soaking wet after a lesson) into Thursday night racing when a desperate skipper needed a warm body to crew for his boat. I volunteered for Open Houses, handing out PFDs and teaching kids how to tie slipknots. At the end of the season, I earned the club's rating that allows me to check out boats and teach lessons to newcomers. Yesterday evening, I taught my first "Fast Track" lesson at the club's June session - week of consecutive evenings of sailing lessons for prospective Junior members. It's how I earned my rating last year.

While my goals last year evolved around the learning and teaching of dinghy sailing, I hope to apply those technical principles to sailing keelboats this year.

There are other members who can likely speak with greater technical accuracy than I to the benefits of the current location of our keelboat berths. Here is what I do understand:

- Those slips are used by members of the club every single day. Those club members have a variety of skill levels: some are lifelong sailors, who are volunteering their time to teach others who have never set foot on a boat before. The thing that all of those club members have in common is that they are required to commit a certain number of hours of their own time volunteering for the club to maintain their membership.
- That precise location in the marina allows us to learn and practice the highly valuable skill set of *docking and departing under sail*. As far as I can tell, not many institutions offer official instruction on the skill set, so if you want to learn otherwise, you better be generationally wealthy, willing to enlist, or French. If you give “docking and departing under sail” a quick YouTube search, the videos that come up are the ones made by the Cal Sailing Club. Why is docking and departing under sail so valuable? Slow sailing in close quarters makes us better sailors - you never know when something will go wrong with your engine, and it simply does not hurt to have an advanced understanding of boat handling when it comes to maneuvering, whether in tight spaces or recovering a crew overboard. Honing these skills is an asset for not just the Cal Sailing Club, and not just the Berkeley Marina (many CSC members crew for BYC races or even own boats in the marina), but for the greater sailing community.
- Keeping the CSC keelboats together and in close proximity is ideal for organizing community events, like launching group cruises, boat maintenance clinics, and equipment orientations.

When I joined the club, I felt very small. The world of sailing is quite daunting, with some quite unforgiving learning curves. If it were not for the volunteer, co-op structure of CSC, I probably would not have kept coming back. I don't know where I expected to be now when I joined the club a year ago, calling lines "ropes" and covered in slime, but it probably wasn't *teaching lessons*. Sailing is fun, but it's the way that this community shows up that has gotten me hooked.

However, the community can't show up in a void, and the location of our keelboat berths happen to really facilitate our community engagement, our lessons, and our practical organizational matters.

I can tell that CSC has launched a lifelong passion for myself, and the same is true for countless others. CSC is part of an ecosystem in the Berkeley Marina, bringing in volunteers, new sailors, and community members to make the waterfront a more vibrant place every day.

Please reconsider the eviction of our keelboat fleet -- it is a commercial oversight whose tally on the balance sheet the city will not notice, but that the sailing community will feel quite deeply.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margaret Spencer  
Berkeley Resident  
Junior Dinghy Skipper  
CSC Member since April 2023

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Neeraj DeLima <neeraj.delima@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 10:57 AM  
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**Subject:** Preserve Cal Sailing Club's J-Dock Berths

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I am writing to request that the city manager and council halt the eviction of Cal Sailing Club from its historic J-dock location in Berkeley Marina.

Cal Sailing Club is an absolute gem to the community, and has been an amazing influence in my life. My parents just did not have the money for me to pursue sailing as a hobby growing up. So I was absolutely thrilled when I moved to the Bay Area and discovered CSC. The membership dues seemed honestly too good to be true, and I immediately joined the club. I was able to get lessons every Saturday morning until I passed my test and got my rating.

Since then, I have been volunteering on a regular basis to teach others how to sail. I take members of the public out for rides during our monthly "open house" events and get to see their thrilled faces as they get splashed and discover that sailing is not just a sport for the elite. Most Sundays, I join the club's friendly dinghy races, and am able to get coaching from, honestly, some of the best racers in the world. Since I volunteer 40 hours a year (not much, I know), I don't owe any membership dues any more, so all of the above is absolutely free.

Myself and many of my peers are at the point where we are just beginning to learn how to sail the bigger keelboats, which are tied up at the J-dock in Berkeley marina. I was so excited to learn how to sail these bigger boats, and especially excited to do it under Cal Sailing Club's program, which is much more rigorous than other clubs – learning how to dock and depart under sail (not using the motor) is a rare skill that's hard to learn at any other sailing club.

Evicting us from these berths would be a hugely damaging blow to the club's keelboat program. I urge you to reconsider the eviction and support a resolution that dedicates in perpetuity CSC's J-dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing.

Best,  
Neeraj DeLima

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Daniel Brazil <dansbrazil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; nicholas.waton@gmail.com; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** Preserve CSC's Historic J-Dock Keelboat Berths

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Dear PRW Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the potential eviction of CSC's keelboats from their historic berths at J-dock. For over 50 years, the Cal Sailing Club has enjoyed unique open water access at J-dock, which is crucial for teaching sailing skills such as docking and departing under sail. These berths are also essential for our community sailing programs.

I urge you to support a resolution that dedicates CSC's J-dock berths in perpetuity for the purpose of teaching and community sailing. Relocating the keelboats would be a shortsighted mistake with minimal, if any, benefit to the City, yet it would significantly harm CSC's ability to continue its valuable teaching and community outreach programs. The proximity of these boats to the Club is vital for maintaining them and organizing our educational and community events.

On a personal note, CSC has had a profound impact on my life. I vividly remember my first sailing lesson at CSC – the thrill of catching the wind and the camaraderie of learning alongside fellow enthusiasts. This experience not only taught me practical sailing skills but also instilled a sense of community and a deep appreciation for our waterfront. Moving the keelboats would disrupt this unique learning environment that has meant so much to me and countless others.

Please consider the long-term benefits of keeping CSC's keelboats at their current location and support the resolution to preserve our J-dock berths.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Daniel  
415-828-0686  
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Daniel Brazil

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Ana Guerrero <anagmiller@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club Berths

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Hello Mr. Miller -

I am writing in support of Cal Sailing Club being able to keep their berths at the J Dock in the Berkeley Marina. I have sailed many times with CSC and enjoyed the many benefits of the dock and berths. I am not in favor of moving them to another location or breaking their berths up. CSC offers amazing teaching and community benefits that would be severely impacted by this change.

Sincerely,  
Ana Guerrero

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Mary Lucus Flannery <maryflan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 4:59 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** claudia94710@gmail.com; erindiehm@hotmail.com; gjwozniak@me.com; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand  
**Subject:** Protect CSC's Keelboat Berths at J-Dock!

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Dear PRW Commissioners,

I learned to sail at Cal Sailing in 2015 and went on to serve on the Executive Committee for five years as Vice Commodore and then Commodore. My husband and my kids all learned to sail at Cal Sailing and we volunteered (sometimes the kids were "volun-told" really) many hours as a family. I have spent countless hours at the marina, running open houses, taking lessons, teaching and crewing boats as I learned the finer points of becoming an accomplished sailor. Through Cal Sailing -I learned the skills that allow me and my family to charter and safely handle sailboats all over the world. I gained invaluable skills at Cal Sailing - not only in sailing - but also in community building and leadership.

As a former Executive Committee member, I understand the close and collaborative relationship the Cal Sailing Club has with the Berkeley Marina. Cal Sailing is a small club with a big impact in its years of service to the community, and we do it all while operating on a shoestring budget. We are very grateful for the partnership of the city and the Marina. We do our very best to give back to the Marina community with positive and meaningful community engagement in sailing as well as by creating connections as new sailors become long term community members, who go on to rent berths and join the Berkeley Yacht club, etc.

**I am writing to express my strong opposition to the City's proposal to relocate the Cal Sailing Club's (CSC) keelboat berths away from J-Dock. CSC has used the existing J dock position to provide unique access to teaching docking and departing skills under sail. While this may seem like a small and unimportant skill - it is, in fact, the very bedrock of what makes a Cal Sailing Keelboat skipper special. The ability to maneuver a keelboat in a marina under sail rather than only under motor - makes the student much more well rounded and able to handle complex situations and emergencies that many sailors have no experience with. We value our ability to teach this and would be adversely impacted if this were no longer possible because of a short sighted decision to move the keelboat berths.**

Moving these berths would be a detrimental decision with minimal benefits to the City. It would, however, significantly disrupt CSC's vital keelboat teaching programs.

I urge you to support a resolution that keeps the CSC's keelboats at J-Dock berths for the purpose of teaching and community sailing. Please include this email in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Lucus Flannery

Ex Commodore Cal Sailing Club

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Ernest Galvan <EGalvan@rbgg.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** June 12, PRW Commission Agenda, Affordable Access to Waterborne Recreation  
**Attachments:** E Galvan Letter to PRW 06-04-2024.pdf

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Dear Secretary Miller—

Please see attached letter requesting that the issue of Cal Sailing Club's continued access to its current slips at the Berkeley Marina be added to the upcoming meeting agenda.

Thank you.

Ernest Galvan

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Michael Arntz <marntz@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:03 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club's 50-year history

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Dear Roger Miller,

I take this opportunity to speak on the behalf of the Cal Sailing Club. I am a long-time Cal Sailing Club member who initially started basic sail training at CSC some three decades ago and then became a volunteer instructor, a cruising skipper, and have served on the rating committee. The existence of this club has allowed me to affordably enjoy all aspects of sailing: racing, cruising, and socializing with other sailing enthusiasts. I have been, over the years, introducing the sport to friends, and participating in community outreach by giving sailboat rides during open house because I believe sailing is a healthy activity that almost anyone can learn and enjoy, after work, on weekends and days off, but does require some guidance and training to learn the skills and that's where CSC comes in. CSC is a long-time pillar set along the vibrant Berkeley waterfront that should be allowed to continue its contribution to the community fully and effectively. Removing the CSC keelboat fleet from J-dock will cripple CSC's mission since it is the only location in the marina the has the right conditions for the keelboat fleet to operate under sail as well as keep close proximity to the club. I urge the PRW Commission to support a resolution that will allow CSC to keep its fleet at its present location on J-dock.

Michael Arntz,  
Berther, City of Berkeley Marina  
Member, Berkeley Yacht Club  
Cruising Skipper, Cal Sailing Club  
Former OCSC Instructor  
Executive Director, Gateway Sailing, Inc.

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Anne Monk <anneamonk@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club - J-Dock Issue

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Hello,

I'm writing to request your support of Cal Sailing Club's continued exclusive use of our historic J-dock berths at Berkeley marina. Over the course of 50 years, CSC has been a bastion of low- and no-cost water skills education and community outreach on the Berkeley waterfront.

As a Bay Area resident, I have benefited from the affordable and accessible instruction available through CSC and have improved as a sailor and advocate in my time as a student and volunteer at CSC.

As a Bay Area educator and historian, the lessons and insight I have gained from the decades of experience found at CSC have helped me improve as a storyteller and maritime history educator.

While I believe these skills are transportable to many other sectors and seas, the ability to learn the historical methods of sailing (including docking and departing under sail in all wind directions and conditions) can only be practiced and perfected in the specific classroom that is the current berths at J-dock.

Beyond my own learning and improvement, the convenience of the J-dock berths allows for community members participating in our open houses and community sailing days to easily access our boats without undue stress or confusion. It also allows the volunteers who maintain our fleet of learning vessels to access and repair them quickly and efficiently.

By supporting CSC's continued use of these J-dock berths, PRW, the City of Berkeley, and you are investing in the future of the waterfront as an inclusive space for learning, recreation, and community.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your continued support of the educational and community-building resource that is Cal Sailing Club.

Best,  
Anne Monk

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Nelz <nelz9999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 7:00 PM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Cal Sailing Club Member / Keelboat Instructor

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In 2009, I heard about a non-profit co-op sailing club in Berkeley from some friends. I had been looking for some basic sailing instruction before going on a trip to Australia, where I would be spending some time on a bareboat charter. I investigated the website, and decided to sign up for one quarter to take "just a couple of lessons".

Fifteen years later, and I CANNOT be a more vocal proponent of Cal Sailing Club as one of the best and lowest-cost ways to enjoy the waters of our beautiful SF Bay.

In late 2019 I even decided to decamp from San Francisco to the East Bay for proximity to CSC, landing in Emeryville.

I have achieved a lot due to the influences of CSC: yes I did survive that charter that was the genesis of my sailing journey; and then I sailed as part of the Clipper Round The World race in 2014 from SF Bay to NYC via Panama Canal and Jamaica; in 2012 I got my "Senior Skipper" rating in the club so I could teach back; I was introduced to windsurfing via CSC in 2016, and now teach Novice windsurfers too. I gladly volunteer my time and skills for others, just for the love of being on the water and contributing to my community.

I have directly benefitted from CSC's unique capability to teach docking and departures under sail, and I work my hardest to share those skills with the other sailors that are coming up behind me. Moving CSC's boats would certainly inhibit my ability to pass on these capabilities to future generations of sailors.

Also, I feel that moving CSC's boats out of their historical docking locations in hopes of financial gain would be a "penny-wise/pound-foolish" choice that miscalculates relative benefits.

I understand there is some movement towards enacting a perpetual dedication of the current docking slips, and I would encourage the Commissioners to strongly consider this proposal favorably.

Thank you for your time,

- Nelson Carpentier

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"We isolate now / So when we gather again / No one is missing" - Haiku by Meria Marom

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Aradhna Mayalall <amayalall@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** CSC J dock berths, June 12 PRW Commission Meeting

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Hi Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I am a resident of Berkeley District 1 and a member of Cal Sailing Club for almost 2 years. I am writing in hopes that you'll support maintaining the CSC keelboats in their current J-dock berth location.

Prior to moving to California, I was a student in Michigan and a member of a similarly volunteer run sailing club, however on an inland lake and without keelboats. While sailing dinghies at CSC was a familiar experience for me, I am beyond grateful that my CSC membership also includes access to CSC keelboat lessons and the opportunity to learn how they are sailed and maintained differently than dinghies. While I'm slowly working my way up to becoming a more experienced keelboat sailor, I look forward to learning valuable skills from senior CSC members, such as docking under sail at our current berth location, in the years to come.

P.S. attached is a photo from September 2022, less than a week after I joined CSC. Finding the community at CSC and experiencing the bay from a keelboat definitely helped me adjust during a major life transition and settle into my new home in the Bay Area.

Kind regards,  
Aradhna Mayalall



**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Caryl Woulfe <wou99lfe@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:11 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
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**Subject:** Please include this email in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller:

I am a 40-year resident of Berkeley and have been an active member of the Cal Sailing Club (CSC) since 2003. Cal Sailing Club is a unique non-profit organization that does a lot more than teach people how to sail and windsurf at a low cost.. CSC also offers free monthly sailboat rides to the community six to seven times a year, gives rides to kids from various organizations including Berkeley Youth Alternative, the Girl and Boy Scouts, kids in summer camps, and kids from economically challenged backgrounds. Some of my best memories are of taking these kids sailing. We gather at the keelboats at the end of J-dock, break the kids up into groups, make sure they are appropriately dressed for the elements and wearing properly-fitted life jackets, give them a safety talk, and off we go. It is always a pleasure to see the joy in the kid's faces, most of whom have never been on a boat before.

As the women's sailing chair for 20 years, which entailed putting together classes, workshops, and outings for the women of CSC (lessons for women by women), I was able to see women young and old become more confident in their sailing skills. Once women saw other women at the helm, handling the lines, sailing away from the dock, and returning to the dock under sail, it gave them the confidence to try these things themselves.

I hope that you will reconsider moving our keelboats from their home of 50 years. Moving them from their current location would make it very difficult to teach how to depart and dock under sail, which are important skills. Keeping CSC keelboats together and near the clubhouse is crucial for maintaining our boats and carrying out our teaching and community events. The open water approach to our J-dock slips allows for a long setup, which reduces the risk of hitting other berthed boats. Motors are not always reliable, create noise pollution, and are not good for our environment.

I urge PRW commissioners to support a resolution that allows CSC to keep its J-dock berths in perpetuity for the purpose of teaching and community sailing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Caryl Woulfe

**Miller, Roger**

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**From:** Nicholas Waton <nicholas.waton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:29 AM  
**To:** Miller, Roger  
**Cc:** erindiehm@hotmail.com; Gordon Wozniak; reichilee@gmail.com; Manager, C; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Lunaparra, Cecilia; Humbert, Mark; BMASP; Nicholas Waton; Shreyas Chand; Claudia Kawczynska  
**Subject:** Keep CSC's 50-year unique open water access keelboat berths for education and community - Please include in June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I am writing this letter today, in support of the resolution that Terry Taplin is proposing to protect the 6 berths that Cal Sailing Club has used for more than 50 years for its unique education program and community activities.

I am asking the PRW Commission to consider the value that Cal Sailing Club has brought to the Berkeley Waterfront for so many decades: every month organizing open houses that are free for all, partnering with local schools and summer camps to organize youth rides, supporting volunteer events that promote sailing and access to the outdoors for communities that don't always consider this activity as something they can do.

The club brings people from all over the Bay Area as it has a unique program unlike any other sailing and windsurfing club and school, and it has no barrier to entry as it is possible to be a member of the club for free in exchange for volunteer hours (or for a modest membership fee with no cost for lessons or use of equipment). The club benefits, as a result, from a diversity and equity that is unlike any other sailing club in the US.

Learning to sail a keelboat at Cal Sailing Club is a real but worthwhile challenge, and teaches skills like docking under sail which are important for a well-rounded sailor. The club is well-known for this.

Our location, where we've been for more than 50 years, has always been used for education and community, and is open to all. The City's plan to put basically 1 and a half boats there (which is what would fit in our spots + a couple more spots) makes little financial sense as an increase in income of probably \$600-\$800 per month for our particular spots. Our spots are actually more valuable as 5 25' berths and are used by more people.

In allowing CSC to continue to use these spots, the City is benefitting from the programs without having to manage or hire anyone. And it is proven that CSC has brought boat owners to the Marina as well, more than the value of the rent on these slips. Having CSC teaching people to sail on keelboats there is thus a net benefit for the Marina.

Personally, I found out about Cal Sailing Club when I started sailing in 2017, at another club nearby (for a lot more money), and I ended up joining in 2019 as I was looking for a community to connect with. I have since taken a role on the Board as Co-Commodore, and I have had so many positive experiences at the club.

I have since become a senior sailor and have been practicing docking under sail countless times.

I am now the father of a one and a half-year-old who has now spent many days at the Berkeley Marina to enjoy access to nature, watching birds, playing in the playground, watching the sailboats and windsurfers, and has also been on sailboats multiple times.

I have made many friends at the club who enjoy the club as a family, with their children learning sailing and windsurfing, making priceless memories. This is not something you will easily find at other marinas that don't have something like the

Cal Sailing Club

Thank you for your time, consideration, and I hope for your support of this resolution that would recognize the Cal Sailing Club as a treasure that is part of the City of Berkeley's identity.

I am a resident of Oakland, and I visit Berkeley multiple times a week.

Best regards,

Nicholas Waton

Co-Commodore, Cal Sailing Club

## Miller, Roger

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**From:** Christian Bauer <chwbauer@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Cal-Sailing Club keelboat docks

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Dear Commission Secretary Rob Miller,

I am a resident of District 6 in Berkeley and a member of Cal Sailing Club (CSC). As one of the senior sailors at the club, I have instructed many students, and have given countless rides to the community during open houses, that we hold once a month during the summer. Cal-Sailing is a very unique club, with two very special aspects. The first is that it provides access to the traditionally expensive sport of sailing at an extremely affordable level (all instructions are run by volunteersthe monthly cost of membership, including all instructions and sailboat use is much less than a 1 hour rental of a sailboat at any of the commercial clubs around the bay). The second is that the quality of instruction is incredibly high, and for example we are the only club who teaches club members to use only the power of the wind when operating a sailboat, even when leaving and returning to the dock.

As you can imagine, teaching these skills is quite difficult, and requires access to docks where this can be done in the most safe and reassuring environment possible. This is why the current location for our keelboats on J-dock is so important. It is a very unique spot in close proximity to the club house and from which these high level sailing skills can be taught in the best way possible. I am not aware of any other area in the Berkley Marina that is as well suited for this. While I understand the desire to maximize the profits the city can take from boat owners in the marina, one thing that has always made me proud to be a Berkeley resident is the willingness to support worthy causes and help those who might have less financial means than others.

CSC is one of the treasures of Berkeley, and a club that exemplifies so many of the values of the greater Berkeley community. I urge you to support our club and our need to keep the location of our keelboats in the Marina, and to include this case in the June 12 PRW meeting agenda.

Regards,  
Christian Bauer  
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**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** Please save Cal Sailing Club's keelboat berths

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Dear Mr. Miller,

This is Catherine and I am a proud member of Cal Sailing Club, a club that provides affordable sailing to the community. I urge you to (1) keep the club's 50-year old keelboat berths for community sailing and teaching new sailors, and (2) support a resolution that dedicates the club's J-dock berths for community sailing and teaching.

My first interaction with Cal Sailing Club was last year, when my son and I enjoyed a free boat ride at one of the club's many open houses. During the ride, the skipper proudly informed us that the club is truly equitable and accessible to anyone, as membership is available via volunteer hours. As a result, the club has an immensely diverse membership, ranging from professionals to impoverished Berkeley residents who struggle to make ends meet. As an attorney working in public service and having devoted many pro bono hours to representing the poor, Cal Sailing Club resonated with me.

I joined the club this year and the club didn't disappoint. All of the teachers are volunteers who want to share their love of water, and the club's emphasis of nurturing new sailors provides equitable water access to all, when inequality is such a bitter issue dividing this country.

Further, the club's efforts benefit Berkeley itself. For example, the club's open house free rides attract people from Berkeley and other cities, who visit other vendors and spend money in Berkeley. Having been introduced to the Berkeley waterfront, many people (such as me) return to the waterfront, and continue to visit other vendors and spend money near the waterfront, which results in a more vibrant waterfront and more active commercial activities there.

Additionally, having learned sailing from the club, some new sailors will become boat owners at Berkeley and financially benefit the city. Indeed, I was just talking with a sailor who learned sailing at the club last year, and now he is exploring options to buy a boat and stay in the Berkeley waterfront.

The marginal financial benefit from moving the club's keelboats, if any, pales in comparison with the immense benefits provided by the club: new boat owners who will financially benefit the city, equitable community access to sailing provided by the club, and the club's free boat rides that bring the community together and promote commercial activities at the waterfront.

In short, it is beneficial to the city, the community, and all of us to (1) keep the club's 50-year keelboat berths for community sailing and teaching new sailors, and (2) support a resolution that dedicates the club's J-dock berths for community sailing and teaching.

Thank you for keeping equitable water access to the community.

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** Proposal to move CSC berths from present location  
**Attachments:** Gordon's CSC letter.pdf

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Roger,

Could you include this in the agenda packet for the June 12 PRW Commission meeting?

Thanks!

Gordon

05 June 2024

Gordon Stout  
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Re: Proposal to move CSC berths from present location

Dear Parks and Waterfront Commission,

In 1964 I learned to sail in the Berkeley Marina in what became the Cal Sailing Club after it relocated to the marina's South Cove. I had fallen in love with sailing from reading books, and I was delighted to learn to sail actual boats. There was a small intercollegiate racing program in those early years—one dedicated instructor, some fast, tippy little boats, and a bunch of happy people. It was a good time.

Sailing was a great preparation for engineering school, an endless stream of often exciting engineering problems with instant feedback on whether you got it right.

In the 70s and 80s, I did lots of teaching at CSC, both sailing and windsurfing, which I enjoyed enormously. It was very satisfying that the coop structure of the club allows low-cost access to sailing for anyone willing to do some work in return. Watching people come off the water with big smiles on their faces is a great way to finish a day.

The CSC techniques for docking and departing under sail are well developed, and are essential to the smooth functioning of the open house boat rides that CSC provides to the public. When the wind is suitable, I greatly prefer to dock and depart under sail, rather than raise and lower the sails while motoring around the marina. The present location of the CSC keelboat slips on J-Dock is ideal for safely teaching and learning

docking under sail, and none of the other nearby locations in the marina are nearly as good. CSC should not be moved away from this location.

The Cal Sailing Club has been my lifetime favorite Berkeley institution. Affordable sailing, excellent instruction, inclusive values, energetic, friendly, happy members—all the things we should hope for at the Marina. We should do all we can to support CSC!

Sincerely,

Gordon Stout

**Miller, Roger**

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**Subject:** Please support keeping CSC's 50-year unique open water access keelboat berths

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Dear Commission Secretary Roger Miller,

I'm a member of Cal Sailing Club, and I'm writing to you today to emphasize the importance of keeping our J-dock location and to urge you to include this issue in the June 12 PRW Commission meeting agenda.

For many years, my dad and I wanted to learn to sail. We'd go watch the boats in the windy downtown Chicago harbors, sharing a love for the water. However, the high cost of entry to the sport made it inaccessible for us while I was growing up.

Years later, upon moving to the Bay Area, I realized that I could make our dream a reality when I learned about CSC. I started volunteering initially to get my membership for free, but ended up getting so much more out of it, eventually even taking on an executive committee role.

Now, as the Co-Vice Commodore, I oversee our community events, like Open House, with the support of over 50 volunteers. At these monthly events in the summer, we ensure that anyone who has an interest in sailing (just like my dad and me) have a chance to get on the water - all for free. Yearly, we give rides to over 2,500 adults and kids in the community.

**Keeping CSC keelboats in a row and in close proximity to the Club is critical to the flow of these community events.** These open houses are truly "opening" - it opens the way for folks from all over the community to get access to a sport that's historically inaccessible to many. It allows them to get to know CSC and maybe even join to learn to sail themselves. Nothing shines brighter than a smile from someone who hops off the dock after an exhilarating sailboat ride for the first time.

CSC's comprehensive volunteer-run program to learn and teach sailing and windsurfing is one of a kind. **Our spot on the J-dock is necessary to continue the integrity of our keelboat program**, so that we can teach necessary maneuvers like docking under sail, recovering a person overboard, and maneuvering if the motor should fail. **If we are moved from this location, we are no longer able to provide a comprehensive sailing education that's accessible to all.** That's why it's critical that we have your support in continuing our 50-year program, as moving CSC keelboats would be a shortsighted mistake.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration. I do hope you will include this in the June 12 PRW commission hearing.

Isha

P.S. Here is a photo of me finally taking my parents out for sail for the first time (my dad's enthusiasm is not shown as he's taking the picture).

