

Save Clipper Cove

Clipper Cove at Treasure Island is widely regarded as one of the most scenic and well-protected small boat harbors on the West Coast of the United States. It is the largest and most valuable protected open-water cove in San Francisco, many times the size of McCovey Cove yet better protected from currents and situated with more tempered wind.



The Cove is also home to the only community sailing center in San Francisco, the Treasure Island Sailing Center which hosts several thousand small-boat sailors each year, including a STEM program that brings over 2,000 San Francisco public school fourth graders onto the San Francisco Bay every year.

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Clipper Cove Now

This is an aerial shot of the Cove as it is now: the largest, most well protected open water cove in San Francisco. The current marina is tucked into the upper left hand corner of the Cove. The small docks of the Treasure Island Sailing Center are at the upper right. The Cove is also one of the most popular Bay Area destinations for cruising, and so-called "anchor-out" boats can be anchored in the sheltered waters of the Cove.



Clipper Cove with New Private Marina

Here the developer's blueprint is overlaid on top of the existing conditions at the Cove. Under the developers' vision, the marina is moved out of the corner of the Cove and expanded several times over, taking one-third of the Cove. This plan is opposed by the **Sierra Club**, **San Francisco Bay Keeper**, the **U.S. Sailing Association**, **Friends of the Sailing Center**, the **Science Department of the San Francisco Unified School District**, **dozens of public school teachers** and many community leaders.

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Clipper Cove Fact Sheet

A group of real estate developers led by local lobbyist Darius Anderson are proposing to take 1/3rd of Clipper Cove for a private luxury mega-marina. The existing small-boat marina would be demolished. **The Cove is largest, most valuable open water cove in San Francisco, several times the size of McCovey Cove. It is widely considered to be one of the important small-boat venues on the West Coast and is home to San Francisco's only community sailing center.**

The current marina expansion proposal is opposed by the U.S. Sailing Association, Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Keeper, Friends of the Sailing Center, dozens of public school teachers whose students participate in the STEM classes conducted on the Cove, the SFUSD Science Department, Tom Ammiano, San Francisco DCCC Chair David Campos, and many other community leaders.

- The footprint of the private marina would grow by 357%, expanding from covering just 7% of the Cove to spreading out over 32% of the Cove, eliminating public access to 1/3rd of the Cove.
- There would be a major reduction in the sailing area used each year by more than 2,000 4th graders from San Francisco public schools participating in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) curriculum classes operated by the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC).
- The proposed marina would entirely block some beginning youth sailors from entering the Cove, preventing them from accessing the heart of the cove as well as the beach. High school and collegiate racing will be pushed part way out of the Cove, mandating additional the expense of additional safety boats as well as prompting additional racing limitations and cancellations when conditions outside the Cove become dangerous.
- The new marina would provide no berths sized for boats smaller than 40' and only 7 berths sized for 40' boats. There will be 307 berths for boats 45' or longer. 90% of the current marina is dedicated to boats running 16' to 36' in length. The current marina is fully occupied and has a wait list.
- Part of the new marina would be dedicated to live-aboard berths at a rate of \$3,250/month, a rate so exorbitant that staff officials noted it may be illegal under state law.
- The State of California issued a scathing feasibility report in April. Among many disturbing findings, the state found that the new marina might change circulation and sedimentation in the Cove, potentially creating the necessity for annual dredging costing several hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The state noted that two Bay Area marinas have recently defaulted on state loans due to this exact same issue. New sedimentation and annual dredging would also threaten valuable eelgrass beds in the Cove – a potential not envisioned by the project EIR, which as conducted in 2005.

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