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**Subject:** Recent Articles and Readers Letters from Latitude 38

As you know, Latitude 38 is the premier sailing magazine and boating community news source in the Bay Area. They have published several articles on the BCDC recently.

In case you missed their reporting on Westpoint Harbor the links below will take you to their publications.

These articles and letters are important testimony by informed citizens on the nature of the proposed BCDC staff orders and their potential impact on our community at large.

There are two articles one from Lectric Latitude and one from Latitude 38 and separate attachment of letters to the editor of Latitude 38 which were published in early January.

I urge you to read all of Latitude's reporting and the attached reader letters. They have many facts that the BCDC staff is ignoring provided independently by concerned and informed citizens of our state.

Many if not all of you have yet to visit Westpoint Harbor. Before you can render any decisions on pending enforcement actions there you need to go there and see for yourselves what is at risk from the misguided allegations of your BCDC staff.

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**Article #1:**

**BCDC Continues Westpoint Assault** January 15, 2018 – Redwood City, CA

<https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2018-01-15#Story2>

**Article #2:**

**Westpoint Harbor Woes** December 4, 2017 – Redwood City, CA

<https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2017-12-04&dayid=1612#Story4>

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### ↑↓ **AND ONE LAST LARRY CUP FAN**

Short answer — yes, we would come to the 'Larry Cup'. I am from Seattle. Lived on a lake and sailed all my life. Raced Lightnings up and down the West Coast in the 1980s and now have an F-31 trimaran. My wife and I drove to San Francisco in 2013 specifically to watch the finals of the America's Cup. Using bicycles between the races, we watched from various shoreside vantages. My highlight was watching, through binoculars from the Golden Gate Bridge, Team New Zealand nearly flipping — there were loud audible gasps from everybody there. We took our non-sailing relatives from Santa Cruz along on several days, and they were as enthusiastic as my wife and I. We stayed with them, and, after driving home, we three generations watched the reruns on TV every night. If the boats Larry uses for his Cup are anything like the ones in the 2013 AC, we will repeat the above for it; 2013 was truly spectacular. I do not expect to ever again see such a sailing spectacle.

Eric Lindahl  
 Min Vän, Corsair 31  
 Seattle, WA

*Readers — So not a lot of fans of the AC75, huh? We don't blame you. The new boat is shocking, and, because it's so radical, almost impossible to conceptualize sailing, because 'sailing' is now at least somewhat synonymous with 'foiling'. But we think many readers are forgetting the history of the Cup, which is an event that's always been at the forefront of innovation. It's a design competition as much as (or perhaps more than) it's a sailboat race.*

*Brian — As far-fetched as Team New Zealand's claim that the AC75 concept "could become the future of racing and even cruising monohulls" might sound, there's actually some precedent here. Long before the 35th Match wrapped up in Bermuda, several cruising boats (most of them catamarans) had been experimenting with foils for years (please see The Foiling Feature in this issue).*

*Ed — We're not sure that sailing needs to mimic motorsports. After winning the Cup in 2013, Jimmy Spithill said that the modern America's Cup was like NASCAR on water. Have you ever been to a NASCAR race? Sure, you can bring a cooler full of beer into the stands, but we'd hardly call watching cars going in circles at 200 mph 'exciting'.*

*Greg — We agree that the magnates behind the modern Cup have fallen into a trap thinking speed is the ultimate drug for attracting fans. Like golf, bowling, baseball and many other 'slow' sports, the tension and drama from competition arises from the sport's personalities, the closeness of competition and the nuances on the 'playing field'. If higher speeds are the ultimate goal, sailing will never be fast enough for fans. We also believe that the America's Cup lost its footing when the uber wealthy got tired of bearing the whole financial burden. When the made-for-television media spectacle was created to attract more paying sponsors and fans, at least some of the soul of the sport was sacrificed for ratings. — ja/th*

### ↑↓ **YOU MAKE A GOOD WESTPOINT**

Thank you for the fine article *Westpoint Harbor Woes* by John Tuma [in the December 4th 'Lectronic Latitude].

I have been sailing and boating on the San Francisco Bay for over 30 years. Westpoint Harbor is a jewel in the South Bay. "Down South" here in the Bay, we suffer from far too few places to engage with wildlife and enjoy our Bay from either land or sea. Mark Sanders' Westpoint Harbor is one of the very few places for people of all ages to engage responsibly



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with this precious natural resource.

I am not objective! Mark first took me sailing on the Bay when I arrived here in the early '80s. He got me hooked on that first sail. I even bought a sistership to his Cheoy Lee (which I still sail). When he first told me about his dream for what is now Westpoint Harbor, I tried to talk him out of it. I was sure no one could ever get this through all the approvals needed. I was sure it could not be a viable business proposition. As John points out in his fine piece, Mark literally turned a toxic waste site into a pristine harbor. Mark has *always* had the interests of preserving the environment and enabling those who want to get to know the Bay. We share a commitment of preserving the Bay for future generations and doing so in a responsible manner.

Mark and the BCDC actually share the same mission. In June 2017, BCDC published and updated their strategic plan. The primary vision and goals stated are as follows:

"VISION: Be the national model for coastal management.

"MISSION: To protect and enhance the San Francisco Bay, and encourage the responsible and productive use of its

resources for this and future generations."

That vision and mission have been Mark's for the past 30 years. He was doing this way before the BCDC's new strategy, and I'll reiterate: He and BCDC really do share the same objectives. I know, I have



JOHN TUMA

**Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City has brought much-needed boating infrastructure to the South Bay.**

been with Mark on this project since the beginning. While an early skeptic, my fear was always that the bureaucratic challenge would be overwhelming. While there was (and is) a massive and unfilled need, I thought there would be no funding to support this grand vision.

I was wrong! Mark has created Westpoint Harbor and satisfied scores of environmental groups and government agencies (local, state and federal). This includes cooperating with and making changes at the behest of the BCDC. Westpoint Harbor has won *many* awards and accolades. It was *not* funded at all by our tax dollars. It was *not* funded by anyone other than Mark. This is not a case of a greedy developer shattering the environment and running off with the spoils. It is a shining example of what one man can do and how a community has responded to support his worthy vision.

The BCDC is not really the problem here. As said, they have the same objective. However, the staff of the BCDC for some reason wants to force Westpoint Harbor out of operation. I really don't understand why. This is not only a 'model for coastal development' it is a major contributor to the local economy and a place where young and old can experience the Bay from land or water. What better way to be sure future generations have the same values as Mark to preserve such a precious resource?

This situation is screaming for mediation by responsible, independent third parties. The result at Westpoint is a model for others to follow. Thanks to *Latitude* and John Tuma for



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helping shine a bright light on this unfolding injustice. Mark should be thanked and Westpoint Harbor should be embraced by the BCDC. Readers, please help by going to the website of Westpoint Harbor ([www.wetpontharbor.com](http://www.wetpontharbor.com)) and signing up to be heard. Our representatives need to know you care and that we will hold them accountable if this travesty is not stopped, and soon!

Bob Wilson  
Bolero  
Redwood City

### LET ME GIVE YOU SOME WESTPOINTERS

Westpoint Harbor is a model for all to learn from and follow. Given the daunting number of sometimes conflicting bureaucratic agency hoops one has to jump through, it's amazing that this project came out as nearly perfect as it has. What I see is an understaffed and slow-reacting agency that seems to be determined to quash a badly needed, environmentally sound addition to the South Bay area.

There are very few people with the moral fortitude and stamina to even attempt what Mr. Sanders has done. He does not deserve the punitive treatment he is receiving after a heroic effort to satisfy the myriad requirements continually being thrown at him.

My sincere hope is that the parties can come together and find the common ground needed to make this project succeed and grow for the betterment of the South Bay. Please make this happen. We badly need this marina and the access it provides to our Bay waters.

James 'JT' Townsend  
South Bay

### I HAVE AN IMPORTANT WESTPOINT TO MAKE

My husband and I were liveaboards at Westpoint Harbor (WPH) for several years while we worked in Redwood City. In fact, my Catalina 42 MkII was one of the first boats at WPH, and I enjoyed a view of this beautiful marina from my office in Pacific Shores Center. My husband and I ultimately owned three boats that we kept at WPH, which is a clean, well-maintained marina with a safe community atmosphere and adequate public access.

Over the last 28 years, Mark Sanders has worked hard to try to address the (sometimes ridiculous) BCDC requirements. In one of many examples, he planted trees to serve as a windbreak. BCDC complained that they were planted too close together, and actually wanted him to pull up and replant the trees farther apart, which would have lessened the effectiveness of the windbreak. It's appalling that the BCDC has treated him like a criminal and seems to have waged a personal vendetta against him. I encourage all boaters and Bay Area residents to support WPH and convince the BCDC to waive all fines while finding solutions that meet the needs of everyone.

Patricia Stanley  
Ahelani, Outbound 46  
Currently cruising in Banderas Bay, Mexico

### THE RIGHT GOALS, BUT THE WRONG METHODS

Having worked for a civil engineering professor at UC Berkeley who was appointed to BCDC in the 1980s, I can tell you that many of them know little to nothing about what goes on in relation to any number of events that effect the Bay. This distinguished educator told me at one point that they were going to force the houseboats out of Sausalito because the enclave was putting raw sewage into the Bay. He was

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genuinely surprised when I told him most of them had sewer connections.

This agency has lofty goals that drive their very existence. But, while they can be credited with some worthy regulations, they also can be completely unrealistic.

Carol Putnam  
Planet Earth

## ↑↓ THIS IS WHOSE SIDE I'M ON

Thank you for the article on Westpoint — I have forwarded a link to the article to our membership at Sequoia YC and to the San Mateo Commissioner on the BCDC, Dave Pine.

I fully support Westpoint Harbor. I do not support BCDC or what they are trying to do to our waterfront and our enjoyment of boating.

Shannon Amerman  
Sequoia YC  
Redwood City

## ↑↓ CAN SOMEONE WESTPOINT ME TO AN ANSWER?

It's difficult to understand why it's OK with the BCDC to have 100+ boats anchored out in Richardson Bay — some still using the Bay as their toilet — but someone who is trying to be a steward of the Bay is subjected to this type of scrutiny. Can you or anyone explain this?

Raymond Bonneau  
Planet Earth

*Readers — I did several stories over the years about the development of Westpoint Marina, from the time it was a salt pond until they finally broke through the levee and let it fill, to the first docks installed and the first boat berthed there. I found Mark [Sanders] to be a prince of a guy, very intelligent and resourceful and really, really resilient — which was good, because the hoops that the 'Powers That Be' made that poor guy jump through (not to mention all the money he paid to address various issues and obtain various 'permits') were nothing short of disgusting. It was truly amazing to see the innovative and expensive methods he used to create that place.*

*I think they even made him pay to restore an area of marshland equivalent to the size of the marina — even though the area where the marina is now was a polluted toxic cesspool. I never saw Westpoint completed, but it was well on its way to being one of the cleanest and most state-of-the-art marinas on the Bay, and likely the entire West Coast. Really a showpiece for how to do it right. And they're still hassling the guy? Unbelievable. — jr*

## ↑↓ TWO OUT OF THREE IN BAHIA SANTA MARIA AIN'T BAD

My crewmate Zoe on our Tiburon-based Bavaria 46E *Taliesin Rose* suggested that I tell you about our perfect day in Bahia Santa Maria during the Baja Ha-Ha.

I love surfing. It's a newish sport for me, and I'm not particularly good at it, so I wouldn't call myself a surfer. But I'm someone who enjoys playing around in little waves on a big old board. Hopefully I catch a wave every now and then. Next to sailing, it is definitely my favorite hobby.

If someone were to ask me what a perfect day looks like, it would be some combination of surfing, good friends, cold beer, yummy food and my third favorite hobby, dancing.

I had all three of those during the Ha-Ha beach party day at Bahia Santa Maria. Our *Taliesin Rose* was anchored in a spot where we could see the beach, and that morning there was no wind, perfect for a paddle into the small wave lineup. We were able to catch a bunch of cute little waves, and for a couple of hours had a blast messing around and catching quick little rides.

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