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**Subject:** 8/23/2023 Item 6: Staff Briefing on Actions to Address Shoreline Encampments, Abandoned and Derelict Vessels and Anchor-outs in the Oakland-Alameda Estuary, Alameda County

To BCDC Enforcement Committee

I am an Oakland taxpayer, and my partner and I have a sailboat anchored at the Marina Village Yacht Harbor. We enjoy sailing in the estuary and the bay and also spending time aboard the boat while tied up at the dock. Until now I have felt relatively safe and secure about having a boat there. However, I have grown increasingly concerned about anchored out vessels in the Union Point area and the people illegally living on them. These vessels pose safety and environmental hazards, and the people aboard them are a potential threat of criminal activity.

Please take every action that you can to remove the illegally anchored boats and to evict the illegally residents.

Rick VanderLugt  
MVYH slip K26

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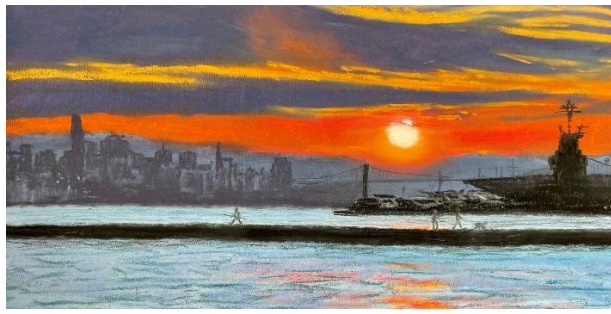
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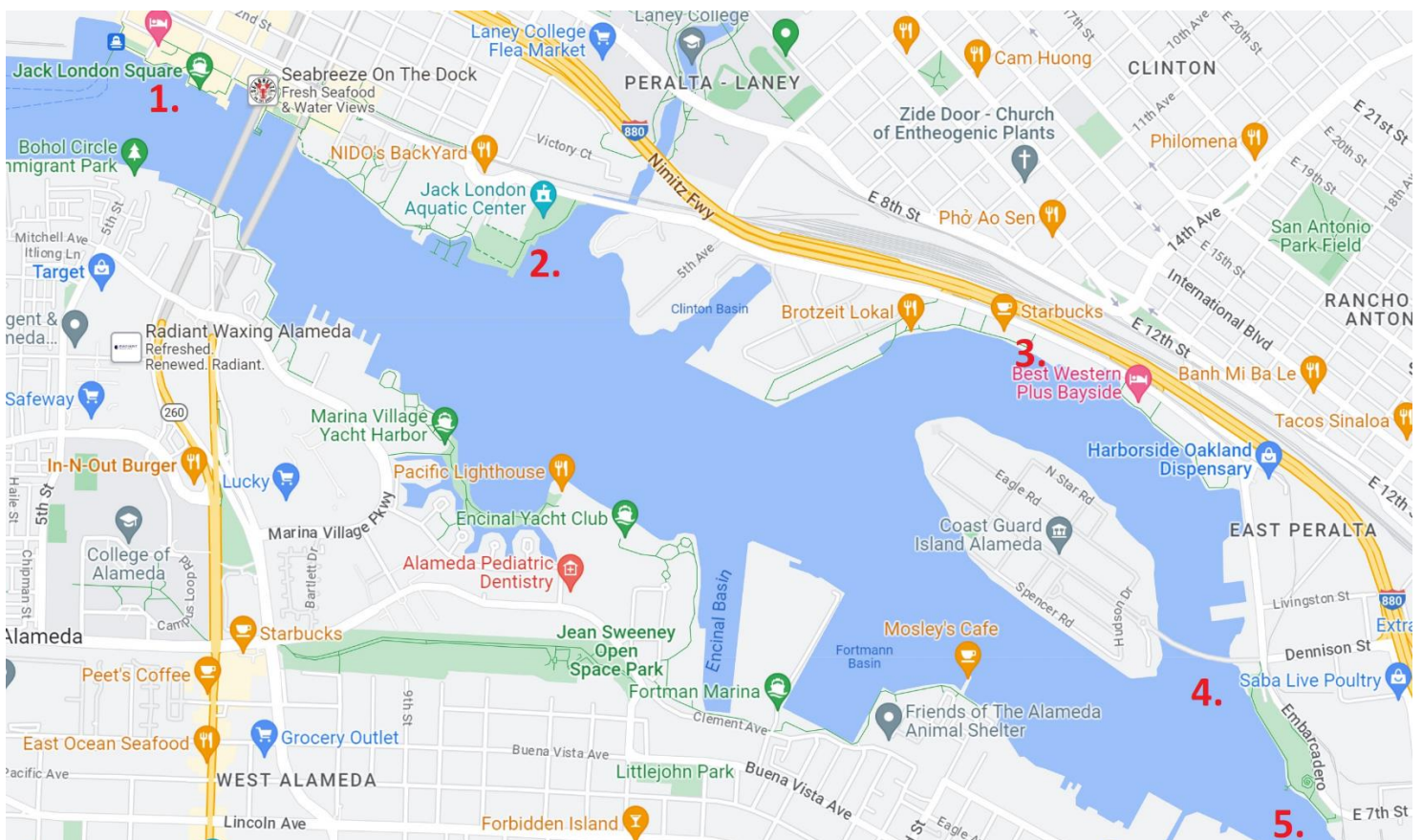
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## Oakland Estuary Photo Survey

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

### Derelict Locations



1. Jack London Square – Public Docks
2. Jack London Aquatic Center – Public Dock and Basin
3. Estuary Channel west of Bayside Hotel
4. Union Point Park – West
5. Union Point Park – Public Fishing Pier / East Parking Lot



# 1. Public Docks – 4 Hour Berthing – **Now Clear of Derelicts**

## Broadway Dock



## Scott's Dock





## ***Pheona Love – Green Sailboat***

This vessel has been illegally trespassing on the public docks at Jack London Square for over a year.  
Now tied up on an outside dock of the Oakland Marinas.



## 2. Public Dock, Jack London Aquatic Center





## Anchor-Outs in JLAC Basin





### 3. Estuary Channel west of Bayside Hotel



## 4. West End Union Point Park









## 5. Public Fishing Pier, Union Point Park



## East Parking Lot, Union Point Park

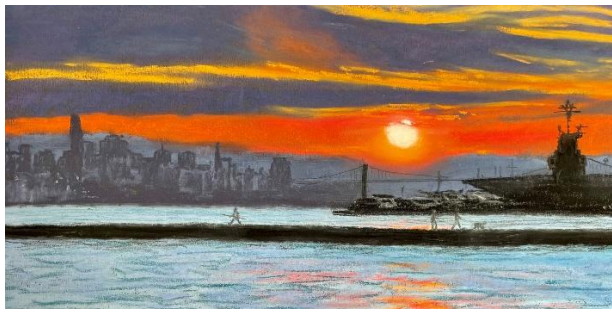




## Shoreline, East Parking Lot, Union Point Park







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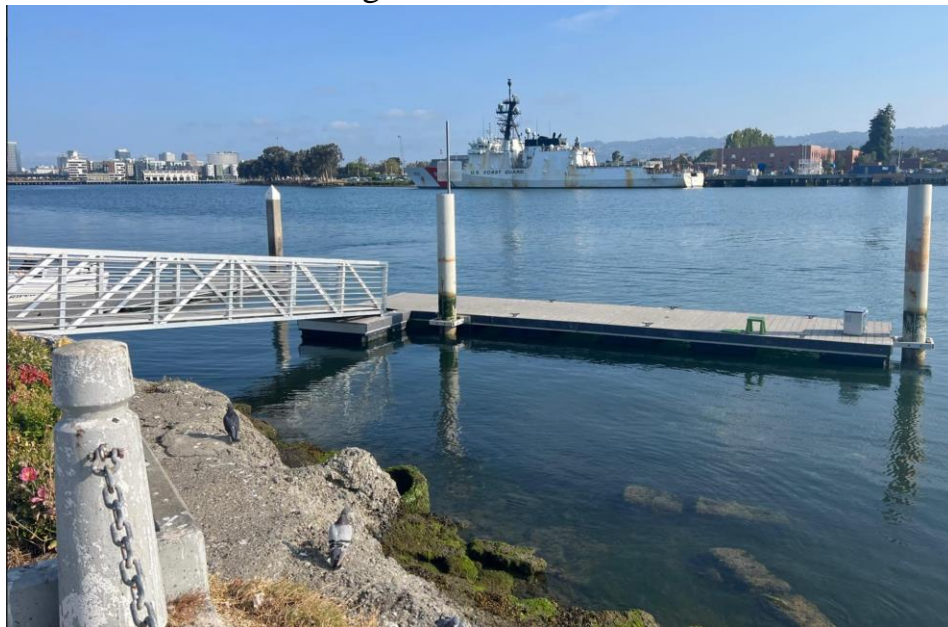
## **Derelict at Grand St. Boat Ramp Public Dock**

This derelict was moored at the public dock on **August 18<sup>th</sup>** and has since been removed.

A further example of the Alameda Police Department protecting the city's waterfront.



August 22 @ 9:04 am





**From:** P C <patcrosby@ >

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**Subject:** Oakland Estuary Enforcement

Good afternoon,

I would like to comment on "ITEM 6. Staff Briefing on Actions to Address Shoreline Encampments, Abandoned and Derelict Vessels and Anchor-outs in the Oakland-Alameda Estuary, Alameda County" at tomorrow's meeting.

While I agree that the issue with vessels is a great concern, I am keenly aware that the problem is not rooted in the actions of impoverished boaters. Additionally, Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, in the Code of Federal Regulations is the statute that already governs the navigability of these waters.

There are two underlying issues that have forced impoverished boaters into their untenable positions. The first is the almost complete prevention of boaters to live aboard their vessels in the entire Bay Area and into the Delta Region. Liveaboards are categorically denied, or restricted unreasonably in every birthing facility in the area. This forces boaters out of marinas, where they can take pride in their facility, and away from overwatch. It has been demonstrated in marinas all along the Pacific Coast that liveaboards improve security and contribute to facility maintenance. This policy alone, pushes many boat owners out into the estuary.

Added to the complete elimination of birthing alternatives, boaters who moor their vessels legally in the estuary are denied reasonable access to their vessel. Parking restrictions all along the shoreline, criminalize overnight parking for boaters that want to stay on their vessels for more than an afternoon. This policy creates challenges for all boaters to get to and use their boats for any extended period.

If you want boats out of the estuary, provide alternatives at marinas for extended stays with parking provisions.

We have pushed the homeless out of our neighborhoods, off the streets, and into the ocean. They don't have much further to go. Federal Statute protects their ability to have safe harbor and protection from piracy, even by local governments.

~Patrick  
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Illegal anchor-Outs on the Oakland Estuary - Agenda Item 6.

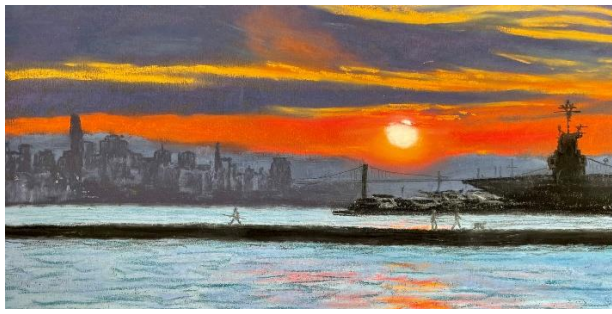
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## **Oakland Estuary Photo Survey**

**December 28, 2022**

**BCDC Mission Statement - <https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/aboutus/>**

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) protects and enhances San Francisco Bay and encourages the Bay's responsible and productive use for this and future generations.

Almost every day, many of the people who live in the Bay region see the Bay. Whether from their homes, their places of work, or their travels in between, they can enjoy the visual magic and majesty of the Bay; they can watch the Bay being protected. This frequent visual evaluation of its work keeps the San Francisco Bay Commission diligent and makes it proud of what it has accomplished.

**73 Foot Wooden ex-Naval Vessel tied to Union Point Park Public Fishing Pier  
Derelicts reported to BCDC and City of Oakland September 7, 2022**









**Ex-Navy Vessel Sinks in Storm – December 26, 2022**  
**Substantial and Ongoing Fuel Release into the Oakland Estuary**







**Fuel Release Into Oakland Estuary**





**Despite repeated citations from the Jack London Square security agency, Securitas, this vessel, the *Pheona Love* has tied up on the 4-hour Broadway public dock for months. Once this is allowed to happen it invites similar trespass by other derelict vessels.**





## Jack London Aquatic Center



**Sunken vessels are far more expensive to salvage**



**Public launch ramp**



## Public dock at the Jack London Aquatic Center





## In the background is the \$3.5 billion Brooklyn Basin Project













## Offshore of Union Point Park





## Beached vessels off Union Point Park





August 19, 2021 8:30 am

## **Pollution Incident from Capsized Derelict Vessel**

**NRC# 1314142 OES# 21-4473**

This morning a yellow fiberglass runabout power boat was observed to be capsized on the Oakland Estuary between Union Point Park and Coast Guard Island. There was a large sheen on the water, likely gasoline. Reports were made to the National Response Center and the California Office of Emergency Services. Weeks prior to this incident the presence of this derelict, and many others on the estuary, were reported to municipal, state and federal authorities. No action was taken at that time.





## Offshore east parking lot, Union Point Park



# Protection of the Oakland Estuary

Brock de Lappe

January 6, 2023

To many marine enthusiasts, the Oakland Estuary is considered to be a treasured jewel locale in San Francisco Bay. Situated between Alameda and Oakland, the sunny calm waters of the estuary microclimate are largely protected from the blustery winds, waves and fog of the central bay. It is a true watersports playground with rowing, sailing, kayaks, canoes, SUPs and even occasional recreational swimmers throughout the year. The unfortunate reality is that this unique environment is becoming increasingly impacted by the presence of illegal anchor-outs, derelicts and abandoned vessels.

The protection of the estuary falls largely to the jurisdiction of both the Oakland and Alameda Police departments, supplemented by the Alameda County Sheriff. The USCG defers most enforcement to these agencies, and seemingly provides a free pass to the renegade vessels on issues of registration and safety equipment that are expected from responsible boaters at the time of boarding and inspection. There is no legal anchorage area anywhere on the estuary. Why then, is this allowed to happen?

In 2019 the Oakland Police Department marine patrol unit conducted a cleanup in the estuary using funding obtained from the California Division of Boating and Waters **SAVE** program (**Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange**). Despite all illegal anchor-out vessels being properly posted with a 30-day notification, the City of Oakland was sued for \$900,000 for impounding and crushing two derelict vessels. The city ultimately settled for \$280,000. While this financial hit was considerable, the worst outcome was a de facto standdown by the Oakland Police Department marine patrol unit. And thus, with no on-the-water enforcement, the estuary has become a haven for watercraft willing to break the law.

Allowing unhoused individuals to anchor-out on the Oakland Estuary in derelict end-of-life vessels has proven to have dire consequences. Since most of these vessels are not properly registered or insured, when they break away and cause damage or sink, they are simply abandoned leaving the cost of cleanup to taxpayers. It is well past time that appropriate shoreside housing is made available to this population so that the estuary can be cleared of this navigational and environmental hazard.

The consequences for lack of enforcement are considerable. During the storms of late December and early January, multiple vessels have sunk with resulting fuel spills into the estuary. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, an entire raft of derelict vessels broke loose and drifted into the bridge at Coast Guard Island. Further incidents should not be required to demonstrate the substantial threats posed by these vessels. What can be done?



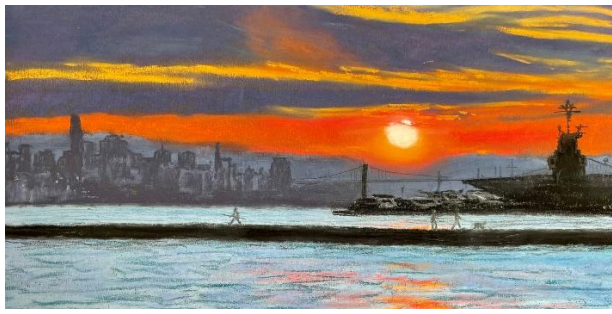
Most important, all responsible agencies must acknowledge the urgency of the current situation. In 2013 there was a large \$7 million multiagency cleanup project on the estuary, so it can be done if simply made a priority. Aside from the watersports on the estuary, there are many large shoreline developments underway or proposed (Brooklyn Basin, Alameda Marina, Del Monte, Encinal Terminal, and the \$12 billion Oakland A's waterfront stadium). Given the increased tax revenue that these projects will provide, it would certainly make sense to protect and preserve the adjacent waterway.

It is also important for SAVE funds to be made available to estuary marinas on a regular, ongoing basis. Under the current SAVE legislation, funding can only be granted to another government agency. Private marinas cannot apply for this funding directly. As such, the estuary marinas are dependent on the Oakland and Alameda marine patrol units to apply for this funding annually. Marinas simply cannot afford the salvage costs of end-of-life vessels that are abandoned in their marinas. While Alameda has done an exemplary job of obtaining and administering SAVE funds, the Oakland PD has been missing in action on this front, with no funding available to marinas for several years. It is far better to salvage abandoned/liened vessels directly from marinas before they become a public nuisance on the waterways.

A final consideration is the ready availability of on-the-water law enforcement. The Port of Oakland, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest on the West Coast, is located at the mouth of the Oakland Estuary. Should there be a need, it is currently unclear that the Oakland Police Department could respond in a timely manner with a single on-the-water police unit. This would require both a functional vessel and appropriate, certified, staffing. To date it would appear that the City of Oakland has not prioritized this need. If new funding is necessary the Port, a division of the City of Oakland, should step up appropriately.

This problem cannot be allowed to continue to fester.

Those responsible must act responsibly.



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## **Predictable & Preventable Disaster on Oakland Estuary January 5, 2023**

**Offshore of Union Point Park – December 28, 2022**



**After Storm - January 5, 2023**





**January 5, 2023**



**This is dramatic evidence that inaction can result in severe consequences. These illegal anchor-outs on the Oakland Estuary had been previously reported as a threat to the estuary environment. During the current storm they have drifted into the bridge to Coast Guard Island as the result of improper/inadequate anchoring.**

**There should not be a need for further incidents to emphasize the true risk of allowing these vessels to illegally anchor in the estuary, in blatant disregard for the existing law. These derelicts need to be removed in an orderly, but expedited process, to prevent even more dire consequences.**

**Those responsible must act responsibly.**

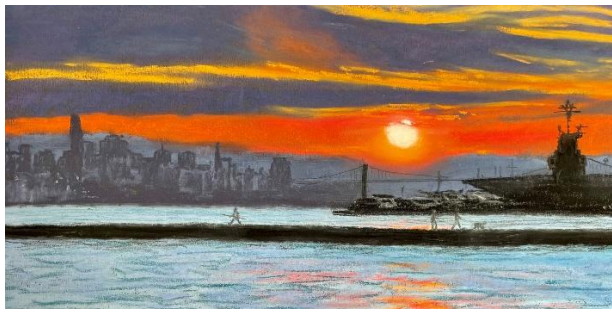
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## **Illegal Anchor-Outs on the Oakland Estuary**

**March 5, 2023**

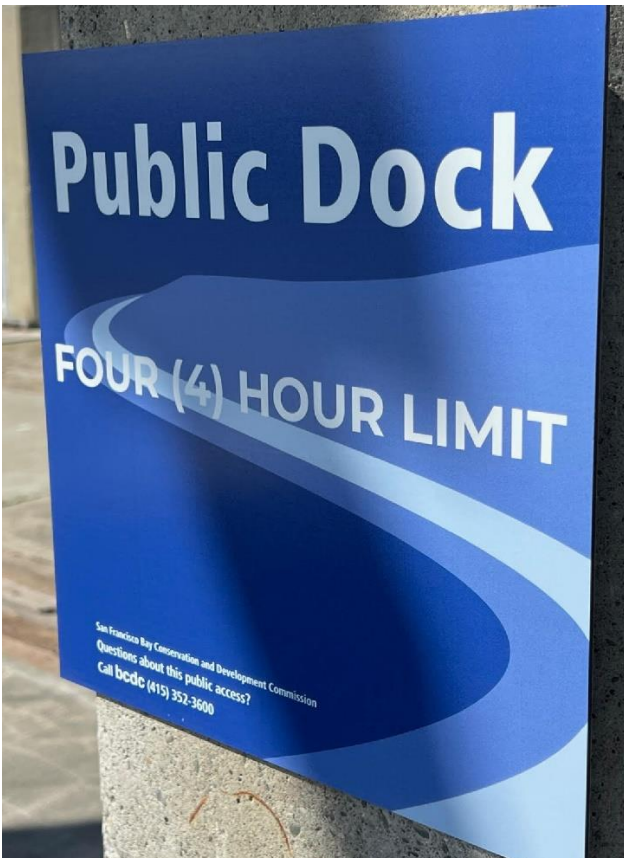
The growing number of illegal anchor-outs on the Oakland Estuary are a **clear and present danger** to public health and safety. The lack of enforcement by the Oakland Police Department has resulted in vessels traveling to the estuary from other parts of San Francisco Bay knowing that they will not be confronted by authorities. This reflects a complete lack of civic pride to allow this to happen to the Oakland waterfront, which should be the Oakland Gold Coast. There are multi-billion dollar shoreline developments, both proposed and underway (A's stadium and Brooklyn Basin project), and yet at present nothing is being done to actually protect the waterfront.

While the proposed Nuisance Vessel Ordinance will provide the Oakland Police Department with a necessary tool to address the problem of removing inhabited vessels, there is much more that should already be underway:

- **Cite for trespass** unauthorized vessels squatting on public and private docks at Jack London Square, the Jack London Aquatic Center, Hadal, and the Oakland Marinas. The Alameda County District Attorney should be encouraged to **actively prosecute these cases**. The owners of these marinas have no ability to move these vessels without police assistance.
- The Alameda County Sheriff Department and United States Coast Guard should be encouraged to assist with law enforcement on the estuary. Most derelict vessels are not properly registered and lack required safety equipment. Why are they given a free pass when responsible recreational boaters are cited for such infractions?

# Public Dock at Jack London Square

The 4-hour Berthing Limit is NOT being enforced – **Port Ordinance 2231**





# Public Dock at Jack London Aquatic Center





## Clinton Basin – Jack London Aquatic Center





# Clinton Basin – Jack London Aquatic Center



**Anchor-Outs are a hazard to recreational rowers**





## Hadal Docks – 1363 Embarcadero

This building and docks are leased from the Port of Oakland by a defense contractor.  
The building has suffered an arson fire by an unhoused squatter.



The docks are presently overrun by seven unauthorized vessels.  
They are not being cited for trespass and the tenant is unable to make them move.





## Union Point Park – Alameda Coast Guard Island





## Union Point Park – Alameda Coast Guard Island





## Public Fishing Pier – Union Point Park





## Union Point Park – Off East Parking Lot





## What are the dangers ? ... Sinkings



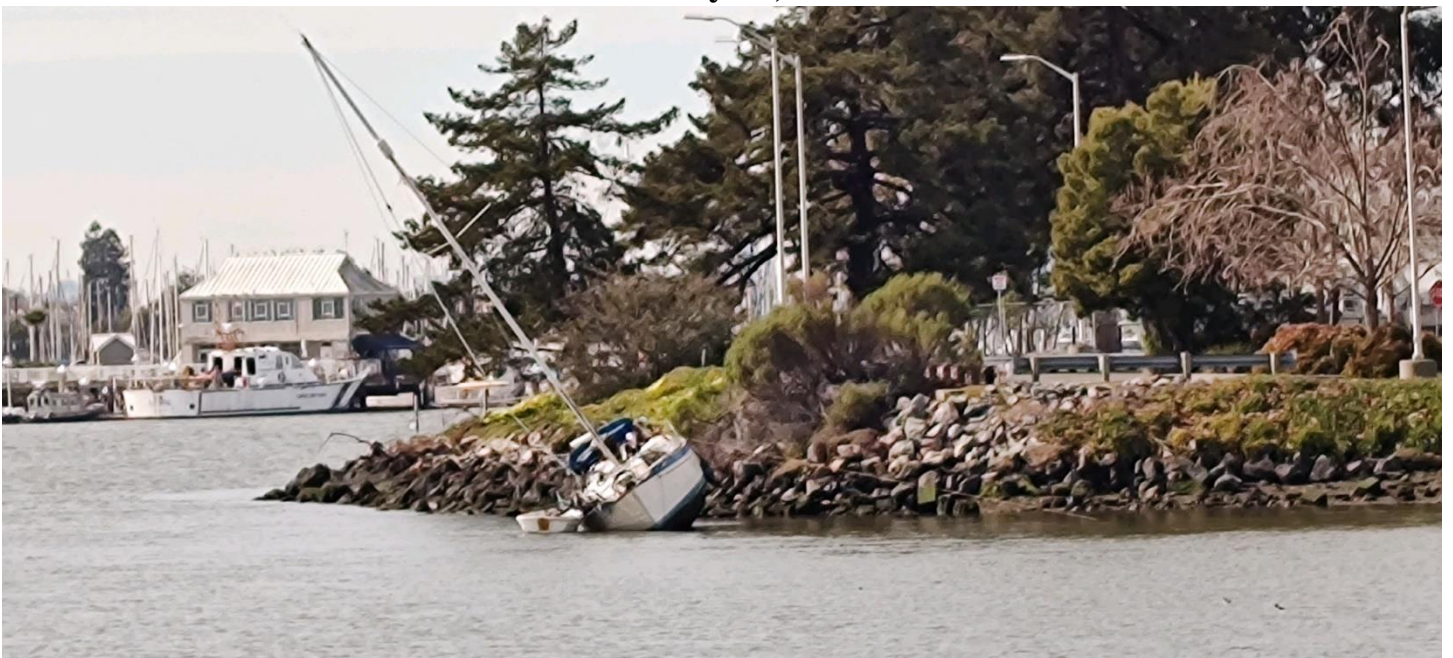


# Drifting Free and Grounding

January 5, 2023



February 18, 2023





# Vessel Fires

## Anchor-Out Vessel Fire

Friday February 10, 2023

Both the Oakland and Alameda fire departments responded to a sailboat fully engulfed in flames illegally anchored off Union Point Park. Responding fire crews were concerned that it could entangle with other anchor-outs boats and were able to move it closer to shore where it sank. The railings of this wreck are now visible at low tide, but no buoy has been attached to mark its position as a navigational hazard. It is not clear who will take the responsibility for removing this wreck or when that will happen.

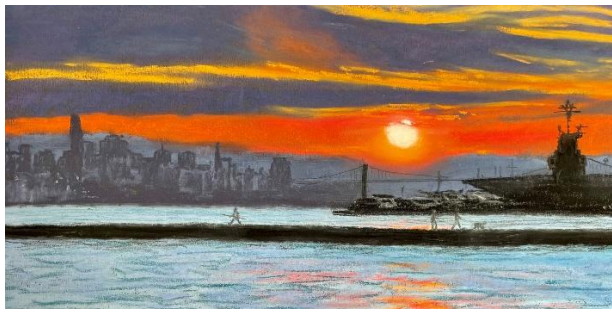


# Recreation on the Oakland Estuary

The public has a reasonable expectation that this resource will be protected







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March 22, 2023

# San Francisco Chronicle

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## Storms leave 5 dead, Bay Area battered

A large tree fell and damaged two cars on Parker Avenue in San Francisco after heavy rainstorms on Tuesday.

### Power outages affect 65,000; flooding, winds shut down roads

By Rachel Swan and Annie Vainshtein

At least five people were killed in incidents tied to the punishing storm that hammered the Bay Area on Tuesday, toppling trees, downing power lines and creating transit havoc across the region.

Two people were brought to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon for separate tree-related incidents, both of whom died from their injuries, city officials said. Their names were not immediately released.

The deaths were a "grave reminder of how serious and dangerous this storm became," San Francisco Mayor London Breed said in a statement. "The repeated storms have been challenging, but our public workers have been out keeping residents safe, limiting damage as much as possible and quickly cleaning up the City."

**Storms continues on A11**

### How the 'rapid intensification' of system led to extreme impacts

By Gerry Diaz

A rare storm system with two eyewalls spinning around San Francisco and Santa Cruz churned powerful winds, downpours and damage across the Bay Area on Tuesday, along with a brief thunderstorm and tornado warnings along the California coast. The low-pressure system rapidly evolved into a storm that caused unusual springtime severe weather.

It culminated in sea level pressure that fell to 985 millibars, the lowest level ever recorded at San Francisco International Airport in the month of March.

This uncommon, but not unprecedented, low-pressure system's pressure dropped so quickly that its center quickly grew an eye. The storm kept intensifying and splintered into two centers of circulation. The centers grew their own eyes and began to dance around each other.

**Formation continues on A11**

### Despite struggles, some stick with bank

Customers stay loyal to First Republic

By Carolyn Said

Wall Street investors are dumping First Republic Bank stock as if it were radioactive. Some of its largest depositors are yanking out their money as if its collapse were imminent. But allegiance remains strong among many in the impressive roster of companies, nonprofit and individuals featured in the San Francisco bank's marketing campaign, even as they are bombarded with news reports that First Republic is fighting for its existence.

Several said the bank proactively contacted them and helped them arrange their funds so they would be covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation guarantee, which applies to accounts up to \$250,000.

**Bank continues on A1**

### Stewart Port leaps over a broken dock Wednesday at the Fifth Avenue Marina in Oakland.

Stewart Port leaps over a broken dock Wednesday at the Fifth Avenue Marina in Oakland.

**INSIDE:** High-rise windows shattered downtown; eastbound I-580 commute now nightmare after storms. **A5, A11**



# Jack London Aquatic Center

March 22, 2023













The blue/white sailboat is a derelict anchor-out. During the storm it tied up to the dock at JLAC and damage the steering oar of the Oakland Renegades dagonboat.

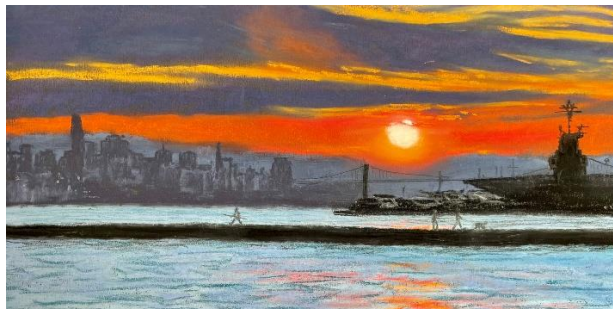




# Recovery of docks lost from the Encinla Yacht Club in Alameda







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## **Illegal Anchor-Outs on Oakland Estuary**

**July 15, 2023**

**Despite clearly posted notices that the public guests docks at Jack London Square (the Broadway dock and the dock directly below Scott's restaurant) are limited to four hours, numerous boats have been using these docks for indefinite mooring, one for almost two years (*Pheona Love*). The Securitas security service employed by Jack London property management has been unable to force these illegal squatters to leave these docks. There needs to be a consistent and forceful enforcement by the Oakland Police Department to deter this ongoing trespass. Without ongoing enforcement, this problem is destined to grow worse. Without consequences, there is no deterrent and the cycle will endlessly repeat.**













# Jack London Aquaric Center

**There are currently three derelict sailboats in the parking lot awaiting removal and destruction. These were recovered from the Oakland Estuary by the Oakland Police Department Marine Patrol Unit. While effectively dealing with an immediate problem, this is clearly not the optimal way for handling abandoned end-of-life vessels. This should not be the responsibility of local law enforcement. A far better solution would be to add an annual charge to boater registration fees to fund the establishment of readily available recycling facilities. As time goes by, this problem of aging vessels will only get worse. It is time for state legislators to recognize and address this need.**



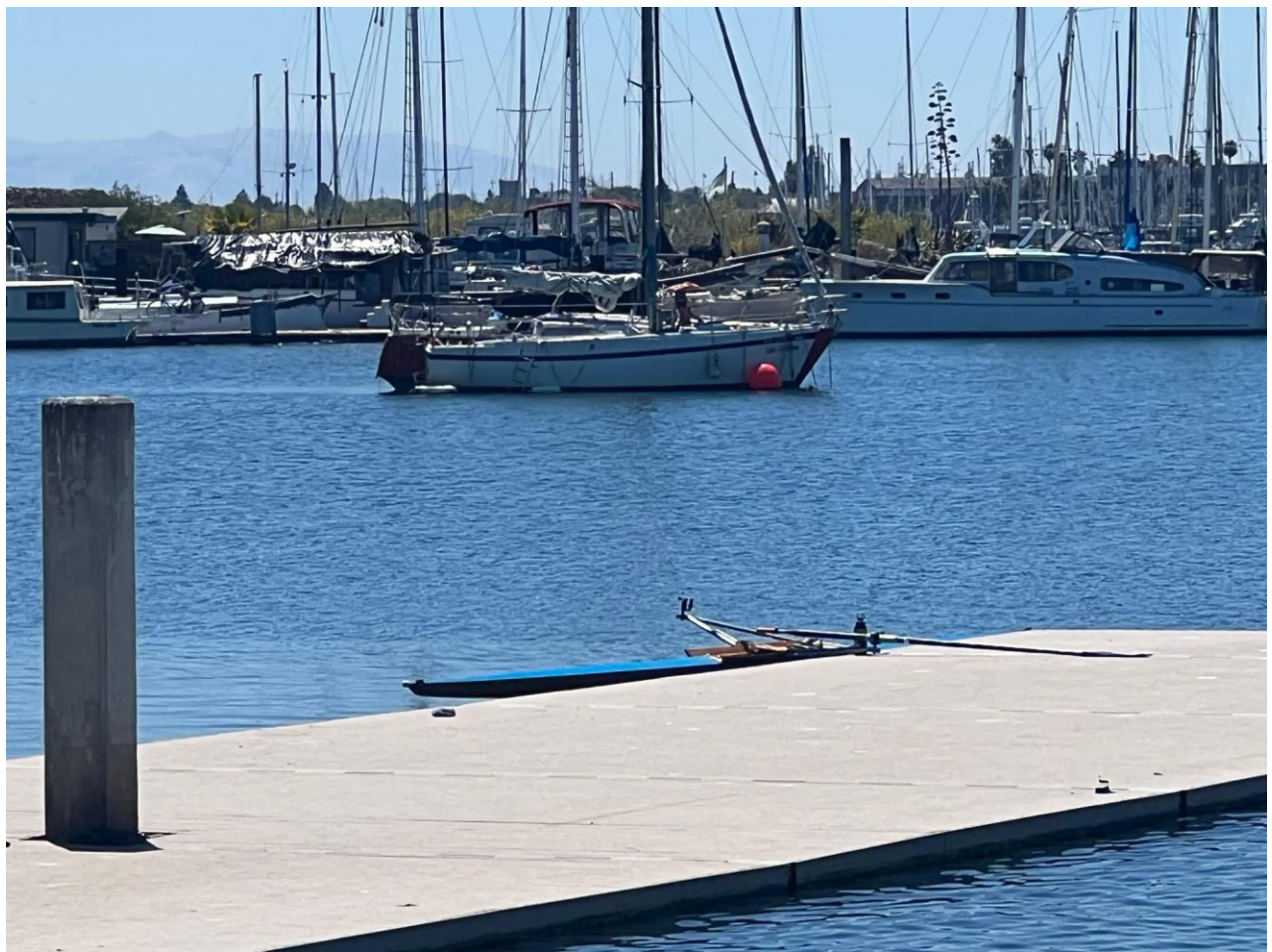


# Public Dock, Jack London Aquatic Center

**For several years the public dock at JLAC has been illegally used by squatting vessels. Several have sunk on both sides of the dock. Sunken vessels are far more expensive to salvage, and thus, the limited funds available for this purpose are more quickly used.**









## Hadal Docks – 1363 Embarcadero

**On March 5 the docks leased by Hadal from the Port of Oakland were completely overwhelmed by illegal derelicts that were blatantly trespassing.**





The Oakland Police Department Marine Patrol Unit posted all the trespassing vessels and ultimately the docks were completely cleared...**a major success !**









## Union Point Park – Coast Guard Island





## Public Fishing Pier – Union Point Park





## East Parking Lot – Union Point Park









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Hello,

I'm sorry that my job will prevent me from attending the meeting tomorrow and making this comment in person.

One of the wonderful aspects of having a boat is marina culture. It is how I imagine it was to live in a small town like Andy Griffith's Mayberry (but without the racism.) Families come out and spend time together. Marina neighbors provide help and emotional support for each other. When I was learning to dock my boat, the neighbors always came over to help, even the kids.

It's possible that small town America was never really that ideal, but the marina really is. It feels safe, and that is important because boats are vulnerable. They can be accessed easily from the water and they are left alone for long periods. The few sailors who live on their boats are particularly vulnerable because the marina is deserted during off-hours.

When I visit my boat, I always give some business to local merchants, whether it is for food, coffee or for things I need for the boat. I'm sure other boat owners do also. If people don't feel that they and their boats are safe, they will leave and take their business elsewhere. So I ask you to please make crime-prevention in the Alameda estuary a high priority.

Vicky Lewolt Schulman, Marina Village Yacht Harbor, K26  
(650)26



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**Subject:** item 6 anchor outs and derelict boats

Hello,

I have my boat docked at MVYH gate 11. I am concerned about the enormous amount of crime that is occurring at the marina via the waterway. The boat directly across from our boat was stolen, several months ago (still under repair from this theft) and found floating in the estuary, a friends motor yacht, was broken into a month ago, with items stolen and we believe an attempt to take the boat. These occurrences are happening by individuals gaining access by water in a small boat or dinghy in the dark of night. I have personally seen individuals jet ski through each dock area slowly, in what appears to be "casing" the area.

The Encinal Yacht Club and Belina Bay have had several dinghies stolen from their Junior Sailing clubs.

A couple of days ago, a dock neighbor was startled awake, at 10:30 pm, by someone boarding their boat and trying to access the cabin of the boat with the owners inside the boat. We know that these thieves are fearless, making it a dangerous situation for all involved. The brazen actions of these desperate, fearless people seems to be escalating every week, with the number of incidents growing.

Where I once felt safe, I now feel fearful for my own safety when I am on my boat and fear damage and theft when I am not aboard.

I am also opposed to the bridge being built across the estuary from Oakland to Alameda. I believe this will give additional access to criminal opportunities. It will also create possible safety hazards as boats back up in the estuary waiting for gates to open for access to and from the dock areas.

Please consider actions needed to stop these opportunists from wreaking havoc in the boating community.

Best regards,  
Marilyn Amorino



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**Subject:** Estuary public comment

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a public comment on the record for the August 23rd Enforcement Committee Meeting for the City of Oakland waterways. I am a lifelong sailor. After moving to the bay area in 2009, I have maintained a sailboat at Oakland Almar Marinas since 2015. My family and I go for daysails in the estuary and on the bay, and my three children are growing up with an appreciation for the water as a result. My children and I often discuss shoreline pollution, which is a popular topic for my oldest daughter, now nine years old. I have noticed an increase in the amount of trash in the estuary and I believe it is coincident with increases in both derelict vessels, illegal camp-out vessels, and camping in areas adjacent to the shoreline.

Although some camps south of Coast Guard Island have come and gone, and development continues on the 9th avenue terminal apartment buildings, I have also been a witness to an increase in crime. Specifically, the day after my children and I had spent the night on the boat at a yacht club on Alameda in 2023, we returned to our car in Oakland to find the window smashed. This was the first time this had happened to me in the eight years I'd been at the marina. Judging by the volume of glass on the ground, ours was not the only car to have been vandalized. My kids had a lot of questions and shed some tears, but were resilient and patient as I answered as best I could and cleaned up the mess enough to get home safely.

Both of these quality of life issues are just that. Nothing life or death is at stake here. I treasure my live aboard neighbors and I would like to see equitable and sustainable access to the Oakland Estuary preserved. However, there are certainly vessels that are not maintained adequately and have become a threat to the health and safety of the truly *boating* public. Please do your best to identify and remediate these vessels while providing their owners (even if only de-facto) with support and assistance in finding a living situation that does not present an undue burden on their fellow citizens and stakeholders in the Estuary.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

-William Elmer



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I am a 66 year resident of Oakland and have kept a boat in the Oakland/Alameda Estuary for over 40 years. My boats have always been properly maintained, registered with the state, properly insured, and I have paid property taxes as required. I believe it is unsafe and unwise to allow any vessel to stay in the estuary illegally. Homelessness is a problem in every city, but when allowed to proliferate, especially on the water, it becomes dangerous to everyone.

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Cc: Brock de Lappe <brock.delappe@ >  
Subject: Illegal anchor outs

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Dear board members,

I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow but wanted to submit my comments.

As the Port Captain of Encinal Yacht Club, we have seen the crime from the illegal anchor outs increase drastically. We have had 3 very expensive dinghies stolen, gas tanks stolen from other dinghies and have had people coming into our dry storage and rummage around vehicles and boats.

Along with the thefts, what are the dumping into the estuary, their waste?

We have had to install a monitored surveillance system to help deter the culprits.

I would like to encourage you to do everything possible to deal with this problem. They need to be removed.

Regards,

Edie Herro  
Encinal Yacht Club

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Penny McCullagh](#)  
**To:** [BCDC PublicComment](#)  
**Subject:** Crime in Oakland Estuary  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:17:05 AM

Hi

I am sorry I cannot attend the meeting in person but wanted to express my concern. I have lived in my boat in Marina Village for more than 15 years and am now afraid of being on my boat by myself. There have been many robberies in recent months and although we have a locked gate, apparently many of these pirates are coming in by dinghy and stealing. I am not sure who is in charge of law enforcement on the estuary (Alameda police? Coast Guard?????) but something must be done.

What was once an enjoyable life is no longer.

Penny

**Penny McCullagh**

**From:** [cat485](#)  
**To:** [BCDC PublicComment](#)  
**Subject:** Oakland -Alameda Estuary Bridge  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 7:01:45 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I find it absurd that the County of Alameda, the City of Oakland and the City of Alameda are even considering a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge when there are several significant needs such as the homeless issue, a housing shortage, under funding of schools and a great need to hire more police officers. Both cities seem to me to be unable to take care of and complete the enormous tasks already at hand. This \$40,000,000 - \$60,000,000 project is to be started without dealing with the other issues first. This new proposed bridge will only be of importance to a very small group of assumed users compared to much of the population of Oakland and Alameda who will have to pay for it.

I am a resident of Alameda County and do not wish for my tax dollars to be spent in this fashion. I would further like to comment from the viewpoint of a sailboat owner that keeps a boat on the estuary. From my 40+ years of sailing on the Oakland/Alameda estuary, I strongly believe that this bridge will be an extreme hardship to the existing boating community. I feel certain the boating community needs will outweigh the pedestrian/ bicycling community needs.

I do not see anywhere in the published documents any real effort to have the boating community (other than the Coast Guard) weigh in on this new blockage of the estuary. I believe that every effort should be made to have the existing boating community respond to the estuary access changes proposed.

This new proposed bridge has the potential of creating an immense marine backup on both sides of the bridge on busy days and weekends. I believe this will impact current scheduled boating activities throughout the year. There does not seem to exist any ideas or a plan for the times, dates, or restrictions for opening and closing the bridge. This should be discussed and planned out well in advance in my opinion.

I truly believe this is an ill-conceived addition to the estuary.

With Great Concern,

Alameda County Resident and Estuary Boater,

Bob Stephens



**From:** vincesail@

**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 4:06 PM

**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdc.ca.gov>

**Subject:** Alameda/Oakland Pedestrian Bridge - Wednesday, August 23 meeting

I am writing to oppose the construction of a pedestrian/bike bridge connecting Alameda to the Jack London Sq. area of Oakland.

The bridge as proposed (with a lift section) will be a serious impediment to larger sailboats transiting the Oakland Estuary. Many of the regattas that start in SF Bay end near Coast Guard Island and many of the larger boats are in the 50' length overall with a few being considerable taller. The mast height being 65-70' above the water for a 50' boat.

You can add another 5' for antennas at the top of the mast and another 5' for high tides and finally 5' of clearance below the bottom of the bridge. That's about 85'. To be safe for transit by large boats without lifting the bridge's middle 50 % would need to be at a minimum of 85 feet. Assuming the bridge would be further arched above the water bringing the total height above the water to at least 90'

ADA-compliant ramp has a cross slope of 1:50 translates to a 1 foot rise in a 50-foot run,

To make the bridge ADA compliant you would need the total length of the bridgeway to be 4,500' long - 1,000 feet over the Estuary and 1,750' of ramp on each side.

Anything that is constructed with less clearance will effectively deny entry to the estuary to larger sailboats and would need to be open a good deal of the time to allow USCG vessels and large sailboats to transit the bridge. This uncertainty of the time needed to cross the bridge would be detrimental to using the bridge to get to work or an appointment on time.

A lift bridge with less clearance and a full time bridge tender would be required as per USCG clearance requirements.

I don't argue that the current pedestrian walkways in the Posey tube are dirty and smelly. It's unclear to me why the pedestrian/bike walkways in the existing tunnels could not be modified to accommodate pedestrians and bikes in a safe and healthful manner at a fraction of the \$200 million cost of building a pedestrian/bike bridge. This is especially true since CalTrans has already agreed to add additional bike/pedestrian space in the existing tunnels.

Vince Casalaina - East Bay resident for 70 years. Still biking the streets and bridges of the East Bay.

From: Hank Lindemann  
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 12:40 PM  
To: BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdcc.ca.gov>  
Subject: Oakland Alameda Estuary Management

Dear Commissioners,

Please share this at your upcoming meeting and with your Co-Agencies, ports and waterfront cities that waterfront jurisdiction and responsibility for our shorelines and waterways.

I have lived in Alameda and worked the water and waterfront my entire life. I have seen pollution events, thievery and waterway abuse come and go over the years. In the last 10 years the vagrant boat issues have grown exponentially and we are seeing more and more sunken vessels, un-cared for vessels, non-Mariner/homeless squatters making a polluted and unsafe area for residents, berthers and boating and waterway users. Large scale, organized thievery is rampant and escalating. Just his last week multiple high end vessels were stolen from yacht clubs, sailing centers, businesses and set adrift after being stripped.

Why is this occurring? I believe it is because we, the SF Bay Area has become a sanctuary for criminals, homeless, drug addicts and otherwise desperate or opportunistic degenerates that are taking advantage of our softness on crime.

The filth and pollution is appalling and all flows down our storm drains, tributaries, creeks and rivers into SF Bay and beyond.

The homeless boat squatters enervate the problem and this is where much of the stolen vessels and gear such as our dinghies, outboards and hardware are found. We are now seeing these vessels used as stripping centers for our stolen boats and merchandise.

I and fellow mariners are sick of this abuse to our community and waterways! We now look to our policing agencies, ports and water authorities to combine knowledge, data, enforcement of any and all laws already on the books and solve this problem. It is not un constitutional to enforce the law. It is expensive, but it has a much greater expense to our communities and environment if nothing is done or all our public entities all point their fingers and turn a blind eye to an escalating series of waterfront crime and pollution.

Pool our agencies resources and STOP waterfront crimes and pollution; please!!

Hank Lindemann  
[Hankli@](mailto:Hankli@)



Hello -

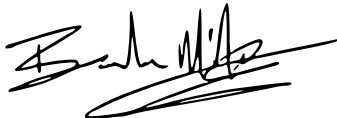
My name is Brendan McNally, and I am a Marina Village tenant (Gate 9, N-dock) and member of the Encinal Yacht Club (EYC). On August 1st, I was alerted by fellow members of EYC that my RIB dinghy had been stolen off the dinghy docks at EYC where I kept it locked up. We reviewed security camera footage from EYC's system and observed an individual rowing up to EYC docks around 2am the morning of August 1st, and – using a hacksaw – cutting through my locking cable and then launching and departing with my dinghy.

After filing a report with Alameda PD the following day, a fellow EYC member and I immediately searched the estuary for any signs of the stolen property. We quickly found the RIB tethered to a group of boats anchored-out just off the Union Point park near Miller milling company. The dinghy was stripped, deflated, and covered with a tarp and other debris. Communicating with the individuals onboard the anchored-out boat, they claimed they found it floating down the estuary and untied it to release it. We confirmed the hull ID matched that of my dinghy, and began to secure it to tow back to EYC. The outboard – which had been locked on the transom – and all other items had been stripped off.

In the days following this theft several other estuary residents reported suspicious activity on the estuary, including sharing photos of individuals in/around Marina Village Yacht Harbour traveling on an inflatable dinghy. In these photos, the inflatable dinghy seems to be using my stolen outboard, the cover of which was painted white in what I believe was an attempt to disguise it.

The frequency of reported suspicious activity and additional thefts seems to have increased rather dramatically during the past several weeks. These individuals appear to be operating with impunity, as they likely observe – as we do – that local law enforcement faces numerous challenges trying to respond to these issues on the estuary in a timely manner. We certainly appreciate all of the efforts of local law enforcement and will support any efforts to improve on-water enforcement. We implore you and BCDC to assist in cleaning up and addressing this situation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan McNally', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Brendan McNally  
Marina Village Yacht Harbour Tenant, Slip N-016  
Director at Large, Encinal YC

**From:** Scotty Ford  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 11:08 AM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdcc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Illegal Anchored Out Vessels

Hi Sandra, this is Scotty Ford. Marina Village Yacht Harbor tenant slip W-136. I am writing to you this evening as a very concerned liveaboard, mariner, and Alameda tax paying citizen. What I have witnessed over the last 10 years regarding illegal activity is simply astonishing and disgusting out in the Alameda/Oakland Estuary. I was thrilled beyond belief when I was awarded my liveaboard opportunity slip here in Alameda. Prior to relocating my yacht to Alameda I was the longest tenured tenant at my Oakland Marina/Almar Marinas location at Embarcadero Cove Marina. During my 25 year as a Oakland Marina tenant I saw the Oakland Waterfront turn from a very pleasant, quiet, relaxing, friendly, little community of boaters, marine lovers, and this wonderful lifestyle, to complete disaster, chaos, thievery, homeless encampments that some how turned the beautiful shorelines to complete dumps with garbage strewn all over in different sectors of the once beautiful Estuary. I feel fortunate to no longer be living in the middle of this mess but I know for a fact that those dilapidated, run down, unregistered, undocumented vessels anchored out illegally in our public waterways are nothing but trouble and are a cause of the illegal mischief that takes place in the middle of the night for us tax paying citizens that obey all of the maritime and civic law. I can't stress enough how concerned I am that this criminal eliminate will continue to get worse unless the powers that be take action. Please feel free to share this email with any and all commissions, authorities, and agencies that are willing to listen to this email.

Thank You Sandra

Scotty Ford

Marina Village Yacht Harbor

Slip W-136

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** Marianne Armand  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:36 AM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdcc.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Daniel Hill  
**Subject:** BCDC Enforcement Meeting - Anchor Outs/Crime

My husband (Dan) and I are liveaboards at Marina Village. We came into some money and were able to afford our "dream home" which is our 47' powerboat. She is our pride and joy. When the kids headed off to college we are now fulfilling our dream of living aboard. We lived in Richmond for a year but had our name on the waitlist for Alameda at Marina Village. When the slip opened up we jumped on the opportunity to move back here. (I lived on the Island from 2008 to 2014 working at a sailing school. Dan worked here from about the same time at various yacht brokers). We wanted to move back to Alameda for so many reasons - the weather, the community, the fun things to do - there are so many things that make this island special. But the most important thing to us was that we felt safe here.

One of the things that bring me the most joy in this world is doing what we call "tootling" around on our dinghy. We go take a spin around Coast Guard Island... head to Jack London Square or Pasta Pelican for dinner. Meander between the boats and wave at our neighbors... it's like an evening stroll around the neighborhood. We were out on our dinghy Wednesday the 9th and noticed some folks in a dinghy that we hadn't seen in our marina before, and they looked suspicious. When they noticed us looking at them they pulled their hoodies up over their faces and sped up to leave the marina. We followed them out under the pedestrian bridge on Gate 8. They got pretty aggressive with us when we approached them and asked what they were doing. Probably a mistake... but we were feeling protective of our eutopia. They told us to - f\$&@ off. That was pretty scary in and of itself. We aren't aggressive people. We went about our evening tootle a bit shaken. It was the night of the big Schnitzer Steel fire so we went down to take some pictures. On the way back we decided to peek our nose into the basin across the way to see if we could find the dinghy's home. We passed the surprising slurry of dilapidated homeless vessels by that bay trail park. And as we headed towards the ramp at the Jack London Aquatic Center, we spotted the dinghy. It was tied up next to a sailboat with a downed mast. The person aboard spotted us and ran to get into his dinghy. He quickly got in and came steaming at us waving what we best could tell was an oar on his hand. He charged towards us aggressively screaming "That's my boat - get the hell out of here" I think I was in a bit of shock but I didn't move. My husband was encouraging me to leave and I just sat there waiting encouraging him to film the incident. The fella backed down when he saw we weren't moving. And turned and fled. Again, we aren't aggressive people so what to do in this situation isn't our strong suit.

We returned home shaken and scared, but naively hoping that our demonstration of territorialism might scare them away. They had seen our dinghy, they knew we lived in that marina somewhere. We hardly slept that night in fear. The next day I called the Alameda police and filed a report. They were not really sure what to do but had me send them photos. The next night we planned to wait up and keep an eye on things. At about 930pm while my husband was up taking a shower, they drove past our boat again... slowly... no lights on... we are on an end tie to no one is shielding us from open water... we keep our dinghy tucked into the bow of the boat by the dock locked and the engine itself has a lock on it. We were so scared we called the police again. The officer was helpful but recognized that there isn't much she can do unless

they do something. She did reach out to the Coast Guard and had them contact Dan. They exchanged some pictures of boats and again, the reality is there isn't much they can do without the "perps" actually doing something.

We haven't seen them in a few days... but we don't have cameras - I bought a \$400 system with 4 cameras that go direct to my phone, but our wifi isn't strong enough to handle the demand of 4 cameras streaming to the cloud. I went to home depot and bought battery-operated motion lights. They aren't the greatest because they aren't hard-wired... but they are there. I have purchased a high-powered spotlight and another camera system that can work with an sd card that doesn't need wifi but it also doesn't alert me real-time. I'll be able to see what happened after the fact. Especially since statistically this sort of thing happens at 3-4am and I'm not awake to see at that time.

We went from living this blissfully ignorant lifestyle to this high-alert, always on edge anxiety-driven prison. It's been a nightmare and it's taking its toll on our mental health. The first thing I do every morning, after a fretful nights sleep jumping up at every sound to see if we are being robbed, is make sure the dinghy is still there and best try and survey the boat for any damage.

We recognize that the marina can only do so much. The police can't really do anything because they don't have access to the water. Is this even something that the Coast Guard participates in?

We are liberals in the sense that we understand that people need housing. But when it comes at the cost of other folks fearing for their safety and their property, it gets a little out of hand. I don't have the answers - other than maybe a motion detector light and a security camera at the entranceways to the marinas... including under the pedestrian gates. Is there a way to confiscate dinghies? Can we assure these aren't stolen? Can we put a low Jack on them or something? These guys have gotten so blatant they are loading and unloading (who knows where it came from) property at the alameda public dock and launch ramp, in broad daylight, right in front of a police boat. For whatever reason they are being allowed to stay there until their boats are "fixed." One of them is being supported by a barrel. There's no fixing that! What magic fix are we awaiting to remove them?

I hope we can figure something out. I no longer feel safe in my home and that's just a shame.

All best,  
Marianne Armand & Dan Hill  
Residents Marina Village Gate 8



**From:** Curt M. Taras  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 10:39 AM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdcc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Clean up Oakland and Alameda Waterways

Please include my comment for agenda items about the Oakland and Alameda Waterways.

Waterway Cleanup of the Oakland and Alameda Waterways is needed. Please close the illegal camps and remove the unsafe boats from the waterways. The Coast Guard and local police should not use our resources to harass legal boat owners with safety check training boardings. Instead the Coast Guard should tow unsafe abandoned boats to the trash compactor.

Thank You,

Captain Curt Taras  
USAF Veteran

**From:** Brock de Lappe  
**To:** Klein, Adrienne@BCDC; Creech, John@BCDC; Trujillo, Matthew@BCDC; Goldzband, Larry@BCDC; Goldbeck, Steve@BCDC; Wasserman, Zack@BCDC; Rebecca Eisen  
**Cc:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; tdaysog@ [REDACTED]; tjensen@ [REDACTED]; tspencer@ [REDACTED]; mvella@ [REDACTED]; tom.vaca [REDACTED]; jphillips@ [REDACTED]; John Arndt; dborenstein@ [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thefts From Alameda Marinas - Illegal Anchor-Outs on the Oakland Estuary  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:00:22 PM  
**Attachments:** Mike Gorman Email.pdf  
Chris Anderson Email.pdf  
Sandra Coong Email.pdf  
Estuary-2Aug23.pdf

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Please see attached emails from Mike Gorman (Encinal Yacht Club), Chris Anderson (Grand Marina) and Sandra Coong (Marina Village Yacht Harbor) documenting the theft of dinghies from their facilities.

In at least two cases boats were recovered from the illegal anchor-out encampment off Union Point Park on the Oakland side of the estuary.

Private citizens were forced to confront these criminals without the benefit of police support, a **potentially very dangerous situation.**

How long will the community continue to be victimized by this lawless element on the Oakland Estuary?

This precious regional resource is not being protected.

Brock

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Brock de Lappe

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# Email from Mike Gorman reporting boats stolen from the Encinal Yach Club in Alameda

Sent to Matthew Trujillo,  
BCDC Enforcement Policy Manager

## Waterfront abuse



**Michael Gorman** <mrmike1230@[REDACTED]>

Jun 24, 2023,  
2:22 PM

to Mathew, me, Michael, Craig, Barney, Bryan, Barbara

Dear Matthew

My name is Michael Gorman, and I am co-Director of the Jr Sailing program at the Encinal yacht club in Alameda. I am also a long time Alameda waterfront resident and have been fighting the derelict boats and estuary Pirates for the last 20 years.

Last week on Tuesday morning about 3 AM the occupants of the sailboat with the little blue and white dinghy stole two of our coach rescue boats off the dock at Encinal yacht club. These boats are worth about \$20,000 each and our integral to our active Jr Sailing program, we immediately searched the estuary and found both boats at the location near Union point Harbor and the Miller milling company. I think this May May Port of Oakland property The Pirates who are illegal anchor outs at this location have stolen boats from us before. usually we go try to retrieve them ourselves, because police response is not fast enough , by the time I arrived at 8:30 the bad guys had already stripped one of our boats of its motor, pulled it up on the shore, knifed so many holes in it that it is not repairable and as you can see it sunk. I think they were trying to hide the evidence The second boat was still intact. It had minor damage and actually had someone asleep in it when we arrived, we told him we were there to recover our boats, and they willingly gave them back to us. There story is usually that they found them adrift. However I have an eye witness who saw them towing them about 4am in the night.

I also am related to the owners of the Outboard Motor Shop at 333 Kennedy Street in Oakland , this nearby, business location is constantly robbed and burglarized by these middle of the night marauders. they sleep all day and still all night. Usually I can see

them disposing of their human waste over the side each morning This abusive of city owned BCDC jurisdictional land that should be to the benefit of the public is really out of control. Sergeant Kaleo Albino of the Oakland police department has been very active in recent years in eliminating these derelict anchored out illegal boats. He has new stronger ordinances to assist him and just needs funding to come through in order to further rid the Oakland water front of this blight Any influence you and BCDC can put on the city of Oakland and the port of Oakland to clear up The last of these messes would be greatly appreciated .

As I said, I am co Director of the Jr Sailing program at his Encinal yacht club which serves over 350 kids per year and runs an intense summer program for nine weeks where young people 8 to 18 learn to sail and compete. this is open to the public, and as a very, well recognized program in the bay area. The constant threats and damage from these pirates really affects our operations. Let alone the the thought are sailors are swimming in waters constantly dosed with human waste from these derelict illegal boats. They have stolen boats from us at least six times in the past. Sometimes we recover them sometimes not. We plead for your agencies help in expediting the cleanup of this illegal situation.

I'd be happy to discuss in person and share of any of the other sad stories that these pirates have caused over the past year's my telephone number is 510-457-6552

Thank you for any help you and your agency can lend to the solution.

Sincerely  
Michael Gorman





**ChristianAnderson**

Sat, Aug 12, 4:02 PM  
(19 hours ago)

to me

Brock,

Thanks to your updates and frequent posts we were able to recover a stolen inflatable this morning that was taken last night from Grand Marina. We found it N of Cemex in the estuary with the thief still working to remove the outboard. It was stern tied to an anchored brownish/white 30' ish powerboat with the letter "K" on the stern. As far as we could tell there were two others on the "K" one older male, one female we didn't get a look. I will share some images as soon as I get them from the owner, she was working the camera. Thanks again for all of your work from all of us. Chris

## Fw: Trespassers at Marina Village Yacht Harbor

Inbox x



**Sandra Coong**

to me, mrmike1230@ [REDACTED]

10:21AM (1 hour ago)



Hi Brock,

Thanks for keeping us all updated. We need to work as a community to protect the waterway and the boaters.

Several dinghies have been stolen at gate 11 and we have received numerous reports from our boaters that these individuals are coming into the marina early in the morning and late at night seeking items to steal. They are not afraid to be seen and getting bolder.

We have sent out a notice to our boaters to be on the lookout for these individuals and to report any suspicious activity to APD immediately.

Thanks,

Best Regards,

**Sandra Coong**

**Marina Manager**

Marina Village Yacht Harbor



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**From:** Sandra Coong <[scoong@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:scoong@[REDACTED])>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 7:42 AM

**To:** Alan Zielstorff <[AZielsto@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:AZielsto@[REDACTED])>; Tysen Siebert <[tsiebert@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:tsiebert@[REDACTED])>

**Subject:** Re: Trespassers

Everyone in the boating community really appreciates your help!!

Thanks,

Best Regards,

**Sandra Coong**

**Marina Manager**

Marina Village Yacht Harbor

1030 Marina Village Parkway

Alameda, Ca. 94501

510-521-0905



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**From:** Alan Zielstorff <[AZielsto@](#)>

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 8:30 PM

**To:** Sandra Coong <[scoong@](#)>; Tysen Siebert <[TSiebert@](#)>

**Subject:** Re: Trespassers

Sandra,

I will be looking into this with the Marine Patrol and Oakland's Marine Patrol.

Sgt. Zielstorff

Sergeant Al Zielstorff #S-1

Alameda Police Department

Patrol 1st Platoon (SSM) 2115-0715

Marine Patrol

Defensive Tactics Instructor

510-867-9292 (work cell)

[azielsto@](#)

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**From:** Sandra Coong <[scoong@](#)>

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:13:06 PM

**To:** Tysen Siebert; Alan Zielstorff

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Trespassers

Hi Sgt. Z,

These two individuals have been scoping around the marina and Encinal Yacht Club. Our boaters have been taking pictures of them anytime they are seen at the marina and have contacted the Alameda Police. They come in the marina early in the morning and late at night. They are most likely from the illegal anchor out by Oakland estuary.

A few weeks ago, we had two dinghies stolen at gate 11; EYC also had two dinghies stolen about the same time, and they recovered one of the dinghies.

Just this morning, we received four reports from our boaters of these two individuals. One boater reported that his line/chain was cut. It definitely appeared that someone had attempted to steal his dinghy. These two individuals are not afraid of being seen and they are getting bolder. We are asking for increased patrols in the waterways and for any help or guidance that APD can provide. We are also asking our boaters to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to APD immediately. We are determined to keep our waters safe.

I've attached some of the pictures of these two individuals shared by our boaters. Unfortunately, you can't see their faces.

We deeply appreciate your assistance.



Thanks,

Best Regards,

**Sandra Coong**

**Marina Manager**

Marina Village Yacht Harbor

1030 Marina Village Parkway

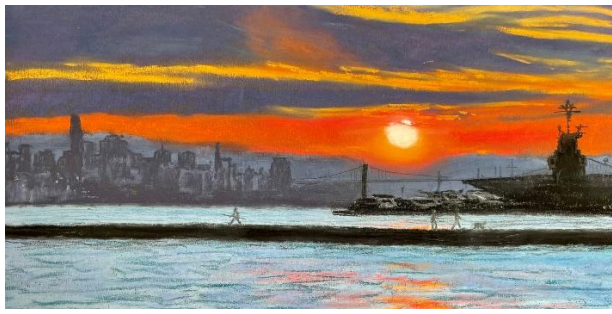
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Art By Marti Walker

**Brock de Lappe - Marine Consulting - (510) 384-1083 - [brockdelappe@](mailto:brockdelappe@)**

## **Derelict Vessels- Oakland Estuary**

**August 2, 2023**

**There are now several illegal anchor-outs off the east parking lot at Union Point Park. The grey and white power boat was reported stolen from the Central Basin of the Oakland Marinas. There have been multiple thefts of dinghies from the **Encinal Yacht Club**, some of which have been recovered from this location. Most often the outboard engine is missing. There are several sunken inflatable dinghies along the shoreline which have been intentionally vandalized and sunk. There are two sunken sailboats in this area; one at the abandoned wharf offshore of Miller Milling and the other off the public fishing pier, both masts are visible. Sunken boats are far more costly to salvage. To my knowledge no arrests have been made to date. The cycle of lawlessness repeats to the detriment of the general public.**





Offshore East Parking Lot, Union Point Park



Public Fishing Pier, Union Point Park





## Union Point Park – New Abandoned Derelicts





