

Jack Hager

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Dear Ms. Morrison,

I am writing in support of the renovation plans for Safe Harbor Marina in Vineyard Haven. I have reviewed their proposal in full, and it is my strong opinion that the renovation plans that they are proposing will only add value to the area and it will be done so in an ecologically responsible manner. Although there could be a minimal uptick in boat use and traffic in the lagoon, it would pale in comparison to the massive increase boat use around the island over the past few years.

My family is a multi-generational homeowner in Martha's Vineyard, and boating has been a part of my life since I was a young boy in the late 70's. Boating and Martha's Vineyard are synonymous throughout the history of the island. I have seen the good and the bad of marina ownership around the island, and their impact on the island, environment and neighborhoods that they are located in. Safe Harbor and the staff that they employ are the best of the best and stewards of safe boating and the environment.

Their proposed project is to take old buildings, which are in a floodplain, remove them and replace with rack storage for approximately 40 boats. Many of these boats will be removed from sitting in the water month after month, which has a positive environmental impact. As a long time and very lucky 'rack user', and knowing the waitlist for rack customers, this is the best way to ecologically address the shortage of opportunities for people to enjoy the water for many years to come. I ask that you support this project

Thank you for your time and your consideration of my letter in support of this project for Safe Harbor Marina

Sincerely,

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Jack Hager