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Phil and James Hale
Martha's Vineyard Shipyard
164 Beach Rd
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Phil and James:

The Board of Directors of Sail Martha's Vineyard would like to express its support for your proposed plan by Martha's Vineyard Shipyard to build a small marina on Lagoon Pond accompanied by other improvements to the waterfront and maritime infrastructure of Vineyard Haven.

Sail MV's Mission states: *Sail Martha's Vineyard is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and perpetuating our Island's maritime heritage, culture, skills, and the sea that surrounds us.* We have studied the proposal, and we believe it will be a benefit to the community and will help Sail MV in our mission-driven work. It is particularly gratifying to work with longtime residents and owners of a maritime business that has provided so much for the island for generations.

MV Shipyard is an important part of the maritime infrastructure of the island. It provides access to the water, service many boats, and has been of great assistance to other maritime organizations, including Sail MV.

Sail MV teaches maritime studies at MVRHS with the goal of promoting maritime career paths for young people. MV Shipyard is one of the largest maritime employers on the island, and is a potential workplace for these students. In addition, the new marina would expand access to the water in an environmentally sustainable way. The Shipyard has proven to be a conscientious steward of the island marine environment.

We believe the MV Shipyard project should be applauded and supported.

Sincerely,

Peggy Schwier
President, Sail Martha's Vineyard