

Dear Conservation Commission members,

It is my understanding that Martha's Vineyard Shipyard is applying for permission to build a marina at their current location on the lagoon. I am in 100% agreement with this proposal.

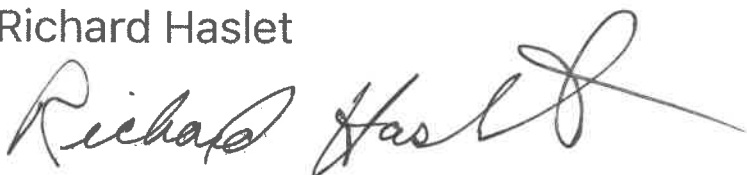
I have been a Vineyard resident since the late 70's. Like most people I came here because of the Islands beauty, life style and the boating and cruising opportunities it afforded. I have taken full advantage of these opportunities. However, I am fortunate in having been able to acquire a mooring lease. Were I to be moving here now, or in the last 10 years, I would be on a "waiting list", without any real hope of obtaining one. The lack of availability for an Island this size, with this number of harbors is unfortunate.

This proposal would utilize an already existing shore line geared towards the marine industry. If my facts are correct, this is one of the oldest businesses on the Vineyard and has always been oriented towards Maritime pursuits. In WW II this entire shoreline was engaged in the war effort, through the construction of barges. The present configuration has served the Vineyard well, for many years, but times change and "needs" evolve. I firmly believe, that this proposed Marina is an appropriate response to the present and future maritime "needs" of the Vineyard.

Please take my endorsement into consideration, when determining your approval.

Best regards,

Richard Haslet

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