

## **OAK BLUFFS MARINA/HARBORMASTER**

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I am writing in support of the Martha's Vineyard Shipyards plan for an additional small boat facility off their property in the lagoon.

As a Harbor master in Oak Bluffs for the past 26 years, I see the great and ever increasing need for additional dockage especially for smaller vessels. The area presented by the shipyard represents one of the only spaces available to meet this need.

As you are no doubt aware, the Shipyard has been in the for-front when it comes to environmentally aware practices in their current operations on the Vineyard Haven Harbor.

They are an integral part of the Vineyard Haven working waterfront and run a top notch professional operation. I'm confident that the proposed facility would not only be another extension of what is already a great asset to your town but is also a forward thinking endeavor to meet a need which is only increasing every year.

Sincerely,

Todd Alexander