

NEW DOCK COMMITTEE REPORT

September 14, 2009

Your Committee is ahead of the project's planned schedule in several respects. So far we have completed the following tasks with the able help of all committee members, especially David Laughton who filled in as Chairman in my absence. Thanks David for the outstanding job you did in keeping the project rolling.

1. Visited many marinas and interviewed the owner/operators. This was quite enlightening, and we always found information beyond what we expected.
2. Decided to take bids on both floating and fixed docks.
3. Decided to prepare the engineering, plans, specifications and contract documents in house. That decision was made because floating dock design is basically done by floating dock manufacturers – fixed dock design can be accomplished as outlined below.
4. Interviewed four prospective contractors who will quote fixed docks and also the installation and pilings for the floating docks when the final contract drawings and documents are ready.

Your committee has developed the fixed pier designs and specifications, starting with the expert advice of committee member Davis Wilson who has been in the marine construction business for many years. We then took Davis' work to the four prospective bidders for their comments. We incorporated the best features of all, and that will be our final plan and specifications. All prospective bidders and committee members agreed to this procedure.

The following decisions have been made:

1. To investigate the use of steel pilings to anchor the floating piers and possibly the ends of the finger piers.
2. The floating dock footprint will be essentially the same as the design developed by the previous UHYC committee except the north and south docks will not be connected and all your slips will be the same size as is existing insofar as is possible.
3. The layout of the fixed dock proposal will result in all slips being the same size as existing as closely as possible. Some changes to the

existing footprint will be required to get a VMRC permit. There will be an alternate bid per each set of slips using a common finger pier so that by mutual agreement the owners of each set will have the option to purchase an enhanced finger pier provided he does so prior to construction and pays in advance for the enhanced finger pier.

Your Committee is currently working on final plans, specifications and bid documents so bids can be taken as soon as other necessary issues are resolved.

Your Committee continues to welcome UHYC Member comments and assistance aimed at the successful completion of the project. Generally the committee meets each Saturday at the Club House at 8A. Members may discuss the project or confirm a meeting time by phoning my cell at any time - 804-370-4066.

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