



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Douglas Harbor Authority  
**FROM:** Lisa Nocerini, City Manager  
**DATE:** July 10, 2025  
**RE:** Union Street Boat Launch

The purpose of this memo is to update the Douglas Harbor Authority on several important matters concerning the Union Street Boat Launch:

### Emergency Order – 34-Foot Limit:

Due to significant structural damage to the launch and pad area, the City has issued a permanent emergency order limiting the launching and retrieval of vessels to 34 feet or less. This restriction is now in effect permanently to preserve the integrity of the launch infrastructure and ensure safe usage going forward.

### Council-Approved Repair Funding:

As part of the FY 2025–2026 adopted budget, City Council approved up to \$110,000 for repairs and improvements to the Union Street Boat Launch. Despite these planned repairs, the 34-foot vessel limit will remain in place. The restriction is considered a necessary long-term protection measure for the site.

### Parking Adjustment Request:

An adjacent property owner has requested the City move designated boat launch parking spaces further away from their property. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is working to implement this change while maintaining adequate public access.

### Non-Compliance with Launch Size Limit and Fees:

The City has observed instances of professional boat launch companies continuing to launch vessels over 34 feet in violation of the emergency order, and in some cases, failing to pay launch fees. These violations are being monitored closely, and enforcement actions may be necessary to ensure compliance and equity.

Ricky Zoet, Director of Public Works, will provide a detailed update on all of the above matters at the Douglas Harbor Authority meeting on July 15, 2025.