

Small Boat Land Based Mooring Proposal

Proposal: Establishment of a Land Based Mooring Field for Community Members and Revenue Generation for Gladstone Sail School

Introduction: This proposal aims to address the needs of both the community members and the Gladstone Sail School by establishing a summer mooring field. The primary objectives are to provide convenient boat storage for community members with small boats and to generate a sustainable revenue stream for the Sail School. By utilizing the South Facing sandy beach in front of the Sail School, we can offer an accessible and secure location for boat storage, benefiting both parties involved.

Objectives:

1. **Provide Convenient Boat Storage:** Establish a summer mooring field to accommodate small boats such as sailing dinghies and small fishing boats for community members. These boats may be too small or unpowered to justify a marina slip but require easy access to the water for recreational purposes during the summer months.
2. **Generate Revenue for Sail School:** Rent out mooring slips to community members, thereby creating a consistent revenue stream for the Gladstone Sail School. The generated funds will contribute towards the maintenance costs of the school's facilities and the salaries of seasonal workers involved in teaching activities.

Proposal Details:

Location: The proposed mooring field will be situated on the South Facing sandy beach in front of the Sail School, away from the primary activities of the school which predominantly utilize the east-facing beach of "Mary's Cove".

Infrastructure: Five individual anchor points will be installed above the high-water mark, which individuals can use to secure their watercraft. This setup ensures minimal disruption to the beach and surrounding environment while providing a secure mooring solution.

Fee Structure: A set fee will be implemented for the use of the mooring field, which individuals must pay before utilizing the facility. The fee structure will be designed to be reasonable and competitive, considering factors such as boat size and duration of use.

Benefits:

Convenience: Community members will have access to a convenient and secure storage solution for their small boats, enhancing their recreational experiences on the water.

Revenue Generation: The establishment of the mooring field will create a sustainable revenue stream for the Gladstone Sail School, supporting its operational expenses and the salaries of seasonal workers.

Environmental Considerations: By situating the mooring field above the high-water mark, we minimize the environmental impact on the beach and surrounding ecosystem.

Conclusion:

The establishment of a summer mooring field presents a mutually beneficial opportunity for both the community members and the Gladstone Sail School. By providing convenient boat storage and generating revenue for the Sail School, this initiative contributes to the overall well-being and sustainability of the community. We look forward to your support in implementing this proposal.