

SMALL CRAFT TASK FORCE

September 24, 2020

Addendum

Not having been given the opportunity to meet with members of the small craft task force, or to contribute to the report that was previously submitted, I am attaching an addendum for the board's consideration when small craft issues are brought up for discussion. I expect that, in the future, a date for a task force meeting will be set that will accommodate (and inform) all three members of the task force.

Issues

Accommodating increasing numbers of small craft on beach for beach access

Enforcing appropriate use of access beaches/ROWS

Safety for swimmers and boaters in swimming and boat launch areas

1. Accommodating small craft on beaches and ROW

Currently:

Kayaks on rack need BP registration sticker, limit 2 per family

No ID stickers required of other craft

No limit of number of boats on boat launch beaches, crowding, stacking of boats, access to kayak racks often blocked

No definition of size/type of boat

Difficult access from Sea Spray ROW, frequent trespass onto private property to access water

Possible actions:

- a. Size restrictions to accommodate craft that is typically on beaches (kayaks, paddleboards, small sailboats such as Sunfish and Lasers, dinghys). Maximum 14' in length, 5' in width. Sand buggies allowed, trailers of any kind not allowed.**
- b. Add one kayak rack to Sea View beach and one kayak rack to Osprey ROW.**
- c. Purchase two paddleboard racks for Sea View ROW to be placed perpendicular to the water line parallel to hedge row. Racks accommodate 3 boards, \$140.**
- d. Disallow stacking on racks and storing craft between kayak racks which bars access.**

2. Enforcing appropriate use of access beaches/ROWS

- a. Require registration of all small craft using BP property to assure they belong to members/renters and for communication purposes. This includes craft on Old Black Point Rd. property which is especially susceptible to non-member storage.**
- b. Allow two stickers per household for single person craft (including paddleboards) OR (not both) one sticker per household for multiple person craft.**
- c. Dedicate one beach patroller to review craft every Saturday morning.**
- d. Unregistered craft or illegally placed craft get pre printed warning (attach to craft with clear packaging tape) to register or remove craft by following Saturday or craft will be removed from the beach. (This process was successful a few years**

ago, most people immediately complied). Warning should include contact phone # or email..

- e. Rent or borrow vehicle to remove non complying craft to Billow Rd. property. Consider fine to cover the cost of removal.
- f. This process would need to be presented to the public via public hearing before the board confirms.

3. Ensure safety of swimmers and boaters in swimming and boat launch areas.

(It was recommended by resources at town hall to wait until after summer to get best access to departments that serve marine areas as well as local police.)sss

- a. Send out parameters for boating and swimming areas, along with small craft rules, with annual letter and via membership email.
- b. Confirm median high tide line at Sea View beach with DEEP.
- c. Determine which state agency is responsible for enforcement of illegal swimming at state boat launch areas.
- d. Explore options for enforcement of no swimming/sunbathing rules within the rights provided to the association by the Charter. New enforcement rules would need to be presented to the public via public hearing before the board confirms.

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