

David E. Peixotto
1059 Clarendon Crescent
Oakland, CA 94610
December 3, 1998

General Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

This letter responds to the proposed General management Plan and Draft EIS for Fort Baker. The plan has many fine points and is generally well conceived. It will greatly benefit the public value of Fort Baker if it is modified to correct the remaining deficiencies.

I am a member of the Presidio Yacht Club (PYC) and a retired soldier. My comments will be limited to the portion of the Plan and DEIS concerning the marina area.

First, the U.S Air Force should remain as the operator of the marina area. They are committed to providing the public access and public use required by the NPS's mandate for Fort Baker. Further, the Air Force has the funds and organizational ability to meet the goals of increased public access and use -- making the marina a more desirable and useful facility for the public. Also, the Air Force will retain the historical military relevance of East Ft. Baker. I strongly urge the National Park Service to take advantage of these benefits and allow the Air Force to continue operating the marina.

71-A

Second, the PYC has managed the historic boat house, marina and docks for 40 years, first under the Army and for the past 3 years under the Air Force. With the limited area for docks, the high surge which tends to damage the docks and the strong currents, the marina cannot command the premium prices necessary to make it self-supporting from the slip fees. The only way the marina has survived is through the volunteer labor of the PYC members, especially those using the slips. The volunteer approach used by the Air Force and the PYC provides the best-case approach to bringing a broader segment of the public to the San Francisco Bay boating experience. Key to the success of this approach is the pool of skilled and semi-skilled labor, which maintains the marina facilities and meets the varying needs of the boating public. The volunteer labor of berth users allows the marina to provide affordable boating opportunities. Retaining a large proportion of long-term rental berths is necessary to provide this pool of committed workers.

71-B

I am not in agreement with the Park proposal to remove the marina and replace it with moorings. The marina and docks are integral to the goals of offering the highest level of public access and benefits, while addressing critical safety concerns.

The Draft EIS does not consider the impacts of the hostile current, wind and surge conditions in Horseshoe Bay. Horseshoe Bay is subjected to heavy currents resulting from its close proximity to the Golden Gate. Strong, unpredictable currents in the anchorage combined with often strong and constantly shifting winds and high surges make maneuverability very difficult.

71-C

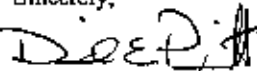
Fixed docks with side floats provide superior control compared to a group of regular moorings or Mediterranean moorings, which limit maneuvering room and can increase the chance of collisions as vessels try to compensate for the changing conditions. Only the most skilled boaters will be able to safely cope with the conditions and successfully use moorings. Docks are essential to a practicable harbor in Horseshoe Bay.

From a funding standpoint, the docks provide the revenue essential to fund the bulk of the facility's operation. While some money can be collected for tying up to a mooring, more can be reasonably charged for tying up to a dock. Even so, day use only (which occurs primarily on weekends and during the better weather season) will not provide sufficient funds to maintain the moorings, the historic boat house, and emergency docks. It certainly won't provide sufficient funding for new programs aimed at enhancing public access to the greatest recreational asset of east Fort Baker and the Bay itself. A significant number of permanently rented slips is necessary to provide funds for the continued maintenance of the harbor, docks, boat house.

71-D

Thank you for considering my comments. I request that you modify the Final EIS and the General Management Plan to reflect these points.

Sincerely,


David E. Peixotto

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 71. David E. Paeixotto, December 3, 1998.

71-A

Comment noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

71-B

Comments noted.

71-C

Comment noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

71-D

Comment noted.

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
G S N R A
Building 201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill

On October 10, 1998 my husband and I took our first trip to Fort Baker. The weather could not have been better. While there we learned of the fort closing in 2001. I spoke to several of the retired military men and they would like to keep the club house, as a Historical Gem to the Golden Gate Parks.

I gather from the conversations that the Marina will be removed. Having come from the logging area in Washington State where logs become water soaked in the rivers, the Marina at Fort Baker already has a couple behind the Jetty. If that section is removed in the future, will not more logs drift in during storms?

72-A

My greatest concern is the security of the Golden Gate Bridge. The North stanchion and footing of the area goes back along the north braces to the tunnel on highway 101. Right now the Fort has the Security. What will happen when the National Park Service takes over?

72-B

I have been told the California Highway Maintenance has the full say of the bridge and I am waiting for a reply from JOEL Buel to verify that fact. His telephone number is 510-286-0794.

I hope you can answer some of my concerns and thank you for taking the letters from the public. If I receive the details before the next meeting, then I will know more about the debates to take place.

Sincerely

Dahl C. Phelps

Dahl C. Phelps
463 Vine Ave.
Sunnyvale, Cal. 94066
October 13, 1998

P.S. Nancy Homer called at 11:10 and explained part of the facts.



F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 72. Dahl C. Phelps, October 14, 1998.

72-A

The jetty would not be removed under the Proposed Action. The amount of logs that drift into Horseshoe bay would not be changed by the Proposed Action.

72-B

Currently NPS manages more than 250 acres of Fort Baker and U.S. Park Police and protection Rangers provide security for the site through an agreement with the Army. The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District also operates its own security program. Security provided by the minimal presence of the remaining Army functions would be greatly enhanced by the Proposed Action. Vacant buildings would be occupied and NPS and US Park Police presence will be increased.

Author: "Philpott, Roger" <Philpott.Roger@mcconnell.af.mil> at NP-INTERNET
Date: 11/10/98 5:15 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: "PYC@hooked.net" <PYC@hooked.net> at NP-INTERNET
Subject: presidio yacht club

----- Message Contents -----

as a former us air force flight chief and a life member of the yacht club,i
submit that it would be an awful shame if the hard work and long hours that
have been expended by its volunteer workforce would be rewarded by the
total loss of the facility and its moorings. The place and its people are
unique and should at least be given a say in the eventual outcome. I highly
recommend that you join with the Air Force as a Park Partner and actively
pursue an inter federal agency agreement!

73-A

Roger J Philpott
Community Support Flight Chief
McConnell A.F.B
Kansas

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 73. Roger J. Philpott, November 10, 1998.

73-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB which addresses the issues raised.



December 7, 1998

General Superintendent
GGNRA
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California 94123

Subject: Proposal Plan and EIS, Fort Baker, GGNRA

Dear Superintendent:

I would like to congratulate you and the Fort Baker planning team for a well executed and presented plan for Fort Baker at the GGNRA.

My comment relates to a change in the proposed plan that varies from the General Management Plan. The proposed plan EIS, on page 2-6, indicates that "water based transportation if determined to be feasible in the future could be provided from the pier but is not included in the proposed Action and would be the subject of separate environmental analysis that would include other park sites to be served". On page 2-20 in the 1980 GMP Alternative the Waterfront/Fishing Pier is to be improved for fishing and "development of a water shuttle landing".

Table 4-1 of the EIS indicates the water shuttle in the GMP Alternative would have beneficial impacts (page 4-6). On page 4-64, section 4.3.6.5 indicates the water shuttle would be considered a beneficial impact, and that "Additional environmental analysis would be conducted before the service was initiated." Finally, Section 5.0 Sustainability, under section 5.1.2 states "The development of a water shuttle landing in combination with a more landscaped zone along the waterfront, could have localized impacts in the bay ecosystem."

It is my belief that two very important benefits of water shuttle or ferry service could be jeopardized by the Proposed Action. First, the ability to connect the San Francisco and Marin sections of the GGNRA without having to drive or take transit across the Golden Gate Bridge.

William Gellie
John May
Rene Thiel
Julia Dorte
Scott Rogers
Tom Fox
Lillian Spier
R. J. Samuels
Helen Lee
John J. Bonnie
Linda Peterson
R. George Russell
E. Kenneth Jones
W. J. Smith
J. J. Smith
David Berenson
John E. Gutter
Robert Jones
Richard Law
Charles S. Mudd
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Secondly, the ability to experience the waters of the Golden Gate as part of the GGNRA as well as the landmasses that define these waters. Until this is an integral part of the visitors' experience, full development of the potentials of the GGNRA as a truly National resource will be limited.

My concern also extends to the potential of taking actions in the Proposed Plan that would lead to waterfront use and development that could preclude future water shuttle use. With the recent rise in water transportation use and interest in the Bay Area, this proposed plan will be short-sighted if it backs off from the GMP Alternative that would integrate a ferry or water shuttle into the plan now.

74-A

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin Platt", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Calvin Platt
Chairman

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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 74. Calvin Platt, SWA Group, December 7, 1998.

74-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #5 – Ferry/Water Shuttle which addresses these issues.

Author: John@coms@aol.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/27/98 4:16 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNEA
Subject: Fort Baker Future

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Sir or Mame,

As a government worker and member of the Naval Reserves, I wish to encourage you to leave the Presidio Yacht Club facility essentially in tact. Because of drastic "downsizing" of the military, those of us in the service have very few Bay Area venues to call our own. The general public, on the other hand, has vast areas to recreate in the Area. At the very least, please allow us to keep some slips and buildings to ourselves. As you know, even today, most, if not all, of the facilities at BYC are essentially open to the public anyway.

75-A

Thank you.

John Ponta

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 75. John Ponta, November 27, 1998.

75-A

Comment noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB which addresses these issues.

POOR MAN'S STAG CRUISE

180 El Camino Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925

November 27, 1998

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Attention: Superintendent Brian O'Neill

Re: Proposed Plan for Fort Baker


In the fifteen years of its existence the Poor Man's Stag Cruises have assembled probably the greatest number of yachts for any regularly scheduled cruises on the Bay. We have visited a great number of the anchorages and harbors in the Bay and western Delta. One of our favorites is the Presidio Yacht Club on Horseshoe Bay.

We strongly urge you not to remove the existing marina. It provides safe, convenient docks and slips for visitors, all of whom want to go ashore. The proposal to substitute moorings is extremely ill-advised: they would be little used, expensive to maintain, dangerous and obstruct access to the marina.

76-A

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,

Poor Man's Stag Cruise


F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 76. Poor Man's Stg Cruises, November 27, 1998.

76-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response # 7 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

Author: swan3@pacbell.net at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/4/98 8:26 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Plan for Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----

The following are some thoughts I'd like to share with you regarding the disposition and or use of the current assets of the Presidio Yacht Club. The club has existed on this site since 1959 and has been a good custodian of the property for that time. Since my joining the club in 1966, I have berthed the same small sailboat there and enjoyed the privileges of membership. PYC has provided a good deal of pleasure to three distinct groups of people for almost 40 years: Active and reserve military members, Retired military members, and those with no military affiliation whatsoever, who may or may not have been members of a yacht club. At a time when benefits to both active and retired military are suffering significant erosion, losing yet another is a bit tough.

77-A

Maintaining the dock facilities as they exist is an expensive and ongoing cost and one that may not be supported by rental on a daily base. Mooring buoys in Horseshoe Bay have a number of potential problems: Wind and weather will tend to drag their anchors, Dinghy traffic is dangerous for the same reasons. Traffic will most probably be pretty light relative to Angel Island due to weather and facilities offered. In short, the financial support offered by the U. S. Air Force in maintaining the existing buildings and facilities may be more attractive than you realize. It is truly tragic to one who has lived in this area for more than 40 years to see the deterioration of formerly well maintained military facilities which have been turned over to agencies with budgets that precluded even minimum care of them.

77-B

77-A

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

H. J. Recktenwald
41 E. Manor Dr.
Mill Valley CA 94941.

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 77. H.J. Recktenwald, November 4, 1998.

77-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

77-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

December 6, 1991

General Superintendent Bryan O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
National Park Service
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Fort Baker Plan

Dear Superintendent O'Neill

As a proven friend of the GGNRA and Fort Baker please permit me to observe that the apparent plan to eliminate the Travis Marina and the Presidio Yacht Club is a plan which, if implemented, would be an unwise decision, as it defies logic, and could only operate to the detriment of the GGNRA and the public.

The public safety and benefit can best be served and the Park Service's stated objectives best achieved by retention of the marina and Club for some very compelling reasons.

1. It is the first port of refuge for stricken vessels in the approaches to the Golden Gate. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate needs the augmenting facilities of the marina and the help of the club members to maintain them. Many Coast Guard personnel belong to the club.
2. The Coast Guard relies heavily on its Auxiliary members to carry out its various vital lifesaving and law enforcement missions. For this reason their boats are entitled to berth at the marina.
3. The Air Force funds a large part of the capital improvement and maintenance costs of the marina and its buildings. This represents significant annual sums the Park Service does not have to expend from its own budget.
4. The facilities are open to the public.
5. The club has an excellent low cost sailing and boating safety school operated by volunteer instructors.
6. Club members volunteer hundreds of hours of their labor each month to maintain the facilities and is a major element in the economic and financial feasibility of the marina.

78-A

7. The club is a non profit corporation. A marina of this size would not be financially viable for a commercial concessionaire.

8. Eliminating the marina and its berthing revenues would also eliminate the financial viability of the entire facility.

9. Eliminating the club's membership dues and charge would eliminate a key financial element in the financial sustainability of the entire facility.

10. Air Force flight and ground crews based at Travis AFB are continually stretched to the breaking point in their long worldwide missions and increasing national emergency deployments, which a budget driven down-sized force requires. They and their families need the rest and recuperation which morale, welfare and recreation outlets such as a marina and club provide. It has become increasingly difficult to retain these highly trained and skilled people who are serving all of us so well. This is why active duty personnel of all ranks are entitled to club membership without cost. This is made possible by the dues and volunteer work of veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War, and active duty military people who choose to be dues paying members and volunteers.

It would seem unthinkable to eliminate this place.

11. The membership is made up of active, reserve, and retired people of all ranks from all the uniformed services including the National Park Service.

12. A marina is a magnet to visitors. When the Park Service public arrives, the club has something memorable to offer them.

Sincerely,
William R. Riley
P.O. Box 459
Ross, CA 94457
(415) 388 9858

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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 78. William R. Riley, December 6, 1998.

78-A

Comments noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings and Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Robby & Dolores <robbyr@army.net> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/7/98 9:39 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GENPA
Subject: Fort Baker Plan

----- Message Contents -----

I support the retention of the Presidio YC at their current location and the retention of the docks.

The "Historic Boathouse" is frequently mentioned in the USPS plan. The Presidio YC, which was founded in 1959, is only 14-15 years younger than the boathouse which it occupies. When does historic begin? The Presidio YC is as "historic" as the building. I am surprised that the USPS would simply dismiss and shut down an organization which has operated for 39 years.

The membership of Presidio YC is primarily made up of permanent taxpaying, voting residents of the bay area. I suspect that some of the decision makers in this process assume the membership is made up of transient military personnel who come and go with no permanent connection to the bay area -- this is not true. Whether the USPS agrees to allow the Air Force to continue operate the club or if the Presidio YC operates as a non-profit corporation, the membership will be open to everyone in the community -- which, in my view, is healthy for the organization.

The Presidio YC is involved with the community. In an article titled "Cup Dreams" the November 29, Marin IJ said (with respect to the America's cup effort): "San Francisco Yacht Club's neighbors have also gotten in on the Bring the Cup to the Bay bandwagon. The America True syndicate has signed the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon, the Presidio Yacht Club in Sausalito ... as ally organizations." More germane to the USPS mission the article goes on to say: "America True's outreach program, True Youth, gives at-risk-youth a chance to sail. America True's ally clubs, including the Corinthian, Sausalito and Presidio also have True Youth programs providing lots of opportunities for Marin City kids, for example, a chance to step onto a boat and sail the bay."

The Presidio YC membership will provide an knowledgeable, experienced and motivated "Park Partner" to support USPS goals of Horseshoe Bay and the bay area community.

I was assigned by the Army to the Recruiting Command at Fort Baker in 1974, lived in the enlisted housing in Fort Baker, and joined the Presidio Yacht Club. I retired from the Army in 1982 and have worked in Corte Madera, Sausalito and Point Richmond since. I have lived in Marin at my present address since 1979.

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Regards,

John M. Robinson
63 Bay Vista Drive
Mill Valley, CA, 94941
415-388-6167

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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 79. John M. Robinson

79-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB which addresses these issues.

Author: KRobin1008@aol.com at NP-INTERNET
Date: 11/9/98 12:54 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: HENGORD@aol.com at NP-INTERNET
Subject: Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA, Bldg 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill

The Presidio Yacht Club, sponsored by the USAF, is one of the last
Military
related recreational facilities in the San Francisco Bay area. Request it be
allowed to stay at East Fort Baker with a long term Air Force lease or some
other acceptable long term use permit.

80-A

Thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

Kelly Robinson (West Point, 1958)

315 NE Birch

Issaquah, WA 98027

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 80. Kelly Robinson, November 9, 1998.

80-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: "Rogers; Janice H (PH-jhroger)" <JHROGER@mag.pacbell.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/2/98 10:11 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Plan for East Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----

Regarding the Presidio Yacht Club - bear in mind the old adage - "If it ain't broke why fix it?" Granted they have to open to the public, but they have been a good neighbor for many years and have afforded public access to bathrooms long before the park service came on the scene. That's an important thing when my family bikes over there.

Janice H. Rogers

Risk Management

Managed Workers' Compensation Team

415/542-1986

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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 81. Janice H. Rogers, December 2, 1998.

81-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

11 Liberty Dock
Sausalito, Ca. 941
October 21, 1978

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
G.G.N.R.A., Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca. 94123

Re: Fort Baker plan

Dear sir:

This letter urges you to reconsider removal of the existing docks and dismantling the present Presidio Yacht Club in favor of a conference center and convention store.

More boats can be accommodated with docks than with moorings. Boats that transit to the Sausalito area are already easily moored near the center of town where there are provisions. Rarely are all these moorings, at the Sausalito Yacht Club and beside Horizons restaurant, all in use.

The Presidio Yacht Club offers its facilities now to the public. But it also offers a unique service of affordable sailing instruction and boat rental, to the public. Organizations and schools are either for youth sailing classes or are much more expensive. The military and government employees who currently use the facility are introduced to sailing, at a price commensurate with this solution.

82-A

I urge you to reconsider removal of the docks and disbanding The Presidio Yacht Club. The feasibility of moorings being a fiscally viable plan is problematic. And the yacht club itself currently performs both public service, for which it could continue to charge fees, and a special and unique instructional role.

82-A

Thank you,

Marti Roux

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 82. Marti Roush, October 1998.

82-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: John Schroeder <schroej@perigee.net> at NP-INTERNET

Date: 11/11/98 10:38 AM

Priority: Normal

TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA

Subject: Marina/Boat Docks at Ft. Baker

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I used to sail on Chesapeake Bay and well appreciate the problems of finding reasonable (cost-wise and location-wise) facilities from which to enjoy the beauty of the pastime. I have always yearned for a chance to sail SF Bay and find great sympathy with those who must struggle to continue to enjoy this while the costs of doing so keep rising. As you know, the dynamics of real estate, especially in areas like the Bay, are more often than not dominated by the cost criterion. This leaves a huge group of people with not much else than to petition to have public policy provide a balance to the process.

I am now engaged in flying as a pastime. The problems of finding airspace, airport facilities, and freedom under the the vast regulatory umbrella are not unlike those facing many who sail. Safety is the true goal, but too often it is crowded out by cost and other economic concerns.

I am aware of the NPS's proposal to change the operations and focus of the facilities at Ft. Baker, specifically the effects it will have on the Presidio Yacht Club and its role in the facilities of East Fort Baker.

I urge you and your staff, together with the leadership of the PYC, to explore ways to keep the the Club active in helping to manage the facilities and continue its long tradition of service to the the Fort Baker community. I am sure that their ideas and alternatives have substantial merit, and that the Park Service can work with them to make a worthwhile plan.

83-A

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

John Schroeder
Lake Norman Airpark
Mooreville, NC

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 83. John Schroeder, November 11, 1998.

83-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Cindy.R.Schultz@usdoj.gov at NP-INTERNET

Date: 11/13/98 2:24 PM

Priority: Normal

TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA

Subject: NPS Plan for Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----

I am a member of both the Golden Gate National Recreation Association and the Presidio Yacht Club. I have read some of the Environmental Impact Statement involving the take-over of the Yacht Club by the Park Service and oppose the conversion of the Club to public use.

The Yacht Club members are federal employees, many of whom are in the active military. Another membership segment is comprised of retired military veterans, some of whom served in World War II. The Club provides reasonable rates, which are unavailable in other parts of the Bay Area. Furthermore, there is no other facility catering strictly to those of us in federal government service. It gives the members a place to congregate, to talk about what they love the most- "old war stories" and boating. It would be a shame to take this away.

84-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 84. Cindy R. Schultz, November 13, 1998.

84-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

Author: Bernie Shapiro <bshapiro@dnai.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/18/98 11:19 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNEA
Subject: Removal of docks and slips

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Sirs:

As a San Francisco Bay boat user, I would object to the removal of the current docks and slips at the Presidio Yacht Club at Fort Baker. Most of the boaters on the Bay do not own nor carry dingies with their boats making moorings the least attractive alternative. I have moored at Angel Island on several occasions, and wished that docks were available instead. Letting passengers off at that dock meant that one of us had to stay with the boat at the mooring to get back on. It is a pleasure to be able to dock at Sams at Tiburon, or at the restaurants along the Alameda waterfront, and I believe that docks will enhance the use of Fort Baker rather than moorings.

85-A

Thank you for your kind attention.

Bernie Shapiro

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 85. Bernie Shapiro, November 18, 1998.

85-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

Author: "Sigg, Keith Alan" <Sigg_Keith@gsb.Stanford.EDU> at NP-INTERNET
Date: 11/9/98 4:39 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Comments on the NPS plan for Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----
Superintendent Brian O'Neill

First off, thank you for taking the time to read the comments from all of us who have a say in the future plans for the historic fort.

I am writing as a member of the Presidio Yacht Club. As a veteran I am grateful for the use of the Government facilities and the respect that the Government and Country show myself and other members of the military family. The PYC is, as you know, an important part of many of our lives and we hope be able to continue to use and maintain the facilities long into the future. The members of the PYC are a special group, coming down in droves on regular workdays to maintain the facilities for all to use. The maintenance is not a trivial task and events like last winter's El Nino left several tons of refuse along the shoreline of Horseshoe Bay that the volunteer members of PYC were instrumental in helping to remove and restore the waterfront. My point is that the members care about the marina and are a great resource in maintaining it. The club, while simple, is a strong community and in the face of the changes that are bringing about a better Fort Baker, our community wants to stay a part of the Fort. The docks are a great resource and form the foundation of the PYC. The discussions to remove many of the slips and replace them with day use slips and anchorages similar to those found at Angel Island would mean the disbanding of our community and unfortunately I believe those day use slips would not have the same benefit as those at Angel Island, since the fort is a destination already readily accessible by land.

86-A

In Brief, myself and many others respectfully request that the PYC be allowed to stay on at Fort Baker and continue to use the docks.

Sincerely,
Keith A. Sigg

Keith A. Sigg
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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 86. Keith A. Sigg, November 9, 1998.

86-A

Comment noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB, and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

Richard J. Siggins
227 Currey Lane
Sausalito, CA 94965
331-7073

Nov 17, 1998

General Superintendent
GGNRA
Bldg 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Conzelman Road Closure under Golden Gate Bridge

Dear Superintendent:

Our neighbors have alerted us to a proposal to close for auto traffic a route that we have utilized for many years – the portion of Conzelman Road under the Bridge into Fort Baker from Highway 101 Southbound.

It is our feeling that this portion of Conzelman Road should continue to be equally available to autos, bicyclists and pedestrians without a major inconvenience to any segment of traffic.

87-A

We have always felt that our trips under the Bridge down into the delights of Fort Baker is one of the best kept secrets in the Bay Area. It is difficult for us to understand any rationale for a change.

Please keep Conzelman Road open to vehicular traffic.

Very truly yours,


Richard J. Siggins

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 87. Richard J. Siggins, November 17, 1998.

87-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #1 – Conzelman Road Closure.

Author: "Sibert, George" <GSibert@Rolls-RoyceNA.com> at NP-INTERNET
Date: 11/11/98 3:58 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: "Gordon, Jack A1" <hengord@aol.com> at NP-INTERNET
Subject: Retention of Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

Superintendent Brian O'Neil
GGNRA, Bldg 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr O'Neil:

I am writing (via email) to add my support to that of others in the US Military active duty and retired communities for retaining the Presidio Yacht Club. This is certainly one of the very few recreational facilities remaining in the San Francisco Bay area for the military community, mostly retired though it may be.

4 The following are some thoughts/points on the matter for your consideration:

-- The importance of a marina/docking facilities as opposed to mooring > facilities:

- ++ More vessels can be accommodated by docks versus moorings.
- ++ Disabled vessels requiring docking facilities (and, I should think, disabled crew members or boaters do better with docks as well).
- ++ Moorings provide no access to land, the boathouse, etc., which discriminates against smaller boats without dinghies (as well as disabled boaters).
- ++ Sailing school/lessons/rentals require docking facilities.

88-A

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-- Retain Presidio Yacht Club (PYC) for the Boathouse/yacht club management:
++ PYC already manages effectively a snack bar open to the public and a full-service marina.

++ Air Force backing and funding (contingent upon NPS providing a long-term lease) will assure facility maintenance and upkeep at no cost to the NPS.

++ PYC members have a vested interest in the quality of the facilities, programs, and management.

88-B

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-- PYC already provides a large volunteer pool for upkeep, maintenance, and > management of the facility and its recreational programs:

- ++ Workdays
- ++ Volunteer sailing instructors.
- ++ Volunteer Council.

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 88. George W. Sibert, November 11, 1998.

88-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

88-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: FortBaker at NP-GOGA
Date: 10/20/98 9:41 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: Maggie Perry at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: suggestions

----- Message Contents -----

I commend you on your long term view of Ft. Baker. As a former military resident of the Presidio, one of the last in fact, and a Bay Area native, I have long enjoyed the beauty of Ft. Baker and welcome the opening of it to the public.

During my tenure at the Presidio I was also a volunteer sailing instructor at the PYC in Ft. Baker. It is my intention to move back to San Francisco after my tour here in Norfolk, VA (I am a naval sailor). I am glad that civilians now are are partners in the PYC and welcome them. I hope, and fervently suggest, that the PYC remain a major partner in your revitalization program. The PYC, as a non profit club, has a rich history there. The PYC wishes, as do I, to revitalize the marina but cannot until the winds of change turn to calm. How many organizations do you know of that can turn out 50+ people on work days, just to clean up trash, paint, and pull weeds?

89-A

Moorings- Forget it. I live, and sail, on the Chesapeake Bay. Here moorings are a way of life. The conditions are right; wind protected inlets and relatively shallow water. S.F. Bay sailors are not used to them or equipped for them. Most boaters in the bay do not carry dinghys to get to the beach. Most would not know how to moor to a bouy to save their life. They take up WAYYY to much room (for swinging) for such a small bay, and nobody would want the ones near the mouth of Horseshoe Cove. Too windy. Casual visitors would not want to sail into the cove and try to dodge all the bouys. It would be like a mine field!

89-B

My suggestion, for what it is worth, is to let the PYC remain at Ft. Baker and be a major partner in your revitalization program. Give the PYC the stable environment it needs to be able to invest in the structures, especially the docks, where casual visiting sailors can enjoy the facilities and beauty of Ft. Baker.

89-A

I look forward to the day I can return home and join fellow citizens enjoying full use of the spectacular beauty of Ft. Baker.

Yours, most sincerely,

Henry Cole Stage III,
Intelligence Specialist First Class, United States Navy.

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 89. Henry Cole Stage III, October 20, 1998.

89-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

89-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

Larry M. Starn
450 Del Verde Circle # 5
Sacramento, CA 95833

October 26, 1998

Mr. Brian O'Neill, GGNRA
Building 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

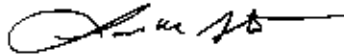
Re: Presidio Yacht Club

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I would like to state my considered opinion that the Presidio Yacht Club serves a valuable purpose for both active duty military personnel and retired personnel. It is a handsome facility which is not replaceable at any price and certainly not at any price the military will be able to pay in the near future. In my opinion the loss of this facility would make the active duty and retired military personnel in the Northern California area poorer. I urge you to keep the facility open for the benefit of all.

90-A

Sincerely,



Larry M. Starn

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 90. Larry M. Starn, October 26, 1998.

90-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: "hove2" <hove2@goplay.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/7/98 5:01 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: "Daniel Mahoney" <Dan-JeanMahoney@worldnet.att.net> at NP--INTERNET
CC: gerry@gbrown.com at NP--INTERNET
CC: kslawr28@columbia-center.org at NP--INTERNET
CC: on_the_hook@hotmail.com at NP--INTERNET
Subject: NPS Plan for East Fort Baker / Horseshoe Bay

----- Message Contents -----

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNPA Building 201, Port Mason
San Francisco, CA 941234

Superintendent O'Neill,
It would please me greatly if you would make provisions in your plans for East Fort Baker, to allow the Marina at Horseshoe Bay, and the Presidio Yacht Club to grow, rather than be removed. I feel that the Marina, and it's caretakers (The Presidio Yacht Club) have had a positive effect on the local boating community. Rather than the removal of any of the docks, I would suggest expanding the operation by 20% to allow for more transient boats, and day use. I feel that a full time marina run by a Non-Profit organization would allow for the trail of environmentally friendly boating practices (Something that most profit based organizations have little use for) The Presidio Yacht Club currently works as an organization sponsored by the US Government, but is wholly self sufficient taking no tax dollars in it's operation. I would be very interested in seeing the Yacht Club and Marina continue into the next millennium, not just as a tribute to history, but also as a hope for the future of our bay. As larger and larger corporations take over the Boating industry (Marina's and Repair facilities) we our stuck with corporate lawyers, and accountants that care less for the environment, then for profit. Here is a chance for the US Government to allow a concerned group to partner with them in attempting to provide safe and environmentally friendly practices as an example to the rest of the community.

91-A

Bill Stettiner
Rear Commodore
Presidio Yacht Club

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F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 91. Bill Stetner, December 1998.

91-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Public Comments, Fort Baker Plan DEIS

As a sea kayaker I'm happy to see that the Proposed Action makes provision for this use at Horseshoe Bay. In particular, I'm glad that the plan includes provision for a kayak staging area adjacent to the waterfront, as well as provision for overnight parking in one of the waterfront lots. Horseshoe Bay is currently the best launch point for paddling trips in the central portion of the Bay, and the Marin Headlands side of the Gate. I've used it for daytime trips on multiple occasions. I also note that Angel Island offers camping, and sometime I'd enjoy taking an overnight trip from Horseshoe Bay to Angel Island.

I'm glad to see that the Proposed Action does not include the 1980 GMP's 700-car parking lot for shuttle staging. The Golden Gate Parklands, together with the south bay's San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, offer respites from urban life in the midst of a major metropolitan area. The Proposed Action's concern with preserving natural quiet at Fort Baker is consistent with one of the recreational and environmental roles that the public lands around San Francisco Bay currently play.

Sincerely,



Thomas Tilley
4573 Bianca Dr.
Fremont, CA 94536

92-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 92. Thomas Tilley, December 1998.

92-A

Comment noted, thank you.

Author: Jaytime@aol.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/11/98 2:26 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: HENGORD@aol.com at NP--INTERNET
Subject: Presidio Yacht Club Future

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

The National Park Service has done a splendid job in recent times by using paucity funded dollars wisely. The pervading temptation, unfortunately, is to believe that the "Pay as you go" axiom is the only answer to a funding challenge. Long term leases make sound fiscal sense too. In that light, we yachtsmen from the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, Fort Monroe, Va. and The Sarasota Yacht Club, Sarasota, Fl. urge you to give thoughtful consideration to the position presented to you by the Presidio Yacht Club representatives for future use of the Club's facilities.

93-A

Joseph C. Tirre, Jr.
Yachtsman

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 93. Joseph C. Tirre, November 11, 1998.

93-A

Comment noted, thank you. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining
PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Rtomlin@aol.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/18/98 10:39 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: The Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

As you know, the Presidio Yacht Club was originally an MWR organization of the Army and is currently sponsored by the USAF. This is one of the last military-related recreational facilities in the San Francisco Bay area. The Park Service proposal to eliminate long term rental docks will essentially push 550 members, mostly retired military, out of the harbor. A far better and fairer alternative would be for the Park Service to grant the USAF a long term lease. Allow PYC to retain the management of the boathouse as a public facility (possibly Air Force supported), and maintain a marina versus moorings. Please give this your serious consideration.
Thank you,
Ray Tomlinson
Colonel, Retired, USA

94-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 94. Ray Tomlinson, November 18, 1998.

94-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

Peter K. Van Der Werff
P. O. Box 70422
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

7 December 1998

Mr. Brian O'Neill
Superintendent,
GGRRA, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Proposed Reuse Plan for Fort Baker

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am disappointed in one aspect of the proposed reuse plan for Fort Baker which has been distributed by the GGRRA planning committee. The proposal to remove the existing marina and convert the boathouse to a fast food outlet and store seems to be inappropriate.

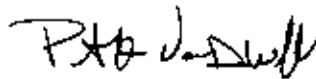
The proposal to replace the existing seventy (70) marina slips with sixty (60) moorings would first evict the seventy boats (and owners) from their present home port. Additionally, the temporary moorings would not provide visiting boats with access to the shore facilities.

I strongly urge that the marina be retained, and that the present tenant, The Presidio Yacht Club (PYC), become a Park Partner, charged with managing the marina and boathouse facility as a public facility. The U. S. Air Force has indicated that they are willing and able to provide some funding toward needed repairs to the marina and boathouse facilities. The PYC is an excellent candidate to operate the marina and boathouse providing boat rentals, sail training, boat maintenance and repairs, and other services to both club members and the general public. Such an arrangement would not displace an organization which has been in operation at this location, for the benefit of military personnel for over forty years.

The PYC is the only military sailing facility still operating on San Francisco Bay. The current location on Horseshoe Cove provides excellent access to both the Bay and offshore sailing and boating. The PYC has recently altered its membership requirements to include government employees and other government related persons. The club facilities (bar, snack bar) are open to the entire general public. The PYC could readily provide full services to the general public, while retaining its clubhouse for members.

I strongly urge that the Park Service reconsider this matter and come to an arrangement with the Air Force to make the Presidio Yacht Club a Park Partner to maintain and operate the marina and boathouse facility on Fort Baker.

Sincerely,



Peter K. Van Der Werff

95-A

95-B

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 95. Peter K. Van Der Werff, December 7, 1998.

95-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

95-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

1302 Kobbe Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94129-1113
November 16, 1998

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I understand that the National Park Service is considering a plan to restructure the marina at Horseshoe Cove. I have read that the purpose for this is to restore the area to a more historically original condition and to improve access for the general public. I submit that the present configuration has been serving the needs of the general boating public and that it is much safer considering the challenging local water and wind conditions. I think that it would be a mistake to place mooring buoys at Horseshoe Cove.

The Presidio Yacht Club is already providing a good community service. I have seen many visiting boats using the guest dock and I have seen groups of visiting boats utilizing multiple slips throughout the marina. The snackbar is open to the public and available to visitors.

Every reference book that I have seen on seamanship and anchoring or mooring a boat warns about the unique hazards where wind and current oppose each other. Boats with their largest surface area below the waterline will be most strongly pushed by water currents and boats with their largest surface area above the waterline will be pushed most strongly by the wind. The swirling/reversing tidal currents in the area and the strong wind gusts that come over the Marin headlands on a daily basis could easily cause many collisions between boats at moorings.

I would like to describe some of my first hand observations of conditions at Horseshoe Cove. I have been sailing for over 30 years including the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and Hawaii. I have kept our family 25 foot sailboat in a slip at the marina for the last three years. I have observed that the boats may heel 10 degrees from the wind while tied to the dock and that they can aggressively surge back and forth in the slip due to the water currents. I secure our boat with a cradle of eight lines to hold it securely. With these conditions, it is much safer to have the boats secured to a dock than to mooring buoys. The movement of the boats would be less controlled by the mooring buoys making it easy to have collisions between the boats.

I have also watched three cruising sailboats try to anchor in Horseshoe Cove at the same time. They were having a very difficult time finding satisfactory positions where they would not swing into each other with the winds and current. Eventually they rafted the boats together so they could all swing and move as one unit. If there were a series of mooring buoys in the cove, it would make the maneuvering of the boats more difficult.

96-A

I have watched a skipper of a visiting powerboat struggle to safely dock his boat as the strong and gusty afternoon winds pushed his boat faster than he could maneuver it. As it was he utilized half the area of Horseshoe cove to try and set up a safe approach to the dock, made multiple passes and still managed to ram the dock quite hard. I seriously doubt that this skipper could safely bring his boat to the dock if he was trying to maneuver around a cove full of mooring buoys and moored boats in addition to dealing with the prevailing gusty winds and currents.

96-A

I have also seen the seawall protect the cove from a southwest wind and waves that sent spray flying over the seawall, dock and boats 70 feet into the marina's waters. This would certainly not be a good day for mooring buoys!

In summary, I believe that to replace the docks and slips with mooring buoys is an untenable plan that will create an unsafe and unworkable mooring area. I urge you to keep the basic arrangement of seawall, docks and a central maneuvering space that is somewhat protected from the more challenging conditions just outside the marina. This maneuvering space is not only important for safe docking but is also important for the sailboats to have a semi-protected place to raise and lower their sails. The Presidio Yacht Club has been an integral part of the historic past of the Presidio and Horseshoe Cove. The Presidio Yacht Club has been serving as the guardian of Horseshoe Cove for a long time. The club is open to the public, has hosted many visiting boaters and commands a monthly volunteer work force that maintains the facilities. The Presidio Yacht Club is also the home of an outrigger canoe club that has weekly activities and hosts races with competitors from as far away as Hawaii. The Presidio Yacht Club is a vital part of the boating community by being an official sponsor of the America True sailing campaign that will travel to New Zealand for the America Cup and by teaching sailing lessons to many sailing novices. It would also be a hardship for the service members displaced by changes associated with mooring buoys. I urge you to have the Presidio Yacht Club continue to oversee the marina operations in Horseshoe Cove.

96-B

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard H. White
(415) 668-5990

cc. Mr. Jack Gordon, Commodore, PYC

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 96. Richard H. White, November 16, 1998.

96-A

Comments noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

96-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

SY Pilger Abu
Anna Cremer - Wilke, Burkhard Wilke



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Germany

October 11, 1998

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA, Bldg. 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Comment on the future of Fort Baker / Presidio Yacht Club

Dear Sir,

we have been cruising on our yacht for more than 4 years. From Northern Europe we sailed to South Africa, Australia, visited New Zealand, sailed across the Pacific to Hawaii, spent a year in British Columbia/Canada. When we arrived in San Francisco Bay we found the most friendly and hospitable welcome at the Presidio Yacht Club.

We hear that the National Park Service intends to open the Fort Baker shoreline to the public. Please take the integration of the local yacht club into consideration.

From our experience the Presidio Yacht Club is extraordinarily open and hospitable and we feel much more at home here than in most marinas.

The helpful people of the Presidio Yacht Club showed us around this beautiful area and so we could visit Sausalito, the Discovery Museum and other places. For us Horseshoe Bay without this yacht club would lose much of its attractiveness.

97-A

Keep it open for the yachties. Please think about giving this club a future so they can plan ahead and know what they are working for. We think they are doing a great job. Presidio Yacht Club is a traditional and important part of this beautiful shoreline.

We have to leave San Francisco Bay, but we would love to come back and enjoy the hospitality of the PRESIDIO YACHT CLUB again.

Sincerely

Anna C. - W. I.
B. Wilke

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 97. Anna Cremer-Wilke, Burkhard Wilke, October 11, 1998.

97-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB

Author: Helgard Wolfram <hwolfram@konnections.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/9/98 5:59 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
CC: PYC@hooked.net at NP--INTERNET
Subject: NPS plan for fort baker(Capt.Carl Wolfram USNR-R)

----- Message Contents -----

I am currently a member of the Presidio Yacht Club, residing in Ogden, Utah.
I read part of your EIS, and saw that you plan to remove the existing
marina to be replaced with 42 moorings and 18 slips.
Having sailed in and out of the cove under different wind conditions, I
have difficulties visualizing how 42, mostly visiting boats(sailboats and
motor boats) can safely maneuver and operate in the current configuration
of the cove. I assume your study has considered all the safety aspects
associated with such a change. Unless I missed something, and without the
benefit of a layout plan
I don't see how it can be done in a safe manner. Why not replace/repair the
existing marina ?

98-A

Thanks for your consideration,

Carl B. Wolfram
4069 Beus Drive
Ogden, Utah 84403

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 98. Carl B. Wolfram, November 9, 1998.

98-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

Susan Worden
1315 Regent St.
Alameda, CA
5 September 98

Mr. Ryan O'Neal
Golden Gate Recreation Area
Fort Mason,
San Francisco, CA 94123


Regarding your current planning for Horseshoe Cove, Pls maintain some of the docking area for vessels. This has been a last resort for vessels caught in current or close to some sort of disaster in the past. As an auxiliary coxswain I have experienced the rigors of a rescue twice over the past 20 years there. It would be too great a reduction in vessel facilities when users of the bay are already suffering from the lack of them!

The cove, because of its location is used for Coast Guard activities but could also be a great life saver for vessel operators to stop and reconsider their activity and the needs of their crew. If you do not understand the loss of such a facility then you really don't understand the challenges of the bay for certain beginners and you are not considering the effect of such an action.

I would appreciate a response to my comment. Thank you.

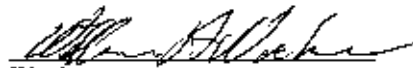
Signed,

Susan Worden



And

William Henry Worden



99-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 99. Susan Worden, William Henry Worden, September 5, 1998.

99-A

Comment noted. The Proposed Action would preserve the existing dock at the boat shop and provide docks to accommodate other program related boats, and organization and agency use. Provisions would continue to allow the Coast Guard to leave rescued vessels or other disabled vessels to tie up there until other arrangements can be made. Please refer to Master Response # 7 – Preference for Docks over Moorings for additional information on this subject.

Author: FortBaker at NP-GOGA
Date: 10/20/98 9:41 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: Maggie Perry at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Fort Baker Plans

----- Message Contents -----

M concerns about the current plans for Fort Baker regard the harbor area.

Experience in water front areas shows an overwhelming draw to marinas. People like to view boats in a marina setting. The ambience of Horseshoe Bay will be greatly diminished should the marina be drastically changed. Also, the idea of using moorings is flawed. Space limitations, swing of boats on moorings and need for dinghies to get to shore all complicate it. Docks are a real necessity to make the plan work. Income from berths is also needed to make the historic boathouse, storage building and other boating and public uses economically feasible. please keep the marina.

100-A

The historic boathouse is now used by the Presidio Yacht Club. It is currently open to public use. This arrangement can be expanded without displacing the current users. The financial viability of a commercial snackbar type facility, in lieu of the club, seems very impractical. Funding for a combined use (Presidio Yacht Club open to the public) can be accomplished without using Park Service funds .

100-B

Another thought on use of moorings rather than the marina with guest docks is that boats with dinghies are rather large. Thus, the Park Service would be catering to owners of large boats -----not the average San Francisco Bay boaters. Think about it !

100-A

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to a Fort Baker which can continue to serve SF Bay boaters as well as other members of the public. A viable marina and boating center (Presidio Yacht Club) are essential to do this.

Sincerely, David G. Adams , 77 Crestmont Dr., San Francisco, CA
94131-- Phone 415-664-6553

best regards, Dave Adams

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 100. Dave Adams, October 20, 1998.

100-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #6 – Preference for Docks over Moorings.

100-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: FortBaker at NP-GOGA

Date: 10/20/98 9:42 AM

Priority: Normal

TO: Maggie Perry at NP-GOGA-GGNPA

Subject: Horseshoe Cove Marina / Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

From: David M. Archer, 25 Arroyo Lane, Novato, Ca 94941: Phone 8977934

To: Superintendant Brian O'Neil

Background: I am a 53 year old retired Army Colonel, recent member of the Presidio Yacht Club, volunteer sailing instructor and club boat maintenance assistant. As a volunteer, I am at the boathouse and on the docks two to four times per week. I have recently been asked to coordinate the community sail training program for the coming year.

There are approximately 125 active volunteers, members of the Presidio Yacht Club, who not only help maintain the facility, but who collectively bring new members into the sport of sailing. Many of these recently retired persons, current active duty soldiers, sailors and airmen, and other members of the community, could not afford to enjoy this often expensive sport were it not for the PYC and the Air Force support. The location of the facility at Fort Baker is excellent and will facilitate continued increase in participation through concentrated promotion and joint cooperation with the National Park Service.

Our membership consists of persons whose motives are other than profit oriented. There are few, if any, organizations such as ours whose attitude is more compatible with the goals and objectives of the NP5. These members bring in others and foster active participation by such experienced volunteers in the sport and science of sailing. The more we volunteer, the greater is our collective vested interest in maintaining the quality of the facilities and programs. In my opinion, failure to encourage the Air Force to remain at the Cove to operate the marina, boat house, snack bar, and banquet / meeting facilities, is unwise and would show little appreciation for the return on the investment that is to be realized. To terminate the Presidio Yacht Club, a unique organization in the San Francisco Bay, would fail to take advantage of a well run organization and training body who would make an excellent auxiliary for the Park Service at Fort Baker.

There is plenty of room for expansion of the community we serve. Although it isn't clear whether we can open our membership to the general public, we do have the ability to accommodate a significant increase in the size of the community we serve. Participation from Air Force personnel is an example. We intend to market our facility and gain wider participation from an ever expanding membership. There is also room for expansion and improvement of the facilities, including additional guest docking to accommodate visitors to the Park. A joint effort to improve and expand should be pursued.

The bottom line is this: if the current facility goes away or is significantly changed, and if the marina is no longer available at a reasonable cost, the impact will be significant. Day buoys and bike rentals cannot replace what we have and can offer with a joint project. Although the Park Service can no doubt find vendors to bring in bicycles for rent and contractors to build better banquet facilities, the friendly atmosphere and congenial people who constitute the PYC and the marina tenants, would disappear and dollar focused entrepreneurs would take their place. I urge you to support retention of the marina and the PYC through grant of a long term lease to the Air Force. This will ensure continuation of an excellent community minded organization.

I am available to participate in the development of a joint plan or in any way that contributes to an amicable reconciliation of the circumstance concerning tenancy of the PYC and Air Force at Horseshoe Cove.

101-A

101-B

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 101. David Archer, October 20, 1998.

101-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

101-B

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

Author: Christina Stockton <sports@itsa.ucsf.edu> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/9/98 9:57 AM
Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Fort Baker plans

----- Message Contents

Brian O'Neill:

We urge you to please to allow the PYC (Presidio Yacht Club) to operate as part of the future plans for East Fort Baker under the National Park Service. The PYC has been and continues to be involved with various maritime and community services.

102-A

Thank you.

Christina Stockton
Secretary, Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 102. Christina Stockton, December 9, 1998.

102-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Stefanie_Harvey@amat.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/8/98 6:45 PM
Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Request for Consideration: Presidio Yacht Club
----- Message Contents

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to request that you allow the Presidio Yacht Club to operate
as a part of the future plans
for East Port Baker under the National Park Service.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,
Stefanie Harvey

103-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 103. Stefanie Harvey, December 8, 1998.

103-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Ron & Judy Recher <rjrkr@aerols.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/11/98 5:49 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: PYC

----- Message Contents -----

LET THE PRESIDIO YACHT CLUB STAY AT EAST FORT BAKER!

Ron Recher, a citizen concerned about what the NPS is doing, or failing to do, for the benefit of the people to whom NPS is supposed to support.

104-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 104. Ron and Judy Recher, November 11, 1998.

104-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB and Master Response #8 – Impacts to Current Users of Boat Shop and Marina.

Author: Herb Puscheck <Herb_Puscheck@compuserve.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/11/98 11:15 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: PYC

----- Message Contents -----

As I'm sure you know, the PYC is an invaluable asset to the SF Bay area. Surely you and your staff can figure out a way to let the club stay at East Fort Baker and preserve the PYC, marina and docks for Boathouse/ yacht club management. Good luck in meeting your many challenges. H C Puscheck (DoD, Retired)

105-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 105. Herb Puscheck, November 11, 1998.

105-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: "Walter M. Patterson; III" <wpatters@lander.edu> at NP-INTERNET
Date: 11/11/98 11:00 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: PYC

----- Message Contents -----

Please support the USAF in their effort to retain facilities at PYC. Thank you.
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* Walter M. Patterson, III, Professor of Mathematics *
* South Carolina Director, Mathematical Association of America *
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106-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 106. Walter M. Patterson, November 11, 1998.

106-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Jack Halsey <halsey@ibm.net> at NP--INTERNET

Date: 11/11/98 11:45 PM

Priority: Normal

TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA

Subject: Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

My vote: Let the Club stay at East Fort Baker.

Jack L. Halsey
Lt Col, USAF, Ret.

107-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 107. Jack Halsey, November 11, 1998.

107-A

Comment noted, than you.

Author: CMCJR@aol.com at NP-INTERNET

Date: 11/11/98 3:08 PM

Priority: Normal

TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA

Subject: Presido Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

Please grant a long term lease to the Air Force for the operation and management of this facility. It would benefit more people at a lower cost to the taxpayers.

108-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 108. **CMCRJ @ aol .com, November 11, 1998.**

108-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Orlando Tyson <Orlando.Tyson@yerba-buena.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/23/98 11:09 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Presidio Yacht Club & Marina

----- Message Contents -----

To Whom It May Concern:

Please include our club and marina in your long-term plans. We are a volunteer organization with deep and long-standing roots in the local communities.

You are better off with us than without us.

CPT Orlando Tyson
(President, Yerba Buena Enterprises)

109-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 109. Orlando Tyson, November 23, 1998.

109-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Bill_Stettiner@comcast.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/7/98 1:05 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GENPA
Subject: Plan for East Fort Baker

----- Message Contents -----

Please allow the Presidio Yacht Club to remain as it is today.

110-A

Bill Stettiner

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 110. Bill Stettner, December 7, 1998.

110-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Outpro@aol.com at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/30/98 5:26 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Please let the Presidio Yacht Club stay put at East Fort Baker.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. H. Bradley, Lt Col, US Army-Retired

111-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 111. J.H. Bradley, November 30, 1998.

111-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: "John Kubiak" <kubiak@anv.net> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 11/14/98 10:53 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Subject: PYC

----- Message Contents -----
Let the Presidio Yacht Club stay at East Fort Baker.

112-A

John Kubiak (kubiak@anv.net)

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 112. John Kubiak, November 1, 1998.

112-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.

Author: Donna Walker <dmwalker@cal.verio.com> at NP--INTERNET
Date: 12/7/98 3:14 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: FortBaker at NP-GOQA-GCMPA
Subject: Presidio Yacht Club

----- Message Contents -----

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill,

Please allow the PYC (Presidio Yacht Club) to operate as part of the future plans for East Fort Baker under the National Park Service.

Your thoughtful consideration on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Matthew and Donna Walker

113-A

F O R T B A K E R

Final EIS

Letter 113. Matthew and Donna Walker, December 14, 1998.

113-A

Comment noted. Please refer to Master Response #7 – Preference for Retaining PYC/Travis AFB.