# MINUTES OF THE MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Hall – Caladesi Room
Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:15 pm

**Member Attendance (Present, Absent, Excused):**

| Slip Renter | Non-Slip Renter |
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| # | Name | P/A/E | # | Name | P/A/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tiffany Shaw (Chair) | P | 8 | James Davis | P |
| 2 | Harry Mattheus (Vice Chair) | P | 9 | Sharon Williams | A |
| 3 | Patrick Donoghue (Sec) | P | 10 | Mark Tilly | P |
| 4 | David Vose | A | 11 | Cleveland Laycock | P |
| 5 | Chris Cantonis | A | | | |
| 6 | Michael Rey | P | Alt | Court Douthit | P |
| 7 | Nancy Schmidt | P | Alt | Craig Polito | P |

City Staff Present: Tony Mulkey, Laurie Ferguson, Clay Watkins, Isaac Wasilefsky

Other Attendees: Tom Duggard, Zeke Durica, Nan Bennett, Tanya Reily, Elijan Null

**CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Tiffany Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.**

1. **CITIZEN INPUT**
   a. Zeke Durica asked about the discussion in the spring to consider removing the classification of the MAC members status (slip renters, non-slip renters). Note was it was immaterial and did not require a recommendation to the Commission.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
   a. Documents provided to the Committee via email:
      i. Agenda
      ii. Draft Minutes
      iii. Jim Davis – Marina Dock Tour
   b. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2026
      i. **Chair Tiffany Shaw** announced the agenda item and asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes.
      ii. **MOTION:** Motion was made by Jim Davis and seconded by Nancy Schmidt as distributed.
         - **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **Marina Recovery Update** (bulkhead, lighting, pump-out, pier)
      i. Wall still moving at a slow pace, looking to be complete ahead of Thanksgiving and having last of punch list completed by December 4th. In theory that will be completion of all equipment but have not made deadlines yet. Need to build the cap and then sleeve the cap before pouring concrete.

ii. Dock A/B still in Army Corp. permit review.
iii. Commissioners had a couple of marina visits, will also need to take new commission when sworn in. Corp part likely better part of year, so have some time.
iv. Fishing pier requires national fisheries (no timeframe for responses but have had responses to comment the Tuesday after Labor Day). Once corp. permit the dock company will be good to schedule. Confirmed it is a different company than the seawalls. Schedule is 4-months plus 30-days for punch list, once started.
v. Pump-out equipment on site, hopes to have scheduled in next few weeks.
vi. Lightning – permits are in place, installation supposed to be this week though contractor has not scheduled. It should be a 2-day installation.

b. **Ramp Use Policy Update** – Board recommendation made its way to legal but there was a concern of residency restriction from public amenities of non-residents under the "public trust doctrine" under AGO 74-279 Exclusion of Non-residents from Municipal Beaches and Parks. Similar issue was litigated in City of Maitland v. Orlando Bassmasters Association (*431 So.2d 178*, Fla. 5th DCA 1983), the Florida District Court of Appeal struck down a municipal ordinance that completely barred non-residents from obtaining boat trailer parking permits at a city lakefront park. There is a possibility of using the RecTrac system for day passes, but Tony recommends annual passes.

## 4. New Business

a. **Transient Slip Rate Discussion** – Presently Dunedin residents pay $1/foot/night, Dunedin $2/foot/night. Clearwater is $3.50 ft/day (all transient, resident or non-resident). St. Pete about $2.40 (some have surcharge for electric).
   i. **Motion Made by Harry to leave as is, Mark Tilly seconded**. No additional input and approved unanimously.

**b. Jim Davis Shared Document re: Marina Dock Tour** – Jim presented and noted his personal favorite was Marker1 (Dunedin). Discussion followed but no resolution.

**c. Board & Committee Annual Training** – 6-8:00 p.m. October 27th at City Hall in Commission Chambers, all members are encouraged to attend (but will be recorded if unable).

## 5. HARBORMASTER REPORT

a. Waitlist (no change from September):

| Slips | Waitlist September | Waitlist Current | Open |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25'** | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| **30'** | 30 | 30 | 3 |
| **35'** | 22 | 22 | 4 |
| **50'** | 28 | 28 | 7 |
| **60'** | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| **Commercial** | 9 | 9 | 0 |

Note from August: Most of the 50' are on Dock B which is at half power. Also does not include those directly along the bulkhead as uncertain the final width after completion.

Will have the boat parade and landside festivities (Saturday, December 5th). Pier will not be available but was limited in previous years as well. Expect full use of marina basin for parade. Marker 1 now available for staging area, so should make it easier to stay on time.

6. **NEXT MEETING**
    a. Date: November 9, 2026, at Dunedin COMMUNITY CENTER Meeting Room (must vacate by 6:15pm).
    b. Topics
        i. Marina update
        ii. Ramp use update

7. **OPEN FLOOR**
    a. None.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Michael for adjournment at 6:15 pm.
**VOTE**: Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Donoghue, Marina Advisory Committee Secretary.

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