

Agenda Item #8

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:14:48 AM Pacific Standard Time

Subject: Re: Public access at private marinas? (West Point Harbor - BCDC Permit No. 2002.002.07)**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 6:32:02 PM Pacific Standard Time**From:** [REDACTED]**To:** Klein, Adrienne@BCDC**CC:** Zeppetello, Marc@BCDC

Hi Adrienne,

We have been in touch off and on about public access at West Point Harbor since 2012, when I was refused permission to launch my kayak there. Then I told you a few months ago that I had used their boat ramp at the east end, with no problem. I have used it another 4 or 5 times this fall and winter.

Today at 2 PM as I was launching, a fellow came up in a golf cart and told me politely that the ramp was not for use by kayaks and that I should either use 101 Surf Sports's facility at the west end, or just slide the kayak down a steep slope from the parking lot next to the public ramp. I looked at that slope - it is too steep for me to drag my heavy sit-on-top kayak up, and at low tide, there is an even steeper drop off to the water, down a muddy, rocky slope. I could not get my kayak up that, but perhaps a younger person might carry a light weight one up it.

I have never seen anyone else launching any boat on that ramp, and a kayak can use the very side of the ramp, out of the way of a boat trailer. Further, it takes less than two minutes to launch a kayak or drag one up the ramp later.

As I left at 5 PM, I talked to the guy at 101 Surf Sports, who told me that he is hardly ever there in winter as there is no demand, and that the gate to his dock is kept locked. He also said that West Point is preventing public access at the public ramp because their permit to do so has not yet been issued, and that once access to the public ramp is permitted, there will be a fee each time. I don't think he is a Westpoint employee, so I don't know how accurate his information was.

Thus it seems that one can only launch kayaks in summer at Westpoint, with permission from 101 Surf Sports to use their dock, as the slope that was pointed out to me is not useable. Thus, it appears that the whole marina is only open to kayaking in summer, and then with permission from 101 Surf Sports.

Best,

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