

April 1, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve a fee waiver for the Navy Yacht Club Long Beach, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, for use of dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for veteran honoring, racing and cruise celebrations, for the period of April 2025 through December 2025. (District 3)

**DISCUSSION**

The Navy Yacht Club Long Beach (NYCLB) was established in 1967 as a nonprofit organization under the authority of the Long Beach Naval Station, with the aim of serving the Long Beach veteran community by promoting sailing competitions and safe boating practices. More than half of NYCLB's 200 members are veterans of various military organizations and over three quarters of their members are boat owners. Many NYCLB members are retirees, living on fixed incomes.

NYCLB celebrates and honors veterans year-round through a variety of races and cruises (parades). These events draw participation from several Southern California yacht clubs. Many of these events are co-sponsored by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Hospital in Long Beach. NYCLB has requested that dock fees, traditionally assessed to visiting vessels for the use of the 100-foot dock adjacent to NYCLB, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, be waived for events from April 2025 through December 2025. Events scheduled between April and December include:

- April 12: Navy Yacht Club Long Beach Opening Day
- April 19: USC/UCLA Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Sailing Experience
- May 3: Armed Forces Day Race (Long Beach Harbor Series)
- May 31: Women's Veterans Event
- July 3 and 4: 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- July 27: NROTC Sunday Funday
- September 13: All Hands Race (Long Beach Harbor Series)
- October 11: Navy Day Regatta
- October 25: Active Duty and Vet Family Event
- November 9: Veteran's Day Celebration

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These sailing/boating events spotlight recreational boating and sailboat racing in our marinas. They also generate additional tourism revenue for local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, boating supply stores and other retail establishments. These benefits outweigh the revenue loss resulting from the waived dock fees. These events are consistent with the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department's partnering policy to support organizations that provide a service to the community and its residents by promoting the Long Beach marinas.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 11, 2025, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 13, 2025.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 1, 2025, to reserve required dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for the events.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The value of the fee waiver will not exceed \$3,500. Additional revenue specifically related to dock fees for these events is not anticipated as part of the current budget. Therefore, the fiscal impact associated with the fee waiver is minimal. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director  
Parks, Recreation and Marine

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER