

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 Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, for use of dock space in Alamitos Bay Marina for racing and cruise celebrations, for the period of April 18, 2025, through August 21, 2025. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club (LSFYC) continues to thrive since its beginning in 1937. LSFYC is a fully accredited, nonprofit yacht club. It belongs to the major yachting associations in Southern California and focuses on boating activities including sailboat racing and club cruises to Catalina Island and other yacht clubs throughout the year. LSFYC has a wide range of members of various ages and experience and the member fleet is comprised of many sizes of boats.

LSFYC has participated in major yachting events such as the Newport to Ensenada Yacht Race and the Transpacific Yacht Race to Hawaii. Over the years the club and its member group have been actively involved in racing and have earned their share of trophies. LSFYC requests that dock fees, traditionally assessed to visiting vessels for the use of the 100-foot dock adjacent to LSFYC, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, be waived for events from April 18, 2025, through August 21, 2025. Event dates requested between April 18 and August 21 include:

- April 18 and 19: Opening Day
- May 10: LSFYC Off Shore Series Race #1
- May 31: LSFYC Reach to the Beach Race
- July 12: LSFYC Beat the Heat Race
- August 21: LSFYC Off Shore Series Race #2

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.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 11, 2025, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 12, 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,



Brent Dennis

Director

Parks, Recreation and Marine

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER