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Subject: Information from Stamford Harbor Master

Chairman and Members of the Zoning Board,

With reference to the boatyard proposal presently before you;

It is my understanding that the applicant will be presenting rebuttal materials following the extensive public participation process.

I anticipate that amongst the materials presented by the applicant, will be information regarding my concerns of navigational risk.

This is my specific and professional field of expertise (see previously submitted qualifications and experience) as well as a listed responsibility as State Harbor Master for Stamford.

Under authority of the Stamford Harbor Management Plan 8-29 (Responsibilities of State of Connecticut Harbor Master for Stamford)

(8) Ongoing communications with City, State and Federal Agencies concerning Stamford Harbor Management Area, and

(11) Review and comment on proposals for dredging, filling and placement of structure in the Stamford Harbor Management Area

I offer my services to assist with an impartial interpretation of the effectiveness of any risk assessment or mitigation process or information that may now be presented.

I would be able to assist with understanding any maritime technical or legal aspects that may be outside of your collective knowledge or experience.

(For instance, in applicable maritime law, no vessel has 'right of way', vessels are either 'give way' or 'stand-on' both of which entail responsibility for certain actions. There are no exceptions.)

If I can be of assistance, I can be contacted as detailed below.

Respectfully

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"The problem is not the problem.

The problem is one's attitude to the problem."

Captain Jack Sparrow