## **Eric Knott**

From:

Eric Knott

Sent:

Sunday, February 25, 2018 4:29 PM

To:

Elumba, Sean

Cc:

Ortelli, Damian; Redniss, Raymond; Deputy Harbormaster; Yale Greenman

Subject:

Re: Czescik Marina docks

Thanks Sean
I never doubted you
Let me know if I can help
Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2018, at 16:27, Elumba, Sean <<u>SElumba@StamfordCT.gov</u>> wrote:

Yes all will be secure before marina opening... I get my seasonal help back for the season in middle of march... work will begin then

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2018, at 2:22 PM, Eric Knott <erick@morantug.com> wrote:

Sean,

I walked all the docks at Czescik Marina yesterday (Saturday).

Many of the planks, particularly (I believe) C and D docks (I believe that my summer dock is on C) are loose or rotten or so warped as to be a serious hazard.

Numerous metal cleats (to which the boats are secured) are themselves loose or fitted to insecure planks.

C dock in particular is contaminated over its entire surface with fecal matter which I assume is from geese and ducks to the extent I believe it could be a health hazard.

Can I assume that prior to the marina opening for the 2018 season, planks and cleats will be secured or replaced as needed and that the dock surface will be cleaned of animal excrement?

Not directly related but may be of interest, I have received a lot of angry 'phone calls regarding the city's new insurance requirements.

I have explained to them that the \$500K minimum requirement for 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability is standard across commercial marinas and that it has been a requirement for harbor swinging moorings for many years.

I have also explained that it is normal with a commercial marina to indemnify marina staff. Guess what, some are still not happy, ... but it might be good politics not to 'rub salt in their (perceived) wounds with the condition of the marina at the start of the season.

If it is appropriate or you feel it would help acquire the needed resources, I can also send this email to others, just let me know who.

Thanks for your help. Let's hope for a good and safe season. Best regards Eric

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