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Dear Members and Friends,

Since my last e-mail I have contacted Scott McQuade of the Visitors Bureau to inquire about revised plans for the Coast Guard beach area. It was my understanding that the sailing facility plan and information we presented to the master Plan committee would be shared with the Master Plan Architect and revised plans would be prepared.

Scott informed me that instead they had requested a meeting with the County Commission at the up-coming commission workshop meeting March 20th to seek guidance on how to proceed with their plans. I assumed that meant how the sailing facility would be treated in their proposed Master Plan.

I felt that the workshop meeting would be a good opportunity for us to make our case to the county commission concerning our plans for the sailing facility. I have contacted the Chairman of the County Commission Bill Brunson about being placed on the agenda. He immediately responded and said that he would make sure we would be on the agenda for the 20th.

Ultimately any decision about a new plan for the Coast Guard beach area will be made by a majority of the members of the county commission. To date, the county has not endorsed any specific plan. They have however given their support to the self-appointed master plan committee and agreed to put \$5,000 into the committee's effort to develop a plan.

Now our work begins. It is important that we as an organization and individuals inform the members of the county commission about the sailing facility and how important it is to the community and that we are not necessarily opposed to any changes, but any changes made should take into account how the facility functions and serves the sailing community. I suggest that each of us take a moment to personally e-mail the county commissioners and let them know who you are and why the sailing facility is important to you.

I have attached an article from the Brunswick News from 1986 about the genesis of the Sailing facility and parking area along with the talking points prepared by the SSSS secretary. Please feel free to share these with the commissioners. See below for the names and e-mail addresses of the County Commissioners

Danny Johnson a past member of the surf sailors prepared an on-line petition for those who are in support of the sailing facility. Visit and sign his petition.

For previous updates and articles visit
<http://stsimonssurfsailors.com/news.html>

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<https://www.coastguardbeachpark.com/>

Happy Sailing,
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