

April 15, 2018



Dear Members and Friends,

This past Thursday (April 12), Steve D'Amico, Malcolm Wright, Jeff Betts and I had a meeting with members of the Coast Guard Masterplan committee to discuss the masterplan for the Coast Guard area and how the sailing facility would be incorporated into that plan. In preparation for the meeting our executive committee prepared a plan based on our thoughts as to how our facility would fit with their plan that was presented to the county commission at the work shop meeting. [See the drawing attached.](#)

Our plan essentially incorporated the area that Steve D'Amico presented to the County Commission as our plan "B". The proposed facility is an area 104 feet by 250 feet. This area would allow for fifty boat slips plus the sail and board shed. This is a reduction of 29% from the area we currently occupy. As we discussed at our annual meeting, this will require that we review the Surf Sailor By-Laws with the intention to encourage active sailing participation and discourage the use of the facility as a simply "storage facility". Hopefully this will eliminate many boats that are currently not used and in some cases not seaworthy, and enable us to reduce the size of the facility and at the same time make way for more active sailing participation in the community.

At the meeting we were hoping for an assurance from the Master Plan Committee that our plan for the Sailing Facility would be used in the plan to be presented to the County Commission now scheduled for May 3rd. We did not get an endorsement and our feeling is that the committee would like to further reduce our footprint. The outcome of the meeting was that they will get back to us with their proposed plan by April 24. This will give us some time before the May 3rd meeting to review their plan and formulate a response.

Happy Sailing,

Robert C Ussery, Commodore