

August 10, 2017

VIA Electronic Mail and First Class Mail

Commissioner Bruce Young
Lake George Park Commission
Lake George, NY 12845

RE: Commission Review of Harris Bay Yacht Club Application for Expansion

Dear Commissioner Young,

We are writing to express our serious concerns and opposition to the Harris Bay Yacht Club application for expansion. The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has general jurisdictional authority regarding water quality, lakeshore protection, invasive species, recreational use and safety. We respectfully request the Commission undertake the following actions in its review of the Marina application:

1. Require an Environmental Impact Statement to determine the impacts of the marina and its operation on water quality, shoreline erosion, aquatic habitat, aquatic flora and fauna, and wetlands. These impacts should include; wave action on shorelines and sediment resuspension; dredging; invasive species; wetland impacts from non-regulation docks; parking area pollutants; and fuel;
2. Conduct an inspection and require a possible upgrade of the Harris Bay Yacht Club wastewater system; and
3. Determine the safety and incompatible use impacts from ever increasing boat size and speed.

In addition, we encourage the LGPC to promulgate regulations based upon the findings of the LGPC Recreation Study (2015) including boat size, speed, noise and wave action. The regulations should consider the LGPC findings that the southern basin largely exceeds safe boating density standards creating dangerous boating conditions.

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