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Dear Commissioners

I write today to voice my concern for the elimination of the NO WAKE zone in Bayview and for Scenic Bay. While I am newer to the area than a lot of the longer term residents, I perhaps am in a more unique position than any other that will write. I live in Float House 19, in Harbourview Village (the end house next to the naval yard) and our family purchased the house about 18 months ago. One of the key factors in purchasing was the existence of the NO WAKE zone. The presence of same eased our concerns of increased maintenance due to the high volume of boat traffic within the bay.

We are unique because we may be the only YEAR ROUND, PERMANENT residents of a float house within Scenic Bay. I live on the dock with my wife and my two kids Jack (3 1/2 Years Old) and Lauren (1 1/2 Years Old). If you ask most any resident around the bay about "the guy that rows every night" that is me. I often time row alone however my son also enjoys rowing with me. I row almost every night from our home out to the NO WAKE zone limit, ACROSS the inside edge of the NO WAKE zone and back around the North shore with little to no concern for my or my sons personal safety. My rowing has occurred all summer long and will continue throughout the winter months as well. Needless to say rowing in the winter time has a certain amount of risk due the the frigid water temperatures. This is a risk I am willing to take with the existence of a NO WAKE zone however should same be eliminated I feel my risk and exposure for being swamped, overturned or struck would be greatly increased and my safety impacted.

Secondly my children routinely swim off our front dock with little concern of being struck by a fast moving boat/Personal water craft or washed/smashed up against the dock OR WASHED UNDER THE DOCK and injured or killed from a large boat wake etc.

There is a lot of large open water space available for recreational boating including wake boarding, water skiing, tubing, high speed personal water craft usage etc that is much safer than a congested marina based bay.

I respectfully request please maintain the NO WAKE zone and help maintain the safety of myself and MY CHILDREN. The need for speed in a congested bay does not out way the need for safety for anyone especially my children.

Year Round Float Home Resident

J. Marc Wass