



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
National Capital Parks-East
1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

IN REPLY REFER TO:

August 31, 2015

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Dear (b) (6) :

National Park Service (NPS) and Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation are writing to inform you that effective December 31, 2015, slip rental and marina concession operations at the Buzzard Point Marina will be discontinued and the marina will be closed. Past concession contracts did not allow for any capital investment or improvements to be made at the marina. As a result, the level of investment now needed makes this marina concession not financially feasible. After thorough and careful consideration of all options to continue marina services, the NPS has concluded a new concession contract prospectus would not be advertised for the Buzzard Point Marina site.

Ceasing marina operations as historically provided was not a decision the NPS made lightly. Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation has operated the marina as an NPS concessioner for more than 50 years. Under its management, the marina earned "Clean Marina" status for environmentally-friendly operating practices, while managing the facility in a manner that not only served marina patrons and visitors well, but also provided support and assistance to the surrounding District of Columbia community.

The NPS will begin planning efforts, which will include public involvement, to determine the recreational experiences and uses desired for the area by the community and the NPS. The goal is for people to continue to have recreational opportunities and access to the river and the park. After the marina is closed, the NPS will remove the docks, upgrade the boat ramp, and maintain the park area.

Marina patrons have until December 31, 2015, to arrange to relocate their boats, trailers, and personal property. Slip rental, boat storage, and marina services will not be provided past December 31, 2015. Boat owners may need to complete one or more of the steps listed below in order to relocate to a new marina.

1. Obtain a current boat survey
2. Winterize boats
3. Obtain slip and/or trailer storage at another marina
4. Have current insurance and registration

Please find enclosed, a list of several area marinas and their current slip availability as well as their anticipated availability toward the end of the boating season. Also included are the names and contact information for some area boat surveyors and mechanics providing winterizing services. You are under no obligation to contact any of the individuals or businesses provided. This information is being provided for your convenience.


Because the Anacostia River is prone to freezing during the winter months, we are asking boat owners to plan for this possibility when making plans to relocate. Please contact marina staff if any relocation assistance is needed.

It has been our pleasure to have hosted you, your family, and friends as marina patrons and hope you have enjoyed Buzzard Point Marina and the park. Should you have any questions about the concession closure process, please contact Christine Barna, Manager, Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation at (202) 488-8400 or the park's Management Assistant, Vicky Gammon, at (202) 690-5193 or by email at vicky_gammon@nps.gov.

Sincerely,



Gopaul Noojibail
Superintendent
National Capital Parks-East


for:

Edwin Cohn
President
Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation

Enclosure

Identical Letters Sent To:

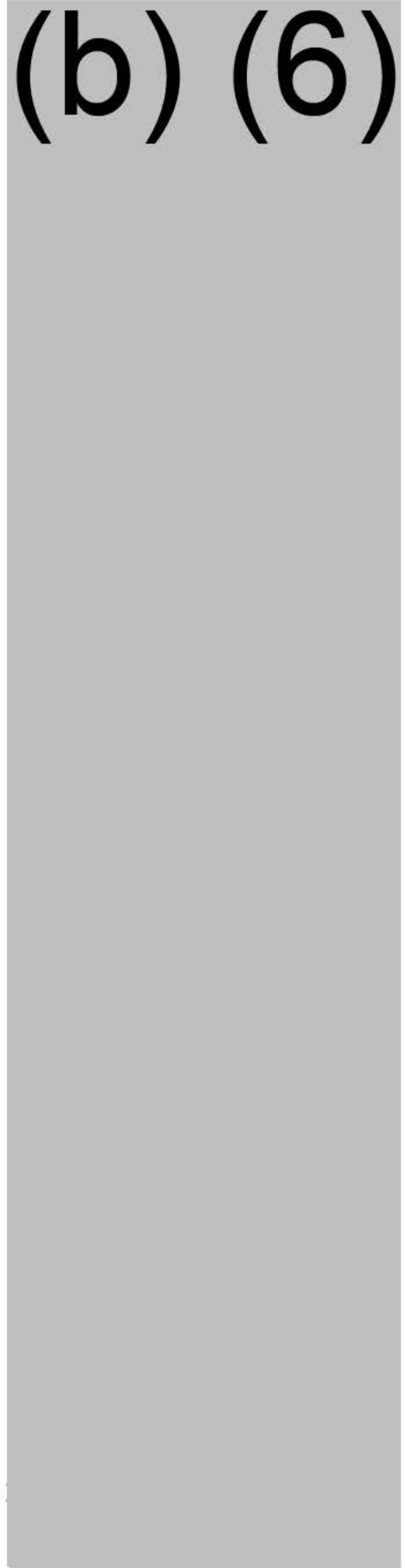
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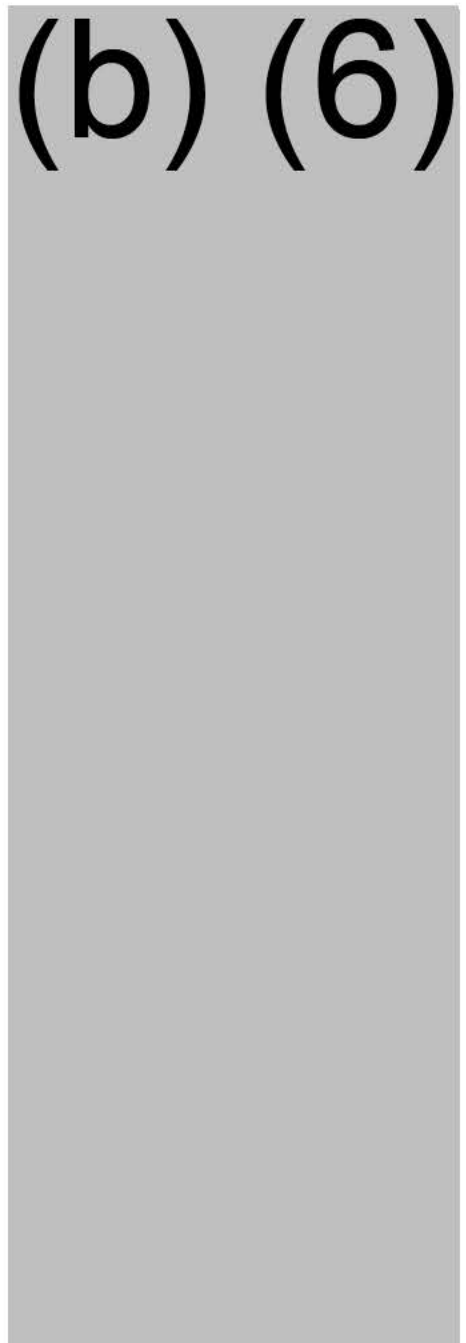
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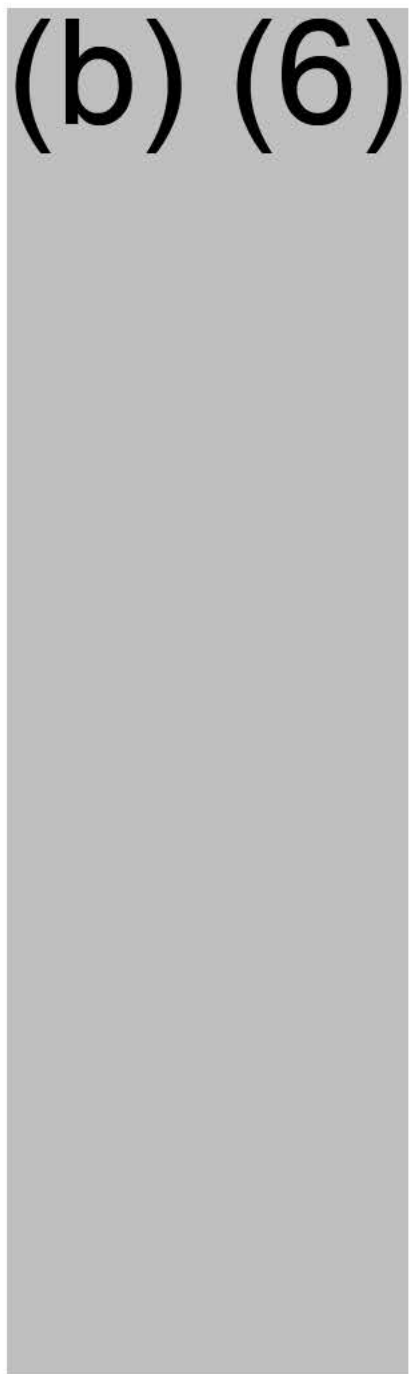
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Record Of Determination For A Temporary Closure Of Buzzard Point Marina Due To the Concession Being Discontinued and the Need To Conduct Facility Stabilization, Maintenance, and Safety Related Projects

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(a), National Capital Parks-East is temporarily closing Buzzard Point Marina effective January 1, 2016, to ensure public health and safety while the area undergoes facility stabilization, maintenance, and safety related projects and activities. Violation is prohibited and any person having property there must have it removed.

This temporary closure is necessary because on December 31, 2015, marina concession operations by Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation will be discontinued and the marina closed. Once closed, the park will begin removing marina-related infrastructure, conduct repair, maintenance and improvements, and implement certain safety and security measures. Less restrictive measures will not suffice because of the need to close the marina for the park's work to occur and to protect public safety and health. The closure is not of a nature, magnitude and duration that will result in a "significant alteration in the public use pattern" because of the limited duration of the closure, that other nearby park areas in National Capital Parks-East will remain open, as well as because other adjacent marinas are open to the public and available to boaters. Indeed, in a joint letter from the park and Buzzard Point Boatyard Corporation dated August 31, 2015, all boat slip holders were advised that concession operations would be discontinued and the marina would be closed on December 31, 2015, that no new concession contract prospectus would be advertised because the level of investment now needed for a marina concession was not financially feasible, and as alternatives they were provided a list of local marinas, boat surveyors and mechanics.

Once the park's rehabilitation work at the marina site is finished, and assuming necessary funding and staffing exists, we anticipate that the area will be reopened to the public for limited recreational activities in the spring of 2016. Notice of the reopening will occur through park announcements and posted signage.

The temporary closure of the marina does not constitute impairment to park resources and values and will not adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic or cultural values. It does not require significant modification to the resource management objectives. It is also not of a highly controversial nature because of the temporary nature of the closure and that other alternative marinas exist nearby. Accordingly, the National Park Service determines that publication as rulemaking in the Federal Register is unwarranted under 36 CFR 1.5(c). This is consistent with National Capital Parks-East's past partial and temporary park closures, the legal opinion of the Office of the Solicitor, and past judicial adjudications.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.7, notice of this temporary closure will be park announcements and the posting of signs at conspicuous locations along the existing fence line as well along the water line to alert boaters. Finally, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(c), this determination is available to the public upon request.


Gopaul Noojibail, Superintendent
National Capital Parks-East

Sept 3, 2015
Date

Prepared by the National Park Service as of August 27, 2015

The marina's listed below require all boats have:

- Current registration and insurance (depending on the type and age may require survey if less than 10 years old)
- Be seaworthy and able to operate under their own power

Marina	Slips/Land	Size	Water/Electric	Rate
EZ Cruz 16245 Neabsco Road Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 670-8115	Depends on size of boat and location	21' 22' to 27' 28' to 34' 35' to 40'	Both	Quarterly and Annual Slip Fee \$500.00/\$1,800.00 \$625.00/\$2250.00 \$750.00/\$2,700.00 \$825.00/\$3,000.00
James Creek Marina 200 V Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20039 (202) 554-8844 Mgr. Kelly Jones	More slips will be available after the season ends in Sept. (No Dry Slips)	25 and under (several) to 45'	Both	\$9.75/ft./annual \$10.75/ft./seasonal \$12.75/ft./month to month Based on length of the boat or slip. Whichever is greater?
Fort Washington Marina 13600 King Charles Terrace Fort Washington, MD 20744 (301) 292-7700 Mgr. Tom Schmalenberg	Several Wet Slips available. (More Dry Slips available in mid-Oct.)	30' to 50'	Both	30' (D Dock) - \$3, 180 30' (E Dock) - \$3,330 35' - \$3,710 40' - \$4,560 45' - \$5, 175 50' - \$5,750
Washington Marina 1300 Maine Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024 (202) 554-0222 Mgr. Susan Hoffman	Slips available (No Dry Slips) (Not affected by construction in the area)	20' to 50'	Both (Water included in slip rate. Electric is metered)	\$145/ft./yearly

Marina	Slips/Land	Size	Water/Electric	Rate
Columbia Island Marina George Washington Memorial Parkway Arlington, VA (202) 347-0173	Full. Have to go on website and get on waiting list.			Annual and seasonal
Washington Sailing Marina 1 Marina Drive Alexandria, VA (703) 548-9027	Wet Slips & Dry Slips – none available at this time, but more slips will become available in Oct.	20' to 35'	Both	\$8.87/ft./annual \$10.19/ft./mo.
Hoffmaster's Marina 1214 Swan Point Road Woodbridge, VA (703) 494-7163 Contact: Judy Chilcot	Wet slips available	23' to 50'	Both (Water is included in slip fee, and electric is billed separately)	<u>Covered:</u> 35' (C Pier) - \$1,175/quarter 35' (B Pier) - \$1,300/quarter 40' (C Pier) - \$1,300/quarter 45' (B Pier) - \$1,500/quarter 40' (E Pier) - \$1,500/quarter 50' (E Pier) - \$1875/quarter <u>Uncovered:</u> 23' - \$600/quarter 30' - \$850/quarter 32' - \$900/quarter 45' - \$1,125/quarter
Tantallion Marina 900 Swan Creek Road Fort Washington, MD 20744 (301) 651-7016	Based on size of boat and slip location (Dry storage is available)	20' to 30+	Both (Surcharge for water. Electric is based on usage + 5.00)	<u>Wet Slips</u> \$9.35/ft./mo. (Annual) \$9.70/ft./mo. (Semi-annual) \$11.35/month (Month to month)

Boat Service Providers:

Atlantic Marine Contact: Greg Ward	(540) 659-1144	Mechanic, Haul-out and Winter Storage
Marine Evolutions Contact: Tim Staples	(703) 475-8431	Mechanic
Quality Marina Contact: Kevin "Doc" Bechtel	(703) 395-9302	Mechanic
Stem to Stern Contact: Pete Samuelson	(301) 573-4308	Mechanic
Virginia Yachts		
Holly Acres Contact: Chris Coulther	(703) 494-5600	Haul out and Winter Storage
Potomac Marine	(703) 670-0080	Haul-out and Winter Storage
Edwin Garcia	(703) 675-5900	General Cleaning, Detailing, and Winterization
Mad Jack's Marine Service	(703) 999-9518	General engine, mechanical work
Ed Kroll	(703) 400-8520	General repair, etc.
Tri County Industries, Inc.	(301) 937-8611	Fuel & Oil Removal, and cleaning

Boat Surveyor:

Mr. Guy Nolan (571) 344-1239