



# City of Rockland

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## ***Navigational Concerns:***

The priority for navigational concerns would be to prevent any docking of vessels that would be within the identified city channel without prior authorization from the City of Rockland Harbormaster's Office. This authorization would be on a case by case basis and only for purposes such as an immediate repair, brief offload/loading of supplies or another emergent circumstance. The vessel beam (width) for vessels on the T-head of "Dock A" would need to be under 20 feet to maintain the identified City Channel.

The other concern would be access to and from the dinghy dock at the Public landing. In the current expansion there is approximately 60 feet proposed between the Public Landing's southern face dock and the northeast corner of what is identified as "Dock C" in the application. Any type of vessel overhang on the northern side of "Dock C" would reduce this 60 foot opening. If this opening is maintained both for traffic to the public landing as well as traffic to "Dock C" it would allow for maneuverability of both inbound and outbound vessels.

## ***Traffic Congestion:***

I do not find any concerns with the additional traffic that the expansion could potentially bring. Any of the larger yachts that have been mentioned would be crewed by Captains and crew that adhere to the navigational "rules of the road" and would be operating only within identified channels and maneuvering to or from their berth. The additional smaller vessel traffic would be of no concern in the current expansion.

## ***Moorings Relocation:***

There are currently 16 moorings that have been identified for relocation due to the expansion, both on the "Dock A" and "Dock C" sides. The main concern would be the financial burden to the mooring owner. Discussions are underway with Safe Harbors regarding this burden and potential financial assistance with such. Ensuring the moorings are relocated to a reasonable area considering their current locations and the fact the owners may be set up for a short dinghy transit rather than being moved out further out into the mooring field has also been brought to the Harbormaster's Office as a concern. Discussions have been had regarding a possible mooring field reorganization, but these are only preliminary and would be focused starting in the expansion area.

Thank you for all your assistance and please let us know if we can be of any further help