

# SMALL BOAT SURVEY

(Mail Survey)

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PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY. WHERE CHOICES ARE SUPPLIED, MARK THE BOX TO THE LEFT OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE ANSWER WITH AN X.

For classification purposes, please record the Zip Code of your residence in the space provided here.

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## PART I. BOAT OWNING STATUS

1a. Did you rent a slip at the (project) Small Boat Harbor during the (timeframe) ?

Yes     No

1b. Do you plan to rent a slip at (project) Small Boat Harbor next year?

Yes     No

1c. If "No", Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU DID NOT RENT A SLIP AT (project name) Small Boat Harbor, AND DO NOT PLAN TO RENT ONE NEXT YEAR, PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. RETURN IT UNCOMPLETED IN THE SELF-ADDRESSED, POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE, SO THAT WE DO NOT SEND FOLLOW-UP NOTICES ASKING FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

2. Mark the category which best describes the type of boat that you now own or plan to own in the near future. (If you presently own more than one boat, answer for the boat that you use most.)

a. Boat type.

<input type="checkbox"/> Outboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat
<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary Sailboat
<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard/Outboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____

b. Boat Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

c. Model \_\_\_\_\_                      d. Year \_\_\_\_\_

e. What is the length of your boat (overall)?    Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ In. \_\_\_\_\_

f. What is your boat draft (depth of boat in water)?    Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ In. \_\_\_\_\_

g. What is the beam (width) of your boat?    Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ In. \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Was your boat or equipment damaged at any time during the past five boating seasons, due to storms, wave action, or insufficient water depths while it was at its slip or mooring at (PROJECT NAME) Small Boat Harbor?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

3b. If your boat sustained damage while it was berthed at (PROJECT NAME), please enter the year(s), describe the damages, and give the corresponding dollar cost of damages. Do not include damages incurred away from the harbor. If you experienced damages but did not have repairs made or did the repairs yourself, please estimate the commercial cost of repairs:

<u>Description of Damages:</u>	<u>Cost of Damages:</u>
(year)___:_____	\$_____
(year)___:_____	\$_____
(year)___:_____	\$_____
(year)___:_____	\$_____
(year)___:_____	\$_____

4. What problems have you personally encountered at the (PROJECT NAME) Small Boat Harbor during the (year) boating season?  
(Mark an "X" on the Blank in front of Each that Applies.)

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|--|---|
| (1)___ Inadequate channel depths.          | (8)___ Inadequate protection for boats during storms. |
| (2)___ Inadequate depths at berth or slip. | (9)___ Slip rental costs too high.                    |
| (3)___ Inadequate security at docks.       | (10)___ Poor water quality.                           |
| (4)___ Zebra Mussels.                      | (11)___ Overcrowding.                                 |
| (5)___ Inadequate parking.                 | (12)___ Line Breakage.                                |
| (6)___ Hull Scratches.                     | (13)___ Lower unit damage.                            |
| (7)___ Hull Punctures.                     | (14)___ Other (Specify: )_____                        |

5. How often during the (year) boating season did you use your boat?

a. Number of trips to (PROJECT NAME): \_\_\_\_\_ TRIPS

b. Number of times boat left slip: \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES

6a. Including yourself, how many people were on your boat during a typical trip?

\_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS

6b. On the average, how many persons that go with you are members of your immediate household?

\_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS

7a. Please MARK the BLANK in front of each boating activity in which you participated during the (year) boating season, from the (PROJECT NAME) Small Boat Harbor.

(1)\_\_\_ Fishing for food for family and friends.

(2)\_\_\_ Recreational sport fishing.

(3)\_\_\_ Recreational Cruising or Sailing.

(4)\_\_\_ Other recreational boating.

(5)\_\_\_ Sail Boat Racing.

(6)\_\_\_ Commercial Charter.

(7)\_\_\_ Other commercial use (such as commercial fishing).

(8)\_\_\_ Did not go boating in last 12 months.

(0)\_\_\_ Other (Specify:) \_\_\_\_\_

7b. Please Circle the number of the one activity from the list above that you did most often during the (year) boating season.

8a. How much did you pay for berthing your boat at (project) Small Boat Harbor for the (year) season? (Fill In Each Space Below; Put "0" if You Paid Nothing.)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ SLIP RENTAL FEES

\$\_\_\_\_\_ MOORING FEES

8b. How much did you pay during (year) for each of the following?  
(Fill In Each Space Below; Put "0" if You Paid Nothing.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ HAUL IN

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ HAUL OUT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WINTER STORAGE

9. Is the (PROJECT NAME) Small Boat Harbor the best location for you relative to its proximity to your residence, to your workplace, or to where you take your boat on the lake?

(1)  YES (2)  NO (If No, What is a preferred location?)

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## PART II. VALUE OF PROTECTING (PROJECT) SMALL BOAT HARBOR

10. The Corps of Engineers is trying to determine the value of the boating facility at (project) Small Boat Harbor. It is important for us to know how current slip holders value the use of slips and moorings at the harbor. Presently, all wet storage berths at (project) Small Boat Harbor are occupied. The existing facilities consist of:

- \* Approximately \_\_\_\_ wet storage spaces (slips or berths).
- \* Approximately \_\_\_\_ moorings.
- \* \_\_\_\_ Boat launch facilities with approximately \_\_\_\_ launch lanes for trailered boats.
- \* Ample parking areas providing slip renters and auto/boat-trailer spaces for launch ramp users.
- \* A restaurant, bait shop, marine supplies store, and public restrooms.

The existing breakwater is deteriorating from ice, wind and waves from storms. If the breakwater is not rehabilitated a large storm may cause a major breach which would jeopardize the boats docked in the harbor. The proposed project would provide armor stone protection to the lakeward side of the existing breakwater and will be constructed at \_\_\_\_ feet above low water datum and at an average crest width of \_\_\_\_ feet.

**In order to repair or replace the existing breakwater, how much more** would you be willing to pay above your (year) slip cost per season to rent a slip at (PROJECT NAME), knowing that if you bid too low you could lose your slip there?

Circle the maximum additional amount you would pay from the list below:

\$ 2500	\$ 2000	\$1800	\$ 1600	\$ 1400
\$ 1200	\$ 1000	\$ 900	\$ 800	\$ 700
\$ 600	\$ 550	\$ 500	\$ 450	\$ 400
\$ 350	\$ 325	\$ 300	\$ 275	\$ 250
\$ 225	\$ 200	\$ 175	\$ 150	\$ 125
\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 0

If the amount you would pay per season is not shown on the list above, please write in the amount here.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

VALUE OF BOAT STORAGE

11. High construction costs have limited the number of wet storage spaces that are available in this area. Suppose that all \_\_\_ of the current spaces at (PROJECT NAME) were going to be auctioned off to boaters who bid the highest dollar amount to rent a slip at (PROJECT NAME) Small Boat Harbor. **How much more** would you be willing to pay above your (year) slip cost per season to rent a slip at (PROJECT NAME), knowing that if you bid too low you could lose your slip there?

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If the amount you would pay per season is not shown on the list above, please write in the amount here.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please MARK the BLANK in front of the statement below which best describes your reason for answering the previous question the way you did.

(1) \_\_\_ That 's what it's worth to me.

(2) \_\_\_ It's worth more to me, but it's all I can afford to pay.

(3) \_\_\_ Not enough information is provided.

(4) \_\_\_ I didn't want to place a dollar value on boat slip rental.

(5) \_\_\_ I object to the wording of the question.

(6) \_\_\_ Other (Please Specify: ) \_\_\_\_\_

PART III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL HELP OUR RESEARCH STAFF ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY PROPERLY.

13. Which of the following best describes your present employment status?

- (1)  EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
- (2)  EMPLOYED PART-TIME
- (3)  RETIRED
- (4)  NOT EMPLOYED
- (5)  OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY:)\_\_\_\_\_

14. What was the highest level of education that you completed?

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| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> NO SCHOOLING            | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> SOME COLLEGE                       |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-7) | (7) <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE GRADUATE                   |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETED 8TH GRADE     | (8) <input type="checkbox"/> SOME GRADUATE STUDY                |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> SOME HIGH SCHOOL        | (9) <input type="checkbox"/> POST GRADUATE DEGREE               |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE    | (10) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER SCHOOLING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL |

15. Are you male or female?

- (1)  MALE      (2)  FEMALE

16. Are you married?

- (1)  YES      (1)  NO

17. Including yourself, how many persons live in your household?

\_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS



18. Please mark the category that contains your age.

- (1) [ ] 15-19 YRS.            (7) [ ] 45-49 YRS.  
(2) [ ] 20-24 YRS.           (8) [ ] 50-54 YRS.  
(3) [ ] 25-29 YRS.           (9) [ ] 55-59 YRS.  
(4) [ ] 30-34 YRS.           (10) [ ] 60-64 YRS.  
(5) [ ] 35-39 YRS.           (11) [ ] 65-74 YRS.  
(6) [ ] 40-44 YRS.           (12) [ ] 75 YRS. & OVER

19. Please indicate which group represents your total pre-tax household income for last year? Please circle one box.

Less than \$10,000	\$50,000-\$74,999
\$10,000-\$14,999	\$75,000-\$99,999
\$15,000-\$24,999	\$100,000-\$149,999
\$25,000-\$34,999	\$150,000-\$199,999
\$35,000-\$49,999	\$200,000 or more

20. How many years have you lived in (PROJECT AREA)?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

21. We are interested in your thoughts about the need for additional boating facilities and any comments you may have about this questionnaire. Please write your thoughts or comments on the lines below.

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Thank You for Your Time! Your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire is greatly appreciated. Please put the questionnaire in the postage-paid, self-addressed envelope, which was provided, and mail it to us. If you have misplaced the envelope, please send this questionnaire to:

[RETURN ADDRESS]