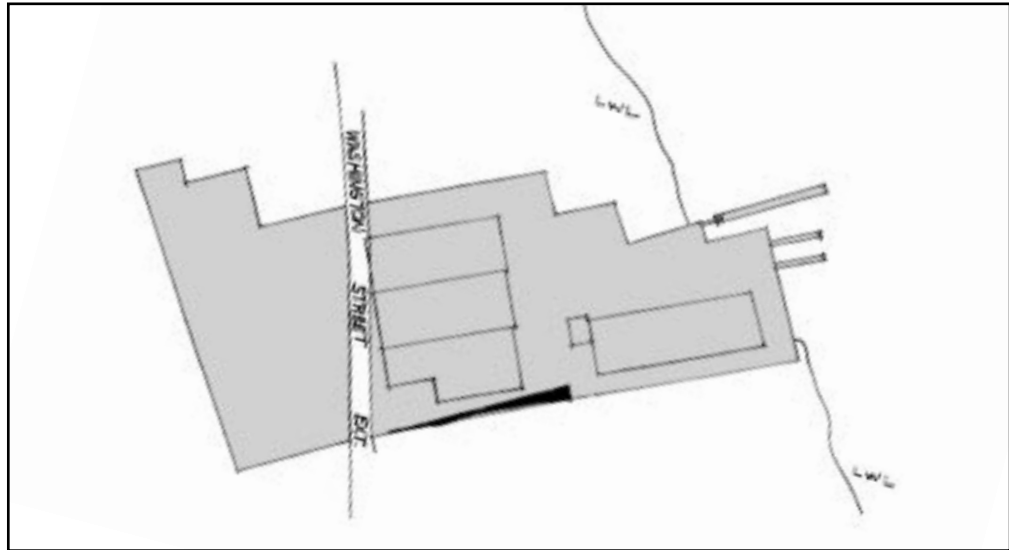
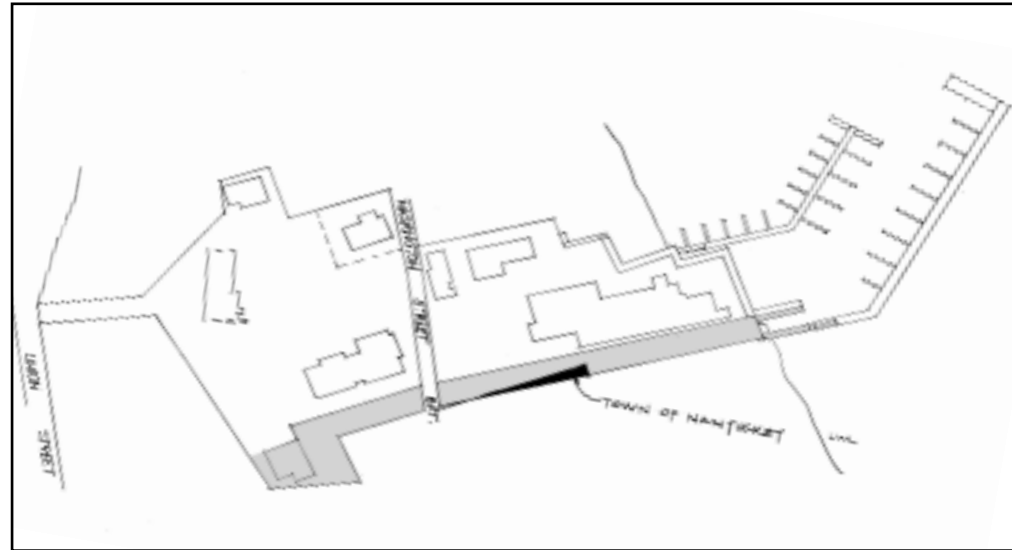


Nantucket needs to preserve its waterfront boat yard

present boat yard



proposed "boat yard"



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To: The Citizens of Nantucket
Date: April 8th, 2004
RE: Great Harbor Yacht Club

This letter is to voice some concerns I have with the recent Con Com, Planning Board and HDC applications from the Great Harbor Yacht Club. **Nantucket needs to preserve its waterfront boat yard.** The developers say there will still be a boat yard, but I cannot see it in their plans.

Just before our last hurricane (Isabel) I saw Grey Lady Marine haul 100+ boats and store them in the boat yard. They were hauling two boats at once. The large boats were hauled with the travel lift and the smaller boats were hauled with a fork lift. Most of those boats were put back in the water after the storm passed. At least 25 of those boats were sailboats. Since there was waterfront boat storage available there was no need for all of those sail boat owners to remove their masts to transport their boats inland. The existing boat yard has proven itself to be a much needed resource for the safety and peace of mind of Nantucket's boating community especially during serious storm events.

As proposed, the boat yard would only be able to haul one boat at a time and there is no onsite boat storage. This is a potential for major traffic jams due to the large numbers of boats being transported in land in a very short period of time. There is also a potential for major environmental impact if the boat yard is not capable of hauling all of these boats in a very short period of time. **As proposed the yacht club plan is no more of a boat yard than the Children's Beach boat ramp.**

As I understand it, the GHYC has separated its project into two different applications because they expect the water work to take much longer to be approved than the land portion of the project. As

proposed, if the land portion of the project is approved the boat yard would not be able to haul large boats. It is very important that Nantucket's only travel lift is usable throughout every stage of this project. Moving the travel lift to the southeast corner of the bulk head where there is low water, and which would require extensive dredging, would not be in the best interest of the community of Nantucket.

If the GHYC Plans are approved it would be a tremendous loss of a much needed resource for Nantucket's boating community. **We need this functioning waterfront boatyard for emergencies and for serious storms.**

I have attached some photos that I took just before our last hurricane. These boats appeared one week and they were gone the next. I also have attached a picture of the boat that went on the rocks last summer which required the assistance of the full service boatyard.

If the proposed yacht club is built as presently designed, this left-over fragment of a "boatyard" will make this kind of emergency haul-out and storage pictured below impossible.

Sincerely,
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