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Site and Facilities Criteria for a Petaluma Small Craft Center

Note: The following criteria are intended to frame the general needs of a Petaluma Small Craft Center. It should be understood that an actual site or sites will ultimately determine the nature of the facilities and access for small craft and people to the river.

Waterside considerations:

- A multi-user Small Craft Center will require a minimum site of 0.6 acres, or roughly 26,000 sq. ft., which is approximately 160 feet by 160 feet.
- Of primary importance is a waterfront property located on the navigable waterway, i.e. a section of the river that receives regular dredging.
- The waterfront property should have sufficient shoreline to accommodate *a minimum of 150' of dock*, either a single length or in two separate sections. The dock(s) could possibly overlap other properties if easements could be acquired. The docks would also be situated far enough from shore to allow access to both sides at all tide levels without impeding the freeway requirements of other river traffic. The docks would be low profile, only six to eight inches high, to allow easier egress to and from small craft, such as those currently in use at the North Bay Rowing Club, behind Van Bebbler Brothers Steel company.
- The waterfront property should accommodate a 15-20' wide concrete launching ramp for hand and trailer launching of boats (primarily outrigger canoes, traditional wooden rowing & sailing boats, and coaching launches).

Boat storage considerations:

There would be four types of boat and equipment storage:

- Secure, covered, interior storage for rowing shells, oars, paddles, safety, and other equipment (approximately 12,000 sq. ft.)
- Secure, covered, exterior storage for outrigger canoes, kayaks, and canoes (approximately 9,000 sq. ft.)
- Secure, uncovered storage for coaching launches and misc. items.

- In-the-water boat mooring for heavier, traditional wooden boats on the “inside” of the docks.

Additional “grounds space” considerations:

- Washdown areas for boats and equipment adjacent to head of dock ramps and concrete ramps (approximately 2,500 sq. ft.).
- Additional “traffic” lanes for access and egress to facilities.

Facilities considerations:

- Restrooms including showers.
- Training room for ergometers, weights, stretching, and land exercises.
- Meeting/multi purpose rooms: (1) room for up to 100 people; (1) room for up to 50 people; breakout classrooms.
- Commercial kitchen and food storage area.
- Outdoor decks/“Widow’s Walk” for observation and recreation adjacent to kitchen and meeting spaces.
- Coaches/club offices.
- Front office for general office/signups/information, staff/volunteers, retail sales and commercial activities, displays, etc.

Workshop considerations:

- A wooden boat building shop for building wooden small craft professionally and repair work as well as for wooden boat building classes (2500 sq. ft.).
- A repair shop for boats of composite construction (fiberglass and other synthetic materials (1000 sq. ft.).

Parking considerations;

- 50-75 parking spaces.
- Trailer parking for up to eight boat trailers for rowing shells, outrigger canoes, traditional wooden boats, canoes, and kayaks. Onsite trailer parking is preferred but only if sufficient space is available.