

**JSCA Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2007**

Present: Dan Wallace, Chair; Mark Scott, Brian Key, Chris Stairs, Duane Geddes, Beverley Sharwood, Colin Sharwood, Andy Hunt, Mike Cotter, General Manager.

Regrets: David Loutit, Gail Owen, Richard Spencer

1. Approval of Minutes

April 24, 2007

2. Marginal Wharf

Dan reviewed key points from previous meetings regarding the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreations objectives with respect to the Marginal Wharf immediately adjacent to the East side of the Jericho Sailing Centre. The committee reviewed the “Terms of Reference for the Jericho Marginal Wharf” developed by the Park Board’s Planning Department. The Board is in the process of hiring consultants to produce a cost/benefit analysis of three general options: (1) Remove and dispose of entire wharf; (2) Retain and repair a portion of the wharf; (3) Retain and repair entire wharf.

The Committee discussed, considered and developed ideas put forward at previous JSCA Planning Committee Meetings of what they would like to see included in the Marginal Wharf project:

1. More serviceable ocean access and increased utility for small, naturally powered ocean craft.

The Jericho Sailing Centre is currently at capacity with over 150,000 launches per year and could use the area to better facilitate current and anticipated future demand for our unique services.

-accessing this area would provide safer launching and landing areas for users of the Jericho Sailing Centre and the general public.

-an accessible dock facility would allow the Jericho Sailing Centre to facilitate craft which can't be effectively served by our current ramp facilities. ie Olympic class Stars and Yinglings.

2. A more effective facility to support the Disabled Sailing Association.

The Disabled Sailing Association Vancouver Branch was started at the Jericho Sailing Centre in 1988 by Sam Sullivan. There are now 18 DSA's across Canada and ours is the only one operating without a dock facility. There is a tremendous amount of sailing time lost due to the inefficiency of bringing the specially adapted boats out of the water each time to change sailors. A proper dock facility could effectively double DSA capacity to serve people with disabilities. Low tidal conditions often make it impossible to launch or retrieve DSA

craft-this is a serious concern if an on-water emergency were to occur during a low tide.

3. Maintain and enhance public water viewing.

The Jericho Sailing Centre Association would like to see the preservation of the historical aesthetic and encourage and facilitate the public's need to experience and appreciate the lure of the sea.

4. Educational Component.

The JSCA would like to see interpretive signage regarding wildlife, environment, history (military base, golf course, logging operation, etc), topography and the Port of Vancouver.

5. Increasing Jericho Sailing Centre compound to the east with a gate to access the "Marginal" area.

The JSCA would like to see an increase in the current compound as proposed in an earlier Park Board plan by completing the semi-circle of the south fence to the east.

6. Improved safety.

By expanding the beach access there would be more room to separate craft transiting to and from the currently congested shore line thereby reducing the number of collisions and close calls.

Committee members will continue to develop the above concepts for the next meeting. Mike will continue to communicate with Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Staff.

3. Adjournment

Next Meeting TBA