



*This aerial view shows our current dock/float system with the red rectangle to the right indicating that the main dock will be moved east by about 27 feet. It will be positioned over the known rock (blue dot) and increase water depth at the face dock by about one foot.*

## Special Meeting Called to Authorize Expenditure for Phase One of Dock System Improvement

**XTRA! XTRA! Read All About It! ...**

and plan on taking part in a Special Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 12 (7 pm, via Zoom) to discuss a proposal to improve our dock system.

There are really only two things that are critical to BYC: our members and our dock system. Some of our members are still young after 90 years, but a dock is really old at 20. A decade ago,

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the Waterfront Committee realized this and developed

a long-range funding plan so the Club would put aside the money it would need to replace our waterfront assets.

Replacement time is upon us. We have the money in reserves. The Executive Committee has endorsed the plan. Now we need the approval of the Club membership to move forward with Phase One of the project.

The best part of this announcement is to tell you that we've devised a way to make the docks more functional. You all know about the rock just off the outer float. Many of us have had a jarring experience with it at low tide. Well, if this plan is approved, you won't have to worry about dinging that rock any more.

The idea is to replace the outer floats and relocate the new ones over the

rock. This not only removes the obstacle but also gives us more than one-foot additional depth on the outside of the dock compared to what we have now. The gain on what will now be the inside of the dock will be even larger, so boats won't get stuck in the mud there as the tide goes out.

There are additional benefits to all members from this phase of the overall replacement plan. Three of the old floats will be relocated on the south side of the pier. This will give us 180 feet more dock space to accommodate midsize power boats and shallow-draft sailboats.

In addition, the current float holding up the ramp to the outer docks will be used to extend the launch float. Our launches, Race Committee boat and work boat will all fit in this expanded area.

The cost of all these extras is modest since we will be reusing four of the existing floats. They will be in less demanding service than they are now, so they should last a few more years.

We have obtained permission from the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the Bristol Harbormaster for this work. Detailed bids were solicited from three experienced dock system builders. These bids were studied, compared, revisions requested and the preferred bidder chosen.

The selected company needs a commitment from the Club now to hold our spot until the fall when a deposit will be due and actual construction will commence. Membership approval at the Special Meeting will allow the Club to sign the contract for this new system.

*– David Schwartz,  
Waterfront Committee*