

# Lifestyle On the Waters of Hamilton Harbour

A lifestyle Choice

# Who We Are

- **Year Round Liveaboard Residents.** Macassa Bay Liveaboard Association
- We are **residents of The City of Hamilton** who live on the waters of Hamilton Harbour.
- It is a **lifestyle choice.** Recognized in other communities in Ontario and other Provinces.
- We have been “Setting Sail” in this Harbour for **22 years**
- We **live, work and play in Hamilton.**
- We are **part of the community**, just like any other resident tenant or resident homeowner.
- **We rent a slip while others rent an apartment.**

# The Future

Next 4 slides provide a window of opportunity for the future:

1. City and Community
2. Marinas and Yacht Clubs
3. Vessel Owners living on board
4. In summary

# City and Community

- In support of the **strategic focus for the West Harbour** as guided by the principles and goals in the Setting Sail Secondary Plan and West Harbour Recreational Master Plan.
- **Business opportunities** –Marina's and Yacht Club's growing membership and adding to revenue. Increased revenue to businesses in the surrounding area
- Adopt **a Permit requirement** for living on a navigable vessel in Hamilton Harbour.
- **Citizens/visitors enjoyment** of both being at the waterfront and on the waterfront year round
- **Life style** choice. Family, living in Hamilton area, working and employment
- **Safety and security**

# Marina's and Yacht Clubs

- Membership **growth**
- **Revenue** opportunities year round
- Increased **security** of property on site
- **Cooperative partnership** between water residents and Marina Owners and Staff through on going communications and constant awareness
- **Maintaining standards** of vessels in Marina
  - Navigable
  - Insured
  - Account in good standing
  - Marina Clean Act and Agreement
  - Policies, Procedures and Practices

# Vessel Owners / living on Board

- This is their **permanent home** from which to live , play and work
- A **lifestyle** by choice
- Pay for services **as any other citizen** would when being provided services by the partnering Marina's and Yacht Club's, local services/businesses and the City of Hamilton
- **Purchase a permit** on yearly basis to live this lifestyle. This maintains a registry of those that are living on the water in Burlington Bay.
- Full **contractual agreement** with the Marina's/Yacht Club's terms and conditions of the Docks, Slips and Facilities.

# Summary

- **Life style choice** that can be supported by all parties while maintaining growth, prosperity and community partnership.
- Registration with the City Of Hamilton and **Permit** requirement for Living aboard Life style. On the water living.
- Being **responsible Vessel Owners** and aware of The Community's, The City Of Hamilton's and The Marina's and Yacht Clubs obligations and accountability.
- Growth in citizens, business and **The City of Hamilton's** strategic focus for the "West Harbour as guided by the principles and goals in two plans, **Setting Sail Secondary Plan** and **West Harbour Recreation Master Plan**".

# **NOW**, today! Transition Plan for Year Round Liveaboard Residents

for city consideration

- **WHY?**
- **We have no other option. The city has not given us an option that will allow us and our families to live our lifestyle in Hamilton, to interact with our families, to maintain our employment, to maintain our business relationships and clients.**



# Transition Plan

- Reside at a Hamilton Harbour Marina/Yacht Club until a permanent solution for residence has been determined.
- City and Marina approved vessels
- Vessels to be under Marina/Yacht Club Rules and contract.
- Purchase a Permit for the duration of the Transition Plan from the City of Hamilton for temporary residency (\$250.00).
- Vessels must be navigable, insured and proof of ownership.
- All vessels must meet or exceed Coast Guard safety requirements
- Vessels must meet minimum standards (toilet, sink and shower, water system, holding tank(s) Shore power)
- Representatives of the Liveboards and Marinas and Yacht Clubs to be part of the City Of Hamilton selected Committee that will be reviewing and developing the “Year Round Liveboard Residency Policy” (aka YRLR) .

# Thank You

From the liveboards of Macassa Bay Liveboard Association

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS