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Subj: Boat House Information

Ref: Verbal Discussion between Mr. ACOSTA and Mr. MOORE

1. In accordance with the reference, the following information is submitted:

Justification: Without detracting from the natural beauty of the Marina area, changes have been made for the benefit of the patrons. A family picnic area with 13 picnic tables and grills has been added and a sun deck constructed in the same area. This deck is located next to the family area and is adjacent to the skibeach.

The ski-beach has been cleaned up and extended to accommodate the users in a more orderly manner. Three picnic tables and grills have been added to this area.

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During the period January through October approximately 5900 personnel paid a user fee for equipment at the Marina. This figure includes approximately 850 personnel from Camp Geiger. Parties and picnics have an approximate usage of 15,000 personnel. Approximatley 2000 of these figures are Camp Geiger personnel.

Everyday usage at the Marina is extremely difficult to maintain accurately due to the large area of accessibility to the beach and picnic areas. At this time, there is no central entrance area where personnel can be required to sign in. However, an estimate by the Marina manager is approximately 29,000 persons. Of this total, an estimate of 4,000 personnel would be from Camp Geiger.

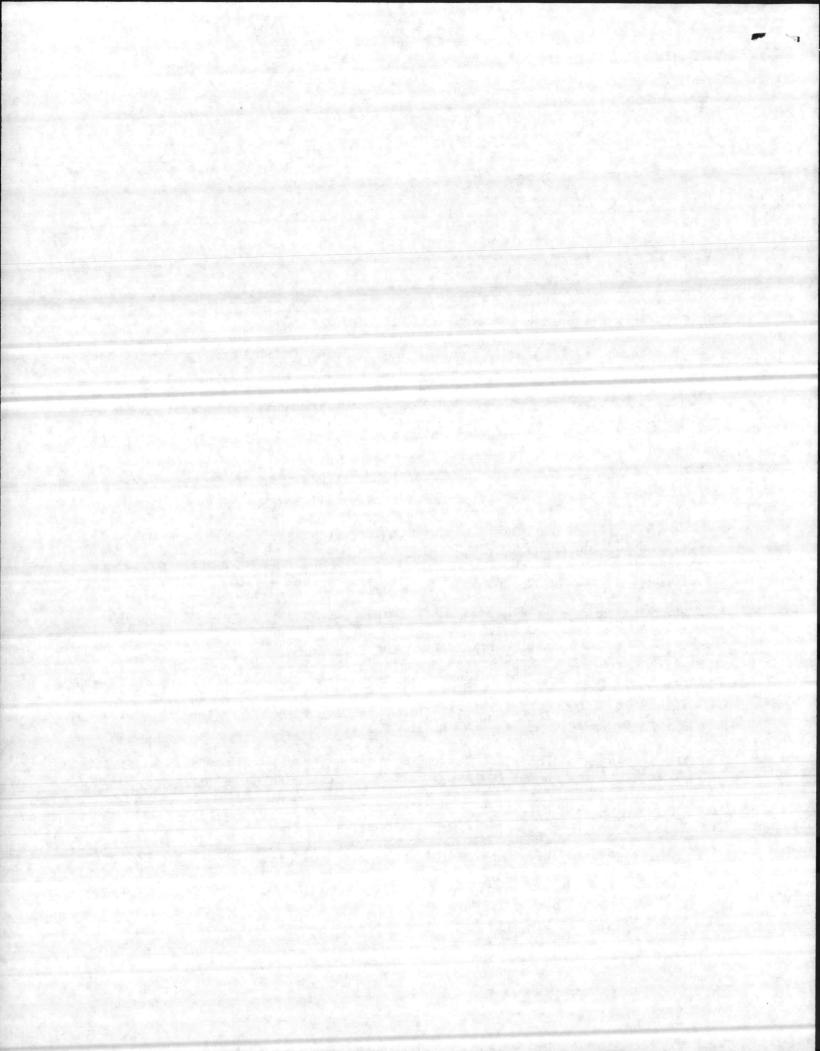
During the season, end of April through early September we feel that at least 400 personnel per day utilize the Marina area.

The parking areas have been extended and realigned which has virtually eliminated traffic congestion and has increased the parking area.

The security lights, water and electrical system on the dock area have been updated and improved increasing the dock usage.

Total income for FY-82 was \$34,334.00 while FY-83 increased to \$40,064.00 showing a definite increase in usage.

The addition of new equipment, picnic areas, and the increased parking has increased the usage factor at the Marina by an approximate 15%.



A problem area exists now in the storage of Marina equipment. Boats are stored in an outside fenced area approximately 200 yards from the security storage area for the motors. The same problem exists with sail boats, the boats are stored outside approximately 200 yards from the sails. Jet-skis, of necessity must be stored in the Marina building and moved approximately 75 yards to the launch point. The fenced in storage area has a gravel base and on occasion boats are damaged on this surface. The Marina manager has built storage bins for the small sail boat hulls but again, these are stored outside subject to the elements.

Another problem exists when issuing the above equipment for use. Personnel must check in at the Marina building, some items are issued from there while other items are issued from the docking/launching area. This system has created an administrative problem as far as accounting for the correct items issued and returned as well as the payment of correct user fees.

It is felt that the construction of a boat house would greatly facilitate in the handling, storage, issue and control of all Marina usage equipment. Further, it would lessen the time a patron spends in checking out or returning equipment.

