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Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 07:53:29 p.m. EDT
Subject: La Salle marina

Dear Mayor Marianne Meed Ward,

I am a home owner and resident in Burlington as well as a member of BSBC and just bought a sailboat in 2020 after surviving a oesophagus cancer in 2019.

Due to Covid 19 I could only have it in the water for the first time last year. In November I decided to change that boat for a performance boat as I have become very comfortable and active as a mentor for the shark program with the club and a member of the racing fleet .

I just retired at the end of March and I was getting my new boat and my old boat (helping the new owner) ready for launch in.

It has come to my attention a week ago that the Marina has not been able to renew its insurance and that it will stay closed if we can not secure insurance. All the marinas around Burlington are either full or close to full, so if we can not open the marina, the majority of the boats will stay on the hard and the season will be lost.

I also heard that the municipality has been asked to assume the management of the marina through the park and recreation department in order to secure insurance and make it possible to open the marina within the next few weeks.

I am respectfully asking for your support in this matter to avoid tearing apart the club and the sailing community.

I could list all the reason why that would be the action to take but I believe that you are already aware of all the facts.

What I would like to emphasize is the human aspect of the situation for the Burlington sailors, many of whom (including me) have finally been able to devote some time and resources to live their passion at the end of their working and child raising lives.

Thank you,

Guy Monjo