

2022 Annual Report to the Board of Directors Marine Activities Advisory Committee

Section I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STATUS OF TERMS.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>On Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Allen, David	August 2022	2	Elected Chairman Oct. 2022
McElroy, Donna	July 2021	2	Re-elected Secretary Oct. 2021
Leuters, Jerry	January 2021	1	
Johnson, Mike	January 2021	1	
Challis, Sue	September 2021	1	
Latham, John	October 2021	1	

Section II. SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

1. Solicited input from residents regarding Marine concerns, which allowed us to highlight and address numerous concerns such as: safety items and repairs at Mumford Boat Ramp, canal bridge lighting, White Horse Park erosion and vandalism, and boaters shower repairs at Marina.
2. Partnered with Coastal Bays to schedule first OP Marine Debris cleanup.
3. Participated in Coastal Bays oyster project to raise & donate oysters to protect the St Martin River.
4. Provided communications to residents regarding changes to boating rules, safety equipment and ground fault protection devices.

Section III. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

1. Charging document addressed to Board regarding Ocean Pines dredging process. In conjunction with dredging process, determine benefit of MAAC measuring canal depths.

Section IV. REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT OPA BUDGET. CHAIRPERSONS SHOULD CONSIDER IMPACTS ON THEIR COMMITTEES RELATING TO THE OPA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

1. Add lights (possibly solar) to illuminate OP Canal Bridges to enhance safe water passage after dark.

Section V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Encourage participation of canal residents in raising oysters in OP canals to improve water quality.
2. During bulkhead replacement, consider increasing bulkhead height to address future storm flooding & climate change.

Submitted by David Allen

Chairman Marine Activities Advisory Committee