

	Project #2 - Comments on "Expanded/Improved Launch Ramp and Crane" Project
Project #2	Comments/Suggestions:
Yes	Will raise the bar for the sailing program
Yes	This is the future of membership
Yes	needed to maintain stability and keep Up with global warming effects ? - yes
Yes	The improved crane would help for stepping and unstepping masts.
Yes	A better ramp is my priority. The crane makes sense to me only if Bristol Marine is interested in mounting the crane on their property and adding boat storage. We will need to dredge the area for this to work.
Yes	the plan.
Yes	Looking forward to easier J22 launch
Yes	Excited about the prospect of this bringing higher end racing up the bay
Yes	This project will help everyone and is a great idea.
Yes	I believe this project is essential to our ever growing keel boat racing programs and provides an excellent feeder system to our senior membership while enhancing our reputation in RI's sailing community.
Yes	Would enhance services available to members.
Yes	This should be done soon. Lots of members use the ramp and the crane is not safe and using it is difficult and clogs the main pier
Yes	As a growing number of the membership has small day sailors or powerboats, it seems just (and obvious) to move on upgrading the crane and ramp facilities. Additionally, EBSF constantly is using a ramp with subpar
Yes	This supports the sailing activities of the club and benefits the growing dinghy and small keelboat activities which will be the basis for sustainment of the membership, focusing on younger members going forward.
Yes	My sailboat is 20ft trailered. I can only launch during 5ft high tide. I would like to be able to launch >4ft high tide. Thus, i have to miss most of October sailing to make sure Im out before any potential hurricanes.
Yes	Great idea anything to improve launch ramp and crane would help many folks.
Yes	needed to maintain stability and keep Up with global warming effects ? - yes
Yes	Critical need to enhance this area with its daily use both during and off season 20% of the BYC membership uses this entry to the water for their motorboats. The docks and floats have had recent upgrades; it is now critical to update this often-forgotten section of the BYC.

Yes	This is vital for all members. An improved ramp has been needed for decades.
Yes	the ramp needs constant attention and is a disaster which would require dredging. A crane would be nice but would prefer it shared with Bristol Marine along that bulkhead
Yes	Dredging and ramp improvements seem to be very necessary Dock and crane installation will be a good addition I would think that the dredging would be Phase 1 to accommodate the crane use.
Yes	That ramp is subpar.
Yes	Seems like a rather low cost to high function value.
Yes	This will improve and enhance the club's ability to host regattas and member use.
Yes	It's a bit tight when launching a boat now, and crowded. Would be good for jr.sailing and regattas/small boats .
Yes	the launch ramp needs immediate attention. The crane would be nice but can wait
Yes	Focus on a wide ramp and the right water depth for dinghies and motorboats to launch by dolly or trailer. Also get the water depth right under the crane to launch typical small keelboats at most, but not necessarily
Yes	To support racing. But not a top priority.
Yes	members.
Yes	necessary improvement
Yes	It helps boat owners and racing events.
Yes	Crane to assist and speed up launch
Yes	very valuable for member who use this
Yes	The project enhances the club's capabilities as a venue for enjoying sailing and water sports, for us both as members and as hosts.
No	have EBSF fund crane, not membership
No	I have not heard anything about this project.
No	No room for another dock and it's ridiculous to install a crane closer to shore. Also, capital costs will be excessive. Why are we installing a crane and second dock for visiting boats for the occasional event at club cost when there's a commercial launch facility next door at Bristol Marine?
No	Maybe in the future but not right now.

No	I am not against this project conceptually. However, the information presented was not sufficient to support or not support this idea. Cost estimates were unsubstantiated and I suspect extremely low. Length of pier unknown. Depth of water required unknown. Crane lift weight limits? Other limitations? Is the second hand crane going to be sufficient to meet projected needs? Or, would it be better in the long run to buy the crane that meets our needs? I am concerned about the lack of details of this project and until I hear accurate measurements and fact-based estimates, I cannot support this project. Vote no absent more data.
No	#1 dredging will have to be done repeatedly; #2 there needs to be an analysis of how frequently BYC would be able to host small keel boat events and potential revenues. I.e. I doubt that this wouldn't become an on-going Club expense with little off-setting revenue or benefit.; #3 I think we have to look closely at the extent of subsidizing J-22s, including benefits to the sailing preferences of a small group of members. This is becoming a burden on the general membership without general benefits.
No	provided
No	Not enough bang-for-the-buck for majority of membership.
No	Dredging doesn't make sense when the silt continues to come back rapidly.
No	Impractical. Don't believe dredging will work; wave action will simply refill area. We don't need a bigger crane for our existing fleet. We don't have space to store more boat trailers.
No	Launch ramp is adequate for now. Repair and strengthen the dock before adding a beefed-up crane...to lift what? Whose agenda am I missing here? Everyone uses the dock including EBSF. Dock infrastructure should
No	When the waterfront committee looked at potential projects, dredging was last on the list. There was considerable discussion of the limited number of people that would benefit from dredging, and how quickly it silted back in the last time it was dredged. Even with the added benefit of the crane (which is very nice) it does not really benefit a significant proportion for the membership for the cost it will require. If the silting-in could be prevented AND the creation of a "use fee" for the crane which would ultimately repay ALL the construction and maintenance costs, I would then be willing to vote for it.
No	My objection isn't with the project itself but the lack of planning for where trailers would be stored. I don't want to see the club to turn into a boat yard. It is bad enough with the current number of trailers which hog precious parking spaces
No	Who will expanded launch ramp and crane support? Members? Others?
No	The occasional disruption on the dock using the existing crane doesn't seem to be a good justification. Moving to the launch ramp with access and water depth issues doesn't seem an improvement.
No	There is no member need for these facilities, crazy money, dependent on dredging which won't last

No	Unless the dock/crane were well off the bulkhead, or we also dredged, its use would seem to be only during mid to high tide, not likely to coincide well with running the envisioned regattas. Regatta use seems to be the major draw, but this is a large expense to support a couple events per year. (We don't have space to try to develop our own dry-sailed fleet w boats stored on the property.)
No	The J/22 initiative has become a true money pit for EBSF and BYC. Member support for a few racers is not in our Club's best interest. If the ramp needs resurfacing again (it seems every 5 years or so), then let's do it. The gin pole and electric hoist have served us well, and should continue to do so with proper maintenance.
No	This project seems to be addressed towards a problem that is not shared across the club membership. It also strikes me as being planned in isolation from our overall dock planning and maintenance.
No	Benefits a very small minority of BYC members
No	This project will benefit very few members. Dredging is prohibitively expensive and is likely to fill back in over a relatively short time. The existing crane handles J22s. For members with boats over 1 ton, Bristol marine and other local marinas can handle their needs. The ramp is serviceable. Extending it is not practical without a seawall to keep sediment from flowing onto the concrete.
No	Seems to functioning Ok as it.
No	It is too bad this survey doesn't allow support for aspects of this project rather than "all or nothing." I'm giving it a "no" as the crane and dredging are both unnecessary. Why should we have a crane largely for visiting boats! I could support a better ramp (tho most members never use it) but the survey doesn't allow
No	When this idea was voted on back in May there was some interest in the concept assuming it would be done together with Bristol Marine. (The results of this survey were never shared with the entire membership; it was through this review process that I was finally provided with the results of the survey.) There was much less interest in going it alone. The proposal seems to favor going it alone based on diagrams etc. To do this on our own seems very extravagant. There are costs associated with the infrastructure that that would need to be added, the pier, the crane expense, maintenance, dredging and so on. And the costs identified in the proposal seemed unrealistically low and there was no mention of how much money we would generate charging for use of the crane. And significantly there is a big problem with limited parking availability for boats, trailers etc. If we did this project with Bristol Marine at least they could be charging for launch fees, provide parking for boats and trailers and sharing in the on going dredging fees.
No	If the club needs to use a larger crane there is a boat yard next door, are we a club or do we want to be a boat yard? I joined a private club.
No	No case made for the need. Present ramp works.

No	No justification was presented as to the need, demand (utilization), and problems that his project would address. Proposal was devoid of data, and premature.
No	This requires substantial dredging that will last until the first storm. This is a perfect example of "shoveling sand against the tide". What will be the argument be when the dredging is filled in? We have the crane and ramp so we should dredge again?
No	Way too expensive. No demonstrated need to expand service in this area.
No	Without dredging, a 2-ton crane and pier would have limited use. Cost estimate seems low even with trade
Neutral	I do think the crane should move from the dock where it currently resides. When it is functioning, it does hold up the traffic on the dock and can become a potential hazard.
Neutral R	I am in favor of the ramp. I am neutral on the crane since it does not affect me, but can understand if others want it. I am opposed to the dredging because is a too much money that could be spent on other items. I think we all can wait a few hours for the tide, it's part of boating.
Neutral R	Improve the launch ramp
Neutral	To the extent that this can draw in new younger members with smaller more affordable boats that can be daysailed, I support it.
Neutral R	A crane only available at higher tides is not worth doing. We've dealt with that in the past. Dredging is an endless event. Mother Nature with its storms and tides will shift the "sands" wherever at will. Crane issues should be a Bristol Marine/BYC coordinated effort. Several regattas a year can't justify. Would be easier for J22 launches, but it gets done in the same amount of time in the present mode. Maybe enhance the setup we have now. The ramp could be extended for easier access at low tide for all the one design fleets. It's
Neutral	I have been a member of the Waterfront Committee for over 20 years. During that period we discussed the widening, cleaning and general maintenance of the ramp. All of these issues are valid notwithstanding I have never used the ramp. The issue of the crane is another matter. Our membership seems to have little need for a crane, size/capacity notwithstanding. (As a frequent visitor to BYC I always observe most facets of what going on) Lucky me I only live a eighth of a mile away. On the face of it, my judgement tells me EBSF would be the major benefactor of the crane. See comments at end of survey.

Neutral	Seems more like a nice to have