

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of November 16, 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Malcolm, Harbor Master
Subject: Harbor Master Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period September 7 - November 8, 2023

Vessel metrics.

44	Number of vessels in anchorage excluding transient vessels and floating homes and vessels present under a 30 day permit
0	Number of transient vessels in anchorage
2	Number of floating homes
5	Number of vessels with 30 day permits, permits in processing, or in violation of previously granted permits
51	Total Number of vessels, transient vessels, floating homes, permitted vessels
5	Number of citations issued this period
40	Number of vessels inside the Eel Grass Protection zone

Significant events/ Anchorage status:

Three new vessels arrived in the anchorage this period. One of the new vessels' owner had a medical emergency and had to anchor the vessel to seek medical treatment. I have been in touch with the owner of the vessel, and they have set a timetable for removal of their vessel which should take place no later than 11/11/23.

Another new vessel arrived on the anchorage with and unknown owner/ occupant, no markings or DMV records associated with it. I am working with Marin County Sheriff on an enforcement strategy for this vessel.

A third vessel arrived and requested a 30-day anchoring permit. Permit was granted and I continue to monitor this vessel.

Three vessels and one floating home were removed from the anchorage this period. All removed vessels/ floating home participated in the RBRA vessel buy back program. Two of the vessels removed were previously occupied by persons now housed through the RBRA housing program. A third participant in the housing program desires more time on the anchorage to sell their vessel and this person was granted a 30-day permit which I continue to monitor.

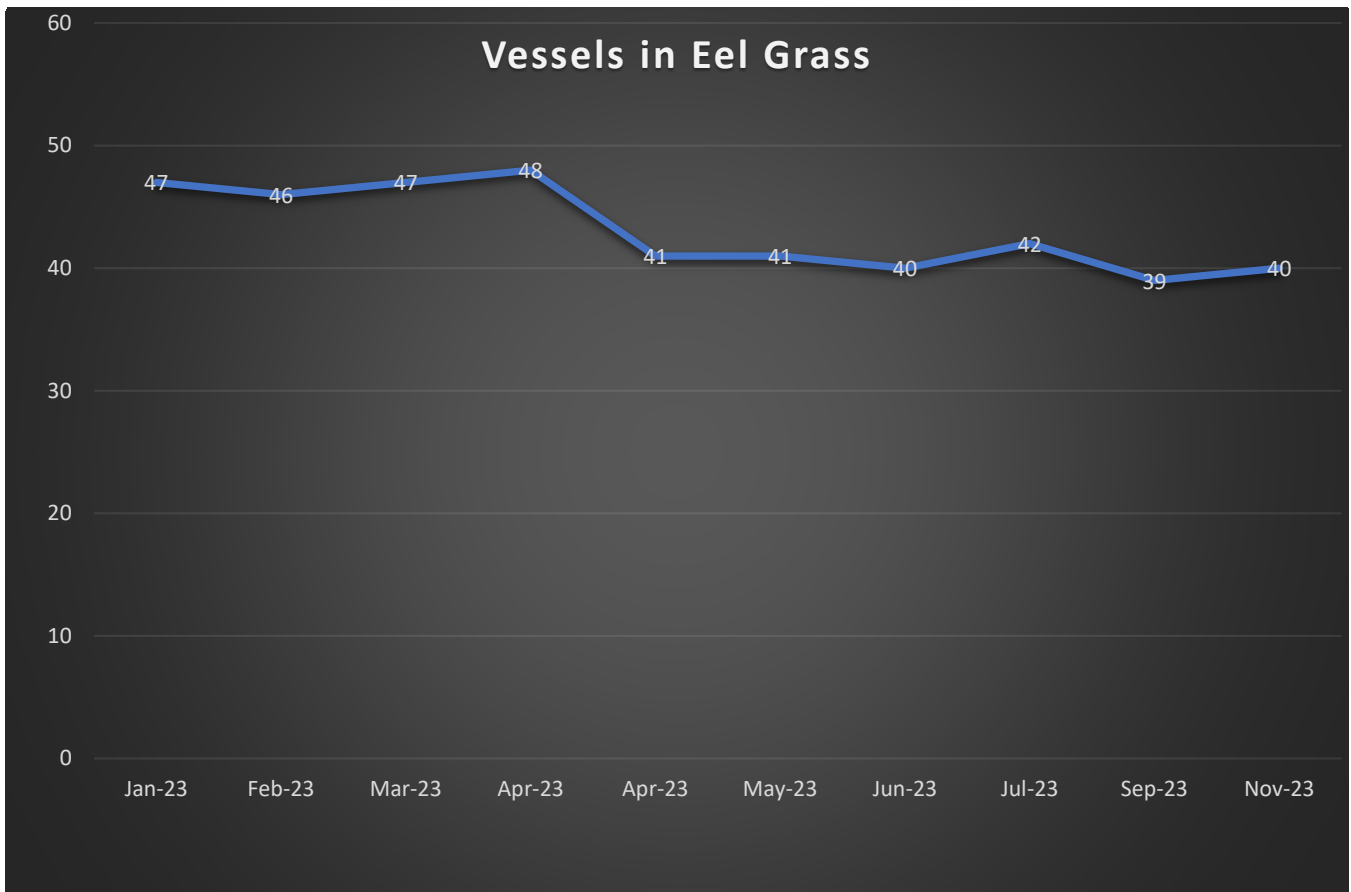
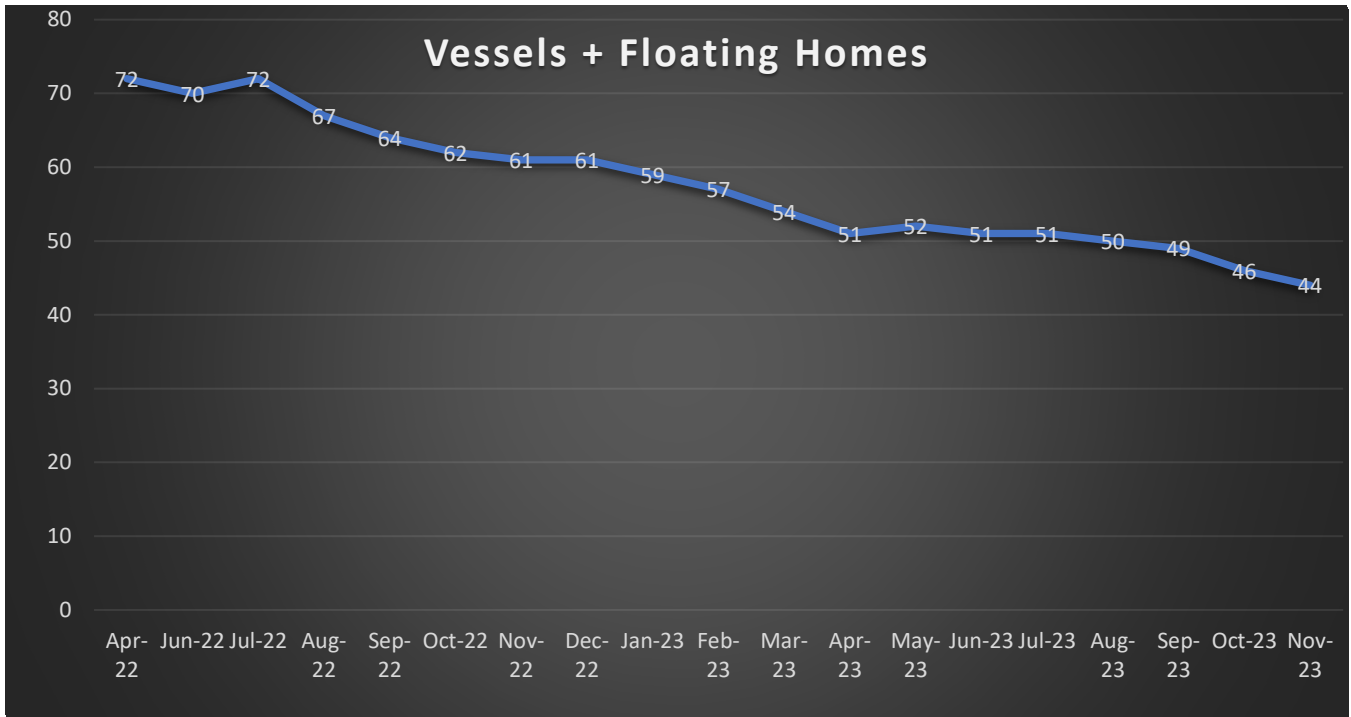
A wooden derelict floating home, one of the two remaining floating homes in unincorporated Marin County waters, sank over the weekend of 5 November. The current responsible party for the floating home has been receiving regular removal notices since April of 2023, and has been issued two citations. A nuisance abatement proceeding has commenced, and staff is working with outside counsel on this abatement.

Citation Program:

Five citations were issued to vessels/ floating homes on the anchorage this period. All citations were issued for violation of section 3.04.01 of the RBRA code, anchoring in excess of 72 hours. All citations issued during this period were subsequent citations, either second or third violations. One mariner appealed an issued citation but failed to appear for their appeal hearing.

Anchorage Notifications:

All vessels on the anchorage were delivered a notification giving a 12-month warning of the Oct. 15, 2024 deadline for departure or removal from the anchorage in accordance with the RBRA/ BCDC Agreement. Only vessels not subject to this deadline either through the Safe and Seaworthy Program, or 30 day permitted vessels or other extenuating circumstances did not receive this notice. (9 vessels not noticed)



12 MONTH ADVANCE NOTICE

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The vessel this notice is attached to: _____

with

Known interested party or registered owner: _____

has been identified by the RBRA as a vessel which is required to be removed from the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage in accordance with the agreement reached between the RBRA and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). This vessel can be voluntarily turned in to the RBRA, sold to the RBRA through the RBRA Vessel Buy Back Program, or removed from the anchorage of Richardson Bay by **October 15, 2024**. For additional information please contact the RBRA Harbormaster.

The RBRA Harbormaster, Jim Malcolm can be reached at:

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This notice is to be posted to the vessel or property