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Hi Everyone~

I guess the 'public comment' link on your webpage isn't working. So, here's my public comment direct.

I read in the Leader about the proposed new variable travel lift. The article said the main benefit for getting this variable lift would be that it would allow boats to be placed closer together in the yard to make for more boats.

That's a really bad idea. We shouldn't be any closer than we already are.

There are 6 - 8 inches between tarps as is now! With scaffolding set up alongside a hull, the lift has about a one - inch clearance to move boats in and out of the next tarp over. Any closer, scaffolding would be impossible to set up.

Also, for the sake of 'neighborliness' and goodwill, we shouldn't move each other any closer than we are. It would put us in each others' faces, fumes, dust, and noise even moreso. It would not promote a good working environment for anybody.

I like the 80% funding help! If we NEED a new lift, I'd rather just get another 'regular' lift than a top dollar fancy one that I don't see a good reason for getting. Spend the \$\$ difference on a lift/trailerthing, as has been requested by some of our shops for years now, that can put boats into some of our smaller shops that our travellifts won't fit into.

I just learned that this new lift could accommodate very wide boats - like huge Catamarans. But, the waterway would need to be widened to accommodate this new lift. That's all quite an expense to put out with hopes that 'build it and they will come'.

If there were a high demand already for putting out this kind of high expense, it'd seem feasible to consider, but ... is there a high demand?

Seems with a seawall needing to be built, boatyard expansions hither and yon, farmlife to cultivate, breakwater repairs and all, that investing major \$\$ to accommodate a few wider boats is a bit much.

Thank you,
Joni