

RESOLUTION No. KWBB 25-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (KWBB) REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER NEGOTIATE A DOCKAGE AGREEMENT WITH SETH SALZMAN FOR A SLIP FOR A HISTORIC SCHOONER AT KEY WEST BIGHT REVIEW POTENTIAL DOCKAGE SPACE IN THE KEY WEST BIGHT FOR SETH SALZMAN'S HISTORIC SCHOONER AT KEY WEST BIGHT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE KWBB IN MARCH 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

~~WHEREAS, The Bight Management District Board, at its September 14, 2011 meeting, adopted a strict policy ("wait list policy") that states: "All people called that have vessels that are appropriate and will fit in the slip that are not ready to put a vessel in the vacant slip within 30 days will be moved to the bottom of the list."; and~~

~~WHEREAS, commercial slip A-1 became available on July 1, 2025, and~~

~~WHEREAS, Paul McGrail was notified by Bight Management that he was first on the commercial wait list and had a right to dock a historic schooner at slip A-1 based on a wait list entry in his name dated November 27, 2011; and~~

~~WHEREAS, as of November 24, 2025, which is nearly 5 months post notice, McGrail has still not brought said schooner to Key West Bight; and~~

~~WHEREAS, as of November 1, 2025 McGrail had not made any payments for dockage for said schooner; and~~

~~WHEREAS, McGrail was not moved to the bottom of list after 30 days as is required by the Bight Management District Board's wait list policy; and~~

~~WHEREAS, it appears that the November 27, 2011 wait list entry date, used to award slip A-1 to McGrail in July of 2025, for dockage of a schooner, had already been used to award dockage to McGrail for the parasail boat "Sebago X" on October 1, 2012; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the only other entry found on a wait list in the name of Paul McGrail is dated May 31, 2012, for a 65' schooner which had also already been used to award dockage to McGrail for the 65' schooner, Appledoer V, on or about December of 2012; and~~

~~WHEREAS, there is no record of any other entries on the wait list in the name of McGrail; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Seth Salzman's historic schooner, "When and If" appears on the wait list as the next historic schooner eligible for a wet slip on the wait list with an entry date of January 9, 2016; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Seth Salzman has complained to Bight Management and the Bight Board that not for the breach of the 30-day wait list policy and mistakes made relative to the wait list he would have been awarded slip A-1 for his historic schooner "When and If;" and~~

WHEREAS, the Bight Management District Board's wait list policy states that historic vessels and working boats may be

awarded slips at any time, regardless of the wait list, with Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Bight Management District Board seeks to award a slip to Seth Salzman for his historic schooner, the "When and If in the Key West Bight;"

WHEREAS, due to the current and pending construction in the Bight, the Bight Board is unable to award a slip in the Key West Bight to Seth Salzman at this time, and intends to review this request in Spring 2026 once construction is close to completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Bight Management District Board hereby requests that the City Manager ~~enter into a dockage agreement with Seth Salzman for suitable dockage of his historic schooner, "When and If", at the Key West Bight~~ review potential and suitable dockage space for Seth Salzman of his historic schooner, "When and If", at the Key West Bight, to be presented to the Bight Board in March 2026.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Agency.

Vice Chair Henson returned to the dais for this item. Ms. Slivko-Bathurst recused herself for this item and left the dais.

A motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Vice Chair Henson, that the Resolution be Passed with the following amendments:

- (1) Strike all whereas clauses except the last two
- (2) Add a whereas clause that references upcoming construction at the KW Bight
- (3) Strike the request in Section 1 for a dockage agreement and replace with requesting that staff review the available slip spaces during construction at the KW Bight, look for viable spaces for the When and If, and bring those options back to the board by March 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote: