

Subject: Letter to Washington Post (DC Extra)

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The 1987 comprehensive plan of 1987 for the Georgetown Waterfront Park included a nonmotorized boathouse zone. The Washington Canoe Club endorsed that plan as it balanced the need to preserve our National Parks for future generations with the needs of the watersport community. Only when the true size of the proposed boathouse was revealed to be five times larger than what was in the plan did WCC and others begin to question the wisdom and stewardship of NPS. We look forward to participating in the Environmental Assessment being undertaken which will examine the costs and benefits to the public of a new boathouse on the Potomac. More access to the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers is certainly needed, a B(1)oathouse is not.

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