



February 22, 2004
Mayor Patricia Conway
Town of Occoquan
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Dear Mayor Conway,

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Supporting Organizations

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Potomac River Yacht Clubs
Association
Salisbury Towing
Virginia Concrete
Maryland Rock Industries
Belmont Town Associates
Vulcan Materials Co.
Potomac Marine, Inc.
West Marine

The Occoquan River Maritime Association, representing the commercial and recreational boating interests of the Occoquan River, wishes to lend its support and endorsement of your initiative to re-establish the Port of Occoquan. On behalf of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association and the three Yacht Clubs of the Occoquan River, we are especially enthused with the potential to build a transient dock facility in Occoquan. The ability to accommodate larger boats and yachts, and perhaps even small cruise ships is an essential component of the project. Your endeavor to have the current bridge replaced with a span that maintains the current designated channel width of 100 ft and height of 44 ft above mean high water is essential to this effort as well. The Town cannot move the initiative forward without a navigable channel to access the Port. Elimination of the shoaling of the outer channel, and maintenance of the channel depth by the Corps of Engineers, is an essential ingredient to the success of this important venture.

Our boating members have wished for some time for water access to visit Occoquan's shops, fine restaurants and historical places. With this initiative, we hope to make that wish a reality and one that will attract not only the 20 yacht clubs on the Potomac River, and the other 100 yacht clubs of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. We envision a day that the three yacht clubs of the Occoquan can invite other yacht clubs to our beautiful river to enjoy weekends of social significance and provide them with transient facilities so that they can enjoy Historic Occoquan's many accommodations as well as contribute to its economy.

There are estimated 2000 boats home ported on the Occoquan. ORMA will ensure support for this project via our consortium of businesses and our constituents in Fairfax and Prince William Counties to support your initiative, and we will do so to support the commerce and ecology of the Occoquan River

We are delighted to be allied with the Town of Occoquan in this endeavor and offer our full support. Please call on us for whatever assistance we can provide you in restoring the port facility of your beautiful community at the "end of the waters".

Sincerely,

Chris W. Webster