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Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40, 2nd Floor
353 West Street
New York, NY 10014

Re: Pier 66 Boathouse

Manhattan Community Board 4 is pleased to support the request of the Pier 66 Boat House for 5 additional moorings to support their rapidly expanding program giving additional river access to local residents and schools.

The Pier 66 Boat House is located on Pier 66 at 26th Street. Participants enjoy free kayaking and sailing. The Boat House has just celebrated its 10th year of serving nine Chelsea High Schools, Veterans, and the general public. The Boat House sailing club includes members well into their 70's and possibly 80's as well as children as young as 10. They offer a summer camp and sponsor regattas. Each August, the Boat House sponsors an adaptive event for veterans, giving Boat House staff expertise in the area of managing people with disabilities on boats.

Last year (2016) they provided services to approximately 3,000 participants, a tremendous growth over the last 5 years. Even given the "lumpy" (nautical word for lots of waves) nature of this marina without a breakwater, the Community Board hopes and requests that the Boat House continues to look for ways to accommodate people with disabilities as part of their philosophy of trying to welcome and accommodate everyone. There are 12 full time employees and 15 seasonal employees.

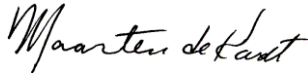
At present the Boat House has 10 moorings at Pier 66. They are requesting an additional 5 moorings south of the pier to enable provision of 5 additional small sail boats. Additionally, we request that you keep the Pier 66 Boat House in mind when moorings are established around Pier 57, which will soon be opened.

Free access to the Hudson River Estuary is a very positive amenity to our local community and Pier 66 Boat House is a program we are proud to support.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin
Chair



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