

## Mission Bay Yacht Club

PACIFIC BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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Honorable Mayor & Common Council, City of San Diego, San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that the deep sea entrance to Mission Bay will become an established fact sometime next year. This is an accomplishment which we have long awaited and now applaud with gratitude. However we also note that when the Mission Bay Bridge is removed another "temporary" structure of the low bridge type will be installed at Ventura Point until such time as the permanent steel high level bridge shall be built. We are dismayed to realize that this will still leave almost the entire bay closed to anything except the smallest type boats for several years.

As businessmen and residents of this area we have looked forward, planned and invested here on the assumption that Mission Bay would become one of the foremost yachting centers on this coast. We are pledged to see to it that visiting yachtsmen, tourists with boating interests, people who buy land here and wish to own and operate boats here shall find all the facilities and services that goes with a fine yacht harbor and aquatic playground. We know that this will become an established fact when the high level bridge is completed but we do not wish to wait several years for this.

We therefore respectfully request that you have your engineers design a hump clearance in this temporary bridge of some 30 feet high clearance and as wide as engineering design will allow so that our pdans and investments shall not suffer the delay which is evident in the construction and bond issue for the large permanent bridge. We believe the revenue from taxes on a fleet of some fifteen hundred small and large craft, which we estimate will be afloat here within two to three years, will more than pay the added expense of a hump bridge.

The above facts have been considered by our members and a motion to submit our desire to you has been passed at a regular meeting of this organization and we wish to be placed on record to this affect.

Respectfully yours, MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB

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