

Brittany Spurlock

From: Benjamin G. Dawson <alphadaws@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 9:25 AM
To: Cstaff; hcook@littlecomptonri.org; cwordell@littlecomptonri.org; Amy Silva; Anthony Sawaia; 2benoitgauthier@gmail.com
Subject: Dawson / Dalby Oppose Dock At 10 Minnesota / Protect Sakonnet Harbor!

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To the Little Compton Town Council and Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC):

We are writing to you as residents of **Sakonnet Point** and are **fiercely opposed** to the construction of a proposed private 75'+ dock and associated 72' square foot float associated with a property at **10 Minnesota Road** (a high-end short-term rental property on Sakonnet Harbor).

My mother grew up in Little Compton and my grandfather David A. Brayton was one of the founding members of the Sakonnet Yacht Club and both my mother and grandfather were extremely active and protective of Sakonnet Point. I grew up swimming, rowing, sailing, paddling, and fishing on and around Sakonnet Point, and we have owned our home at Sakonnet Point for over 15 years and spend all summers (May - November) and many winter weekends and holidays at our home. We have rarely seen Tim and Isabel Ehrlich in their house, and as far as we can tell, operate it as a commercial property and which they rent out as an **Airbnb** for most of the year. They are manipulating the Committee stating they want a dock for Isabel's elderly mother who is rarely here – Very sad and speaks to their morale values (swimming at Thanksgiving and Christmas is simply a joke and believe would be extremely insulting to the Committee). Simply put, they want the aforementioned dock to increase their earnings on their **Airbnb** rentals.

It appears that activity at 10 Minnesota is a revolving door of renters and cleaners. One major issue has been the number of renters' cars spilling into neighbor's properties. With a house that is advertised as Sleeps 21, it isn't hard to imagine how the addition of a dock (with random renters' boats, jet skis, music and friends) would similarly spill into neighbor's properties, creating disturbances and safety hazards for residents on Sakonnet Harbor and the Point.

Most importantly, safety is and should always be the biggest issue. Summer in Sakonnet Harbor is busy with young kids in Optis and residents (young and old) swimming off the rocks, jumping off the Sakonnet Yacht Club dock, fishing, and/or taking out paddle boards and kayaks to play in the harbor. The idea that there would be endless renters' boats and jet skis zipping around (probably unfamiliar with the idiosyncrasies and rhythm of the harbor) would impede everyone else's safe use and enjoyment of this special, quiet jewel.

Not completely aware of the environmental issues but protecting Sakonnet Harbor and the Point should / must be everyone's highest priority. For all of the aforementioned reasons, we would ask that both the Little Compton Town Council and the CRMC oppose the construction of the proposed **Residential Marine Boating Facility**. Many others in Little Compton are also opposed and would like to have their voices heard. Thank you for your consideration of our letter, **this critical issue, and the potential precedent it may set.**

All the very best. Sincerely, Benjamin Dawson & Jill Dalby

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(508) 735-3220

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From: mcgrath john <johanmcgee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 8:36 PM
To: Cstaff
Cc: Pollie Thayer
Subject: File # 2025-07-044

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Subject: Proposal to build a dock adjacent to Sakonnet Point Road. Little Compton
File # 2025-07-044 Ehrlich

To whom it may concern,

As residents of Little Compton we are concerned about this proposed addition of a dock off of Sakonnet Point Road and would be against it.

Thank you,

John and Nancy McGrath
5 Grinnell Road
Little Compton RI 02837

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From: James Truslow <nurel1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 7:15 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: Case 2025-07-044

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I object to this dock in the harbor because, the harbor is really for boats that are in the water and there should be only one dock for the boats that are too small to be in the harbor. I am very against having private people with their own docks with their boats in the public harbor. The harbor gets very crowded in the summer with not only the boats that are moored in the harbor but also the boats that are used for the sailing classes and people just fishing in the harbor and I think having a private dock in the harbor as well just makes for more confusion and accidents happen with as many people as many boats that aren't under one roof so to speak. Just one dock is not the only problem because there's no reason why if you have one dock then people will want to build their own dock and there will be more docks than we need to have. If you want to have a private boat in the harbor then you join the yacht club and use a mooring from the yacht club. Anyone who lives near the harbor can walk over and use the dock there. People who live on the harbor have been known to use their boats from the shore and it does not create any problems and hasn't for years.

Very sincerely,
Pooka Truslow

Sent from my iPad

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From: John Moran <jemjbm@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 4:41 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: file 2025-07-044 Ehrlich

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We are opposed to the proposal to build a dock in Sakonnet harbor by the Ehrlich Family. John & Jackie Moran, 660 West Main Rd., Little compton, RI, 02837

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From: Alison McNaughton <alisonmcnaughton3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 4:09 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: File # 2025-07-044 - Ehrlich Dock Request - 10 Minnesota Rd. Little Compton, RI

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the above request.

As a resident of Little Compton, I believe the Sakonnet Harbor is an inappropriate location for a private residential dock especially since the Sakonnet Yacht Club (where the Ehrlich's are members) offers a viable alternative and could more than adequately meet the family's need for water access.

Allowing such a dock to be installed in the harbor sets a bad precedent, and I urge you to decline their application.

Sincerely,

Alison McNaughton

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From: Joshua O. <joshua60.jo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 12:16 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: File: 2025-07-044, Ehrlich Private Dock
Attachments: Screenshot 2026-02-04 133042.png; Screenshot 2026-02-04 133108.png

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Joshua J. Ott
20 Taylors Lane South
Little Compton, RI 02837
joshua60.jo@gmail.com

February 4, 2026

CRMC.RI.Gov

Re. File: 2025-07-044, Ehrlich
Email: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Re: Private Dock Installation to Sakonnet Harbor

Dear CRMC:

I am totally against the addition of a private dock at the Bella Ehrlich property at 10 Minnesota Road, Little Compton, RI. (File # 2025-07-044.) As a year-round resident of Little Compton, I object due to the damage it would cause to the shoreline landscape management of that area. The Eldrich proposal states that they "intended to provide safer access to the water for family members, including an older parent who has difficulty descending the shore. We have no intention of doing anything... it's mostly extended family." This is a very weak argument as this house is heavily rented and listed on several rental sites, VRBO.com for one. (<https://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/usa/rhode-island/little-compton>) If a private dock gets put in, I see it as not only as a shoreline eyesore and litter point but also being a risk to the weekend renters that seem to abound at this address. Indeed, installing a private dock could even result in serious injury or death. The rental people would not have knowledge of the rocks, the tides, the weeds and might be tempted to just dive in, especially if they were under the influence.

The listing on the VRBO website picture shows the waterfront further enticing renters to book this house. It is not a home but a RENTAL UNIT. I have found that the location is nothing more than a RENTAL that attracts the wrong crowd and does nothing to improve the neighborhood or the *Shoreline* of Little Compton.

The CRMC is tasked with protecting our Rhode Island shores. I applaud your efforts to vehemently defend our shorelines and I am very grateful. The CRMC strictly monitors seawall reconstruction, you do not allow any new seawall construction and seek to protect our shores. Allowing this property to install a Private Dock would totally upset the unique characteristics of the Little Compton shoreline.

For your information the rental listing states:

Second floor

- Bedrooms: 8
- Bedroom 1 Second Level
- Bedroom 2 Second Level
- Bedroom 3 Second Level
- Bedroom 4 Second Level
- Bedroom 5 Second Level
- All that and Four Full Bathrooms & One 1/2 Bathroom

First floor

- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Pantry

All this is crammed into a house that is only 2,633 square feet!

The listing goes on to state that there is NO HEATING in the house therefore the rentals will be during the already crowded waterfront during the summer months. The summer is also primetime for the owner to get maximum rental rates. I don't agree with their statement that "We have no intention of doing anything... it's mostly [for] extended family." This is simply a summer party house. To allow a private dock to be constructed at this location would be not in keeping with your sacred task to protect our Rhode Island shores.

Sincerely,
Joshua J. Ott





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From: Elizabeth Millikin <bmillikin@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 11:37 AM
To: Cstaff
Subject: CRMC File No. 2025-07-044 - Protest

Categories: Britt

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed dock and float off of 10 Minnesota Rd in Little Compton, RI and request that CRMC deny assent.

I am a long time Sakonnet Yacht Club member, now only a stockholder, and owner of a summer house near the yacht club and the Ehurlich summer residence.

The Ehurlichs mention that in the 30s there was a dock there - that is almost 100 years ago! The difference in the harbor then and now is profound. The proposed new dock and float and float would be a hazard and a nuisance to the now enormous growth and activity of power boats, sailing boats, sailing and rowing classes and general boat related pleasure the harbor offers. Constant heavy wind adds to the difficulty of making your way in, out and around the harbor.

Thank you, Elizabeth P Millikin

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From: Barbara Trowbridge <ctrowbridge4@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 4:02 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: Dock proposal in Little Compton #2025-07-044

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Please be advised;

I send this email as a voting resident of Little Compton.

I am strongly opposed to the building of a dock, along with attached float, along the waters of the Sakonnet River.

The Ehrlick family, proposers of this dock, have shown little concern about the surrounding waters or close neighbors. Their house is on Minnesota Road in an area that has long prided itself on family & neighborly ways. The Ehrlick's spend scant time in Little Compton, renting their house & using it as a way to profit.

The house sits near the Sakonnet Yacht Club. Here many happy hours are spent by all ages as they sail, swim & otherwise enjoy the waters. The harbor is also home to the owners of commercial lobster & fishing boats. Thus it is an active place.

Please decline this request.

Barbara Trowbridge
20 Sakonnet Point Road
Little Compton, 02837
2/6/2026

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From: SHEILA A HAGAN <shagan3572@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 9:43 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: 2025-07-044

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This has never been granted to anyone with a house in Little Compton. I urge you to deny this request for a variety of reasons. Liability , restriction of neighborhood vistas, noise issues, and other things need to be considered. The owners are not year round residents.

Thank you for being considerate of our town and its year round residents.
Sincerely,

Sheila A Hagan

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From: jane.lanny.parker <jane.lanny@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 5:42 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: File 2025-07-044

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Respectfully submitted,

Jane G. parker
20 Quoquonset Lane, Little Compton 02837

Sent from my iPhone

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From: pollie36 Thayer <pollie36@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 12:09 PM
To: Cstaff
Subject: Fwd: 2025-07-044

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Hello

Begin forwarded message:

From: pollie36 Thayer <pollie36@cox.net>
Date: January 30, 2026 at 6:51:03 PM EST
To: cstaf1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2025-07-044

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From: Tracy Parsons <tparsons10@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 11:42 AM
To: Cstaff
Subject: File # 2025-07-044 Ehrlich Dock/Minnesota Rd

To Whom it May concern:

I am writing to object the proposal of a dock being built at the above mentioned property.

I am a longtime resident of LC (63 years) and my parents and grandparents grew up living here as well.

The following reasons are of

Concern to me:

- 1 - The safety of the yacht club sailors, kayakers and paddle boarders.
- 2- The safety of the swimmers (which are many, including myself and my grandchildren)
- 3- General congestion of the yacht club and harbor.
- 4- Sets up a precedent for having everyone with a house on the water in that area putting up a Dock. That would not be a good idea. Would ruin the harbor aesthetics and safety. It is not a big harbor in general.

Thank you for your consideration.

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