



Southport Harbor Fairfield, Connecticut

Review of Responses to the Southport Harbor Questionnaire

Harbor Management Commission

June 2021



Introduction

Thank you to everyone who completed our Southport Harbor Questionnaire.

We received a total of 373 full responses, summarized on the following slides, to our questions. Included were questions concerning how people enjoy the harbor; which harbor management issues are most important; and what the priorities should be for managing the harbor.

In addition, many respondents took time to add their own thoughtful observations and suggestions, showing how much the harbor means to them. Those observations and suggestions are presented in their entirety in the attachment to this presentation.

The questionnaire's purpose was to inform the community about our work to update the Town's Southport Harbor Management Plan and to gather helpful input as we update the plan and pursue other initiatives in 2021.

When reviewing the results for each question as presented on the following slides, please note that the top bar on each chart always represents the multiple-choice answer that received the greatest number of responses to the particular question.

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When reviewing the responses, it's interesting to find that while Southport Harbor is an important center of recreational boating activity, “enjoyment of water views,” “shoreline walking,” and “nature observation” were the harbor activities most identified by the respondents.

Most agree with the Harbor Management Commission's priorities of updating the Harbor Management Plan; finding a way to reduce the amount of sand building up in the channel alongside the jetty; working with the Corps of Engineers to restore the full width of the harbor entrance channel; and completing the Lower Wharf dredging and boat ramp improvement project.

We look forward to hearing more from the public throughout the year as we continue our vital mission to guide safe and beneficial use of the harbor and protect the harbor's coastal resources.

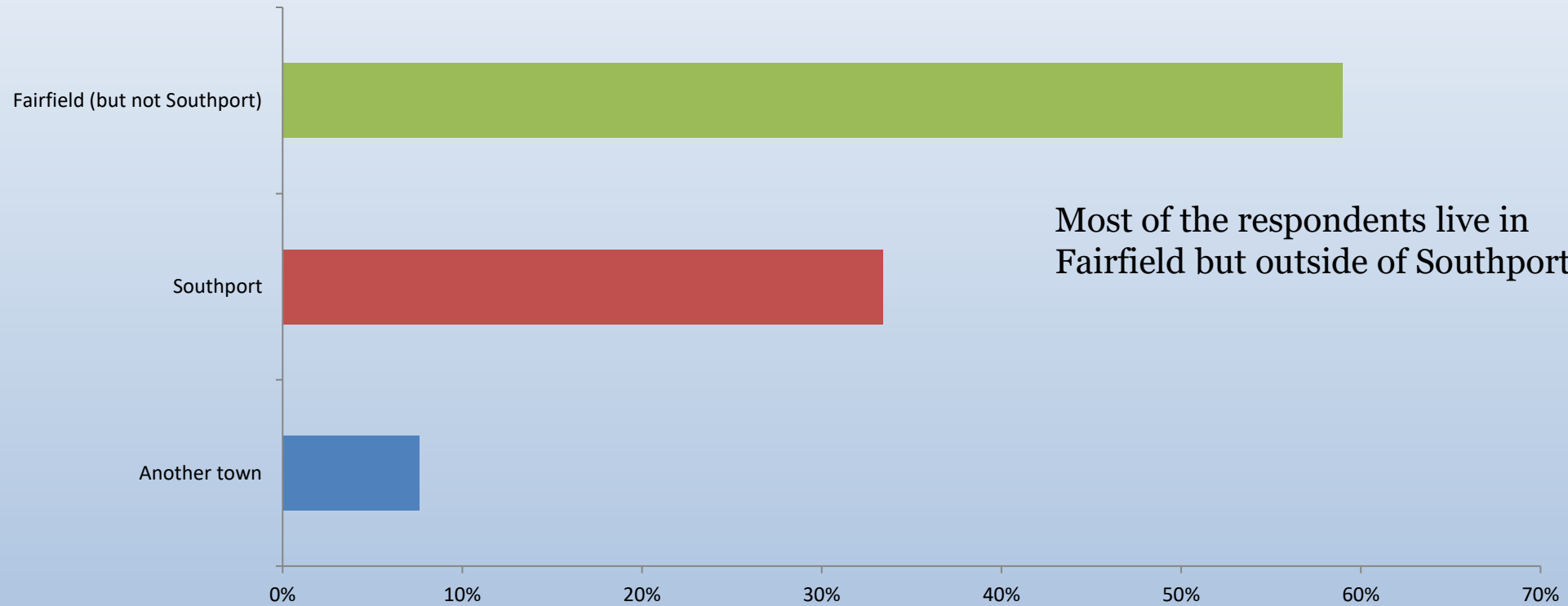
Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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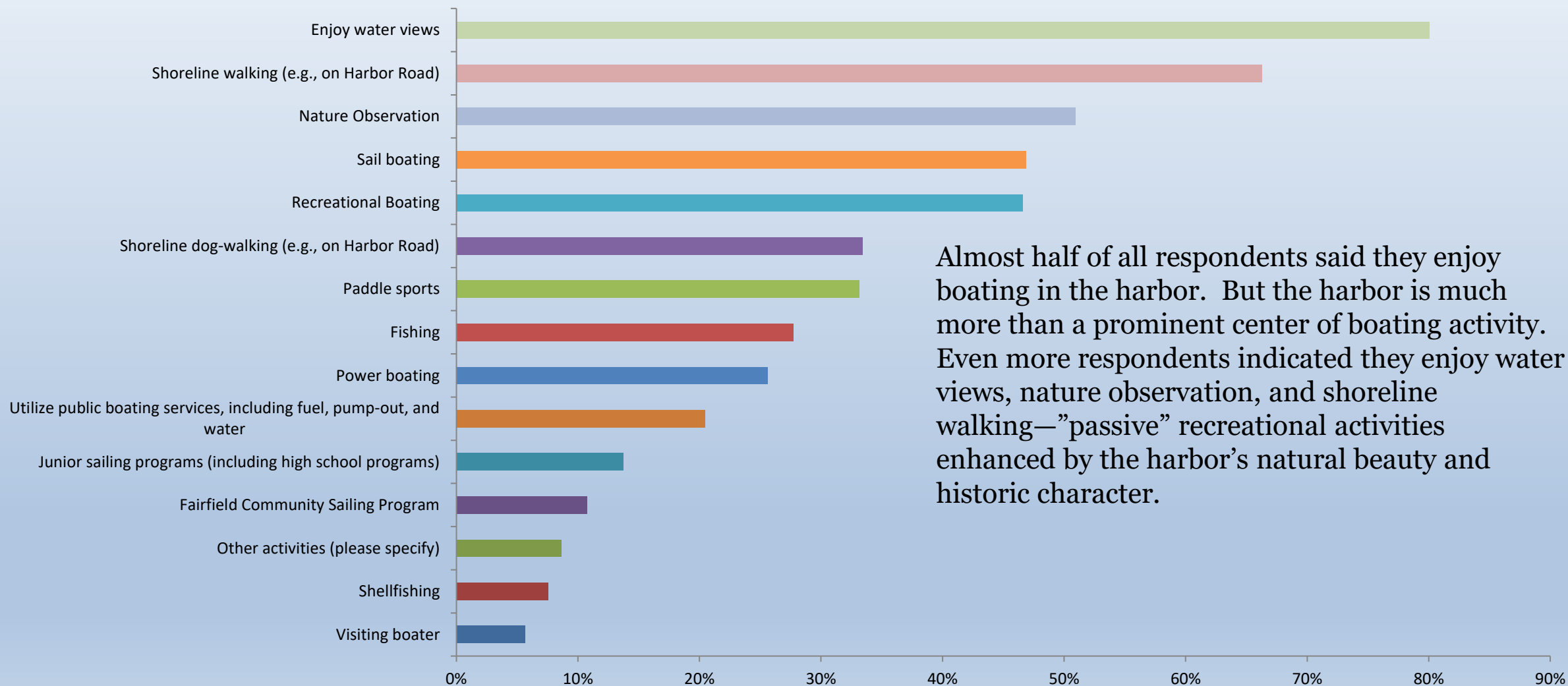
Q1 Where do you reside?



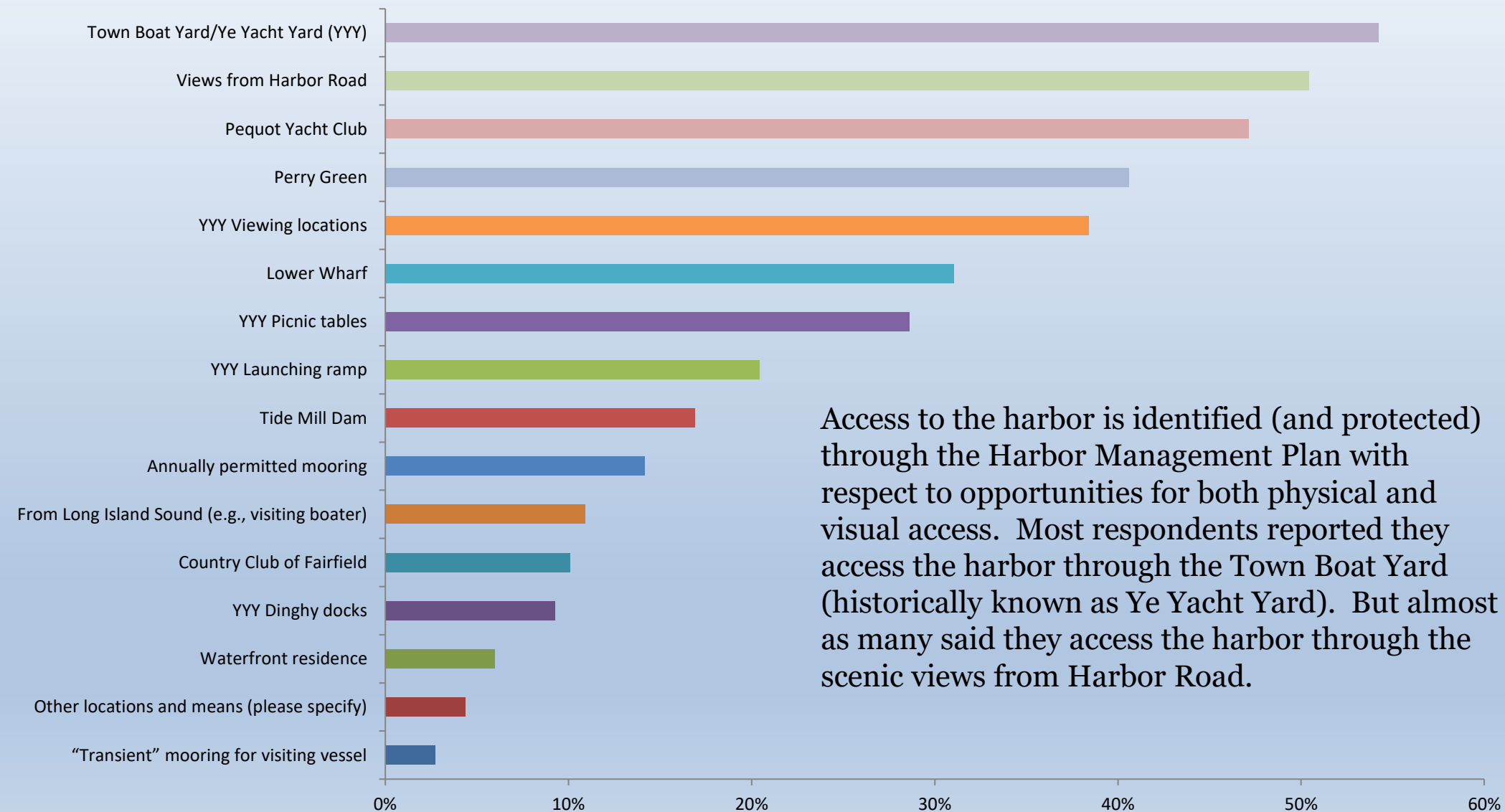
Q2 What is your age?

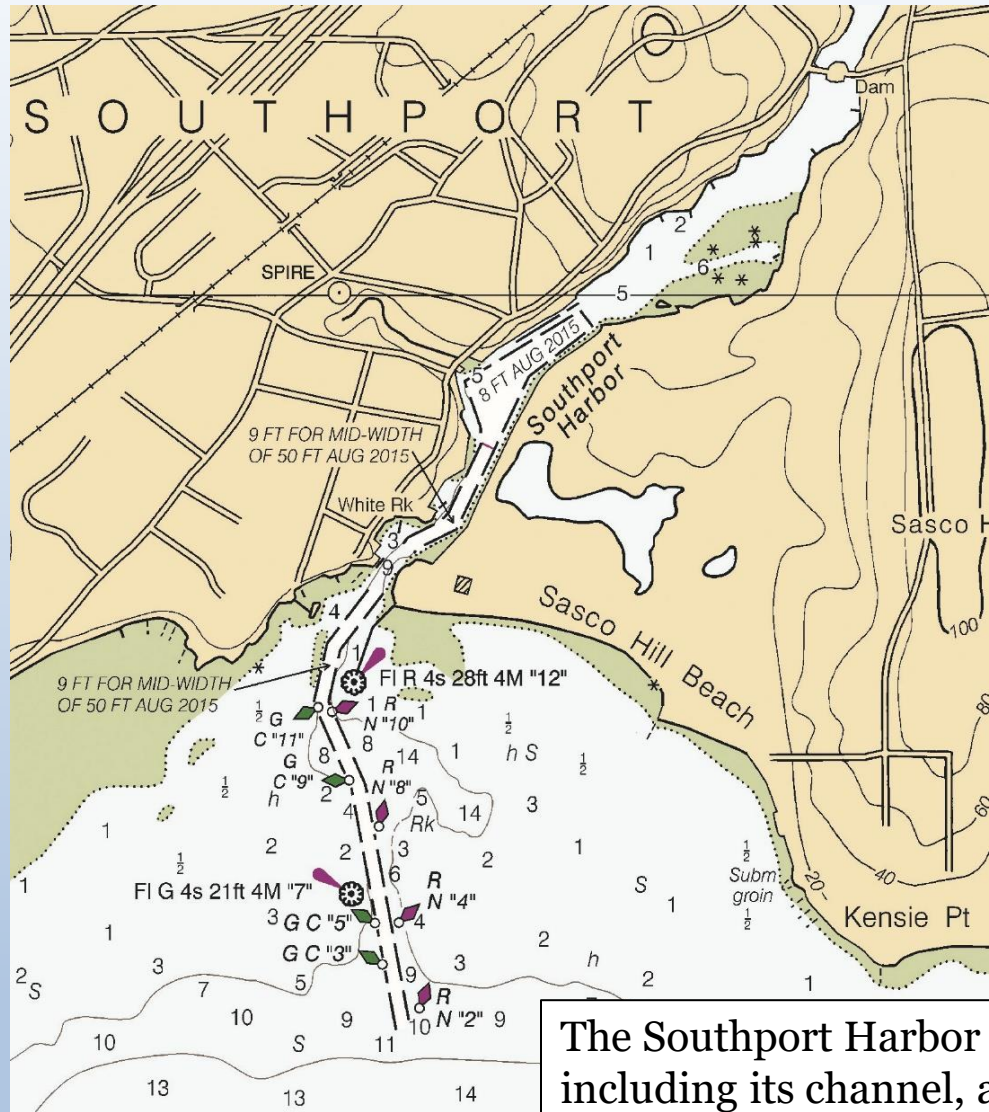


Q3 How do you enjoy the harbor? Please tell us about how you enjoy Southport Harbor. Check as many of your activities as apply.



Q4 How do you access the harbor? Please tell us how you get physical and/or visual access to Southport Harbor. Check as many access locations as apply.



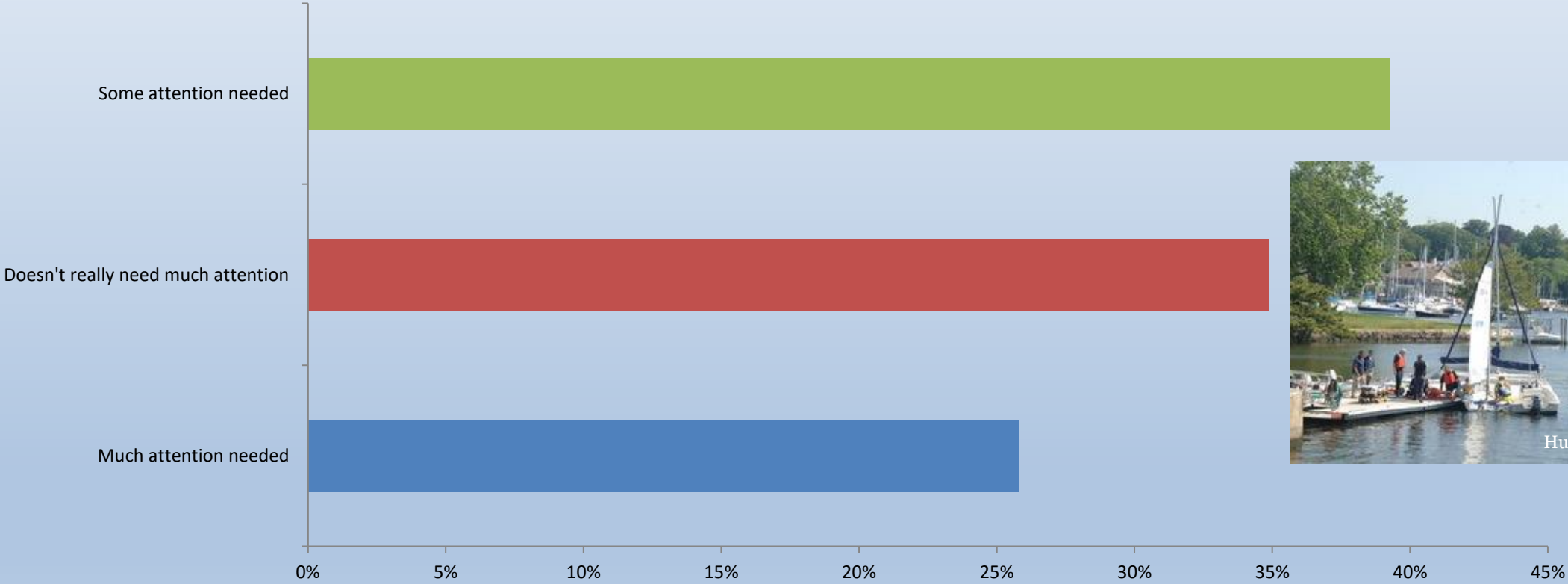


Q5-10 How important to you are the following harbor management focus areas?

Please tell us how much attention you think should be given by the Harbor Management Commission and in the Harbor Management Plan to each of the following focus areas. (Please see the following pages.) And add any other comments that you would ask the Commission to consider with respect to each.

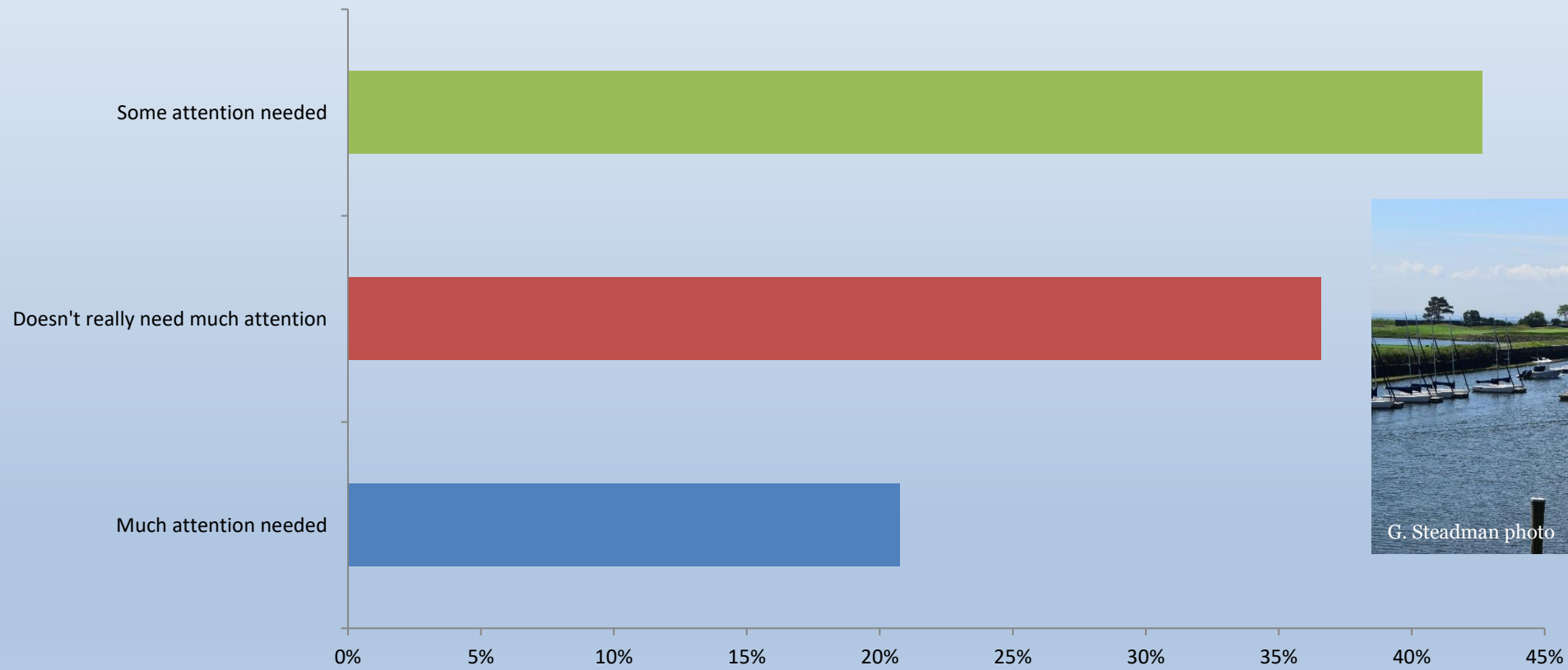
The Southport Harbor Federal Navigation Project, including its channel, anchorage, wall, and jetty, was first authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1829. It is one of the oldest Federal navigation projects in the United States.

Q5 Public Health, Safety and Welfare, including boating safety and the well-being of everyone who enjoys the harbor.

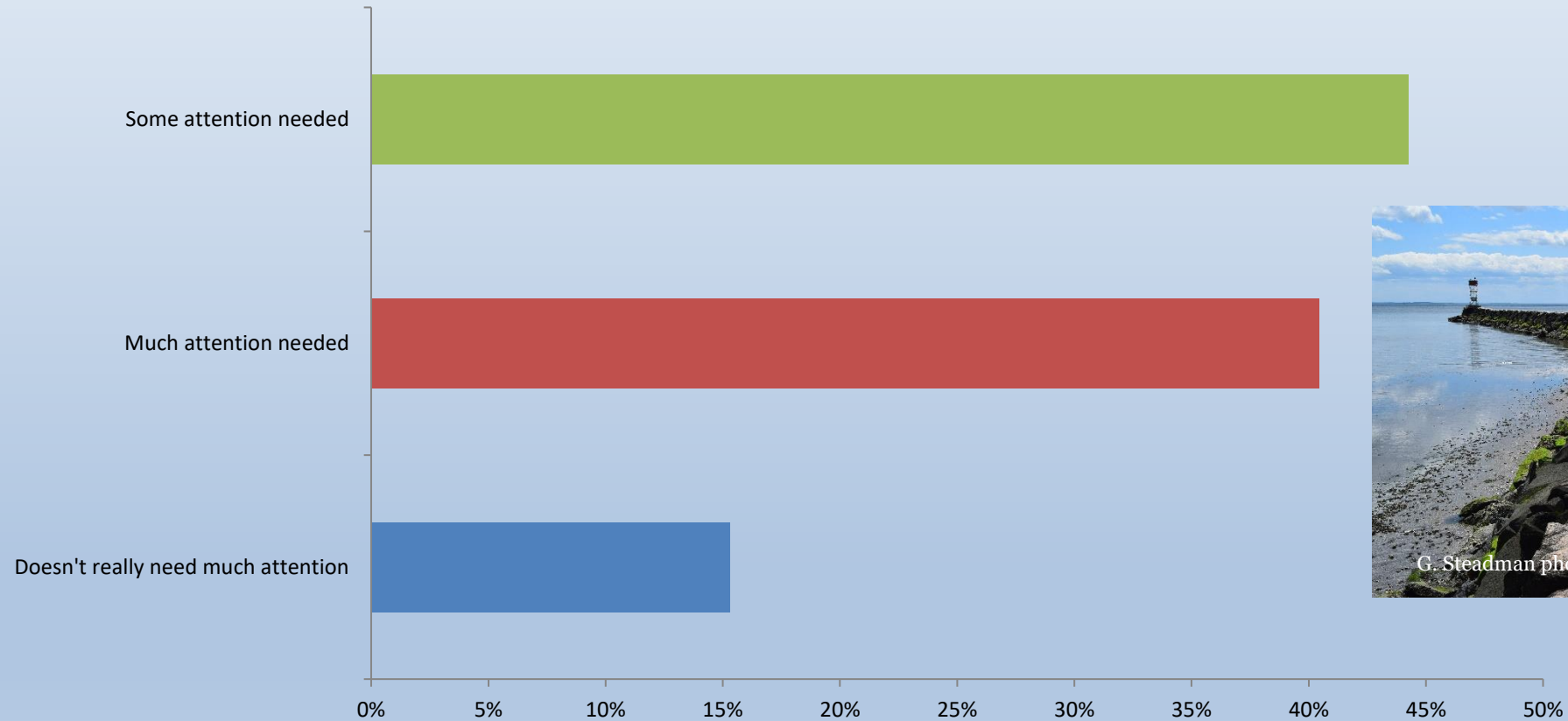


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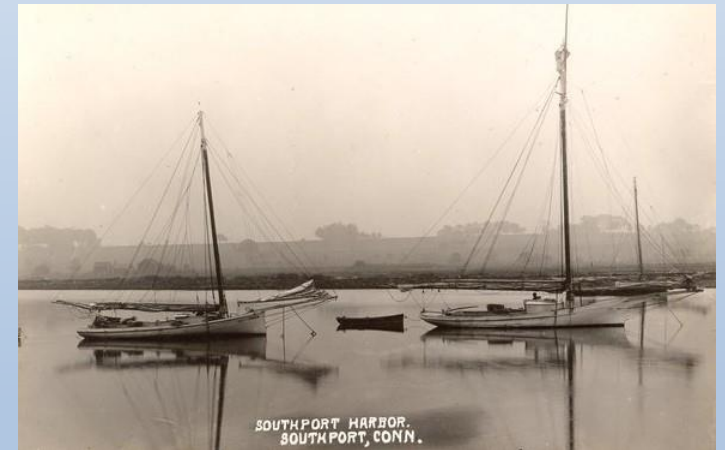
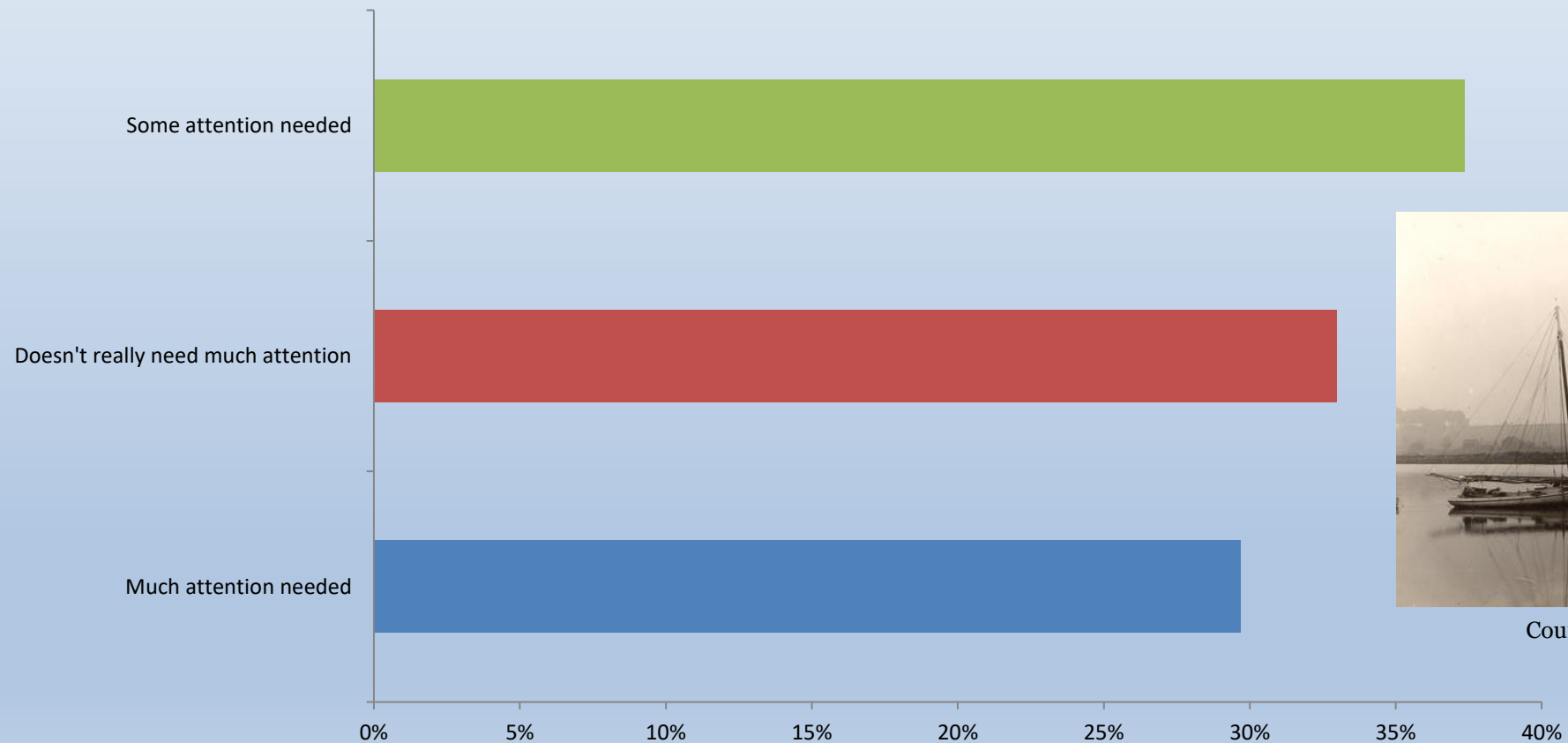
Q6 Recreational Boating, including boating by resident and visiting boaters. (And you can let us know in the comments section if you're not a boater.)



Q7 Environmental Quality, including water quality and the quality of coastal resources such as wetlands and fish and wildlife.

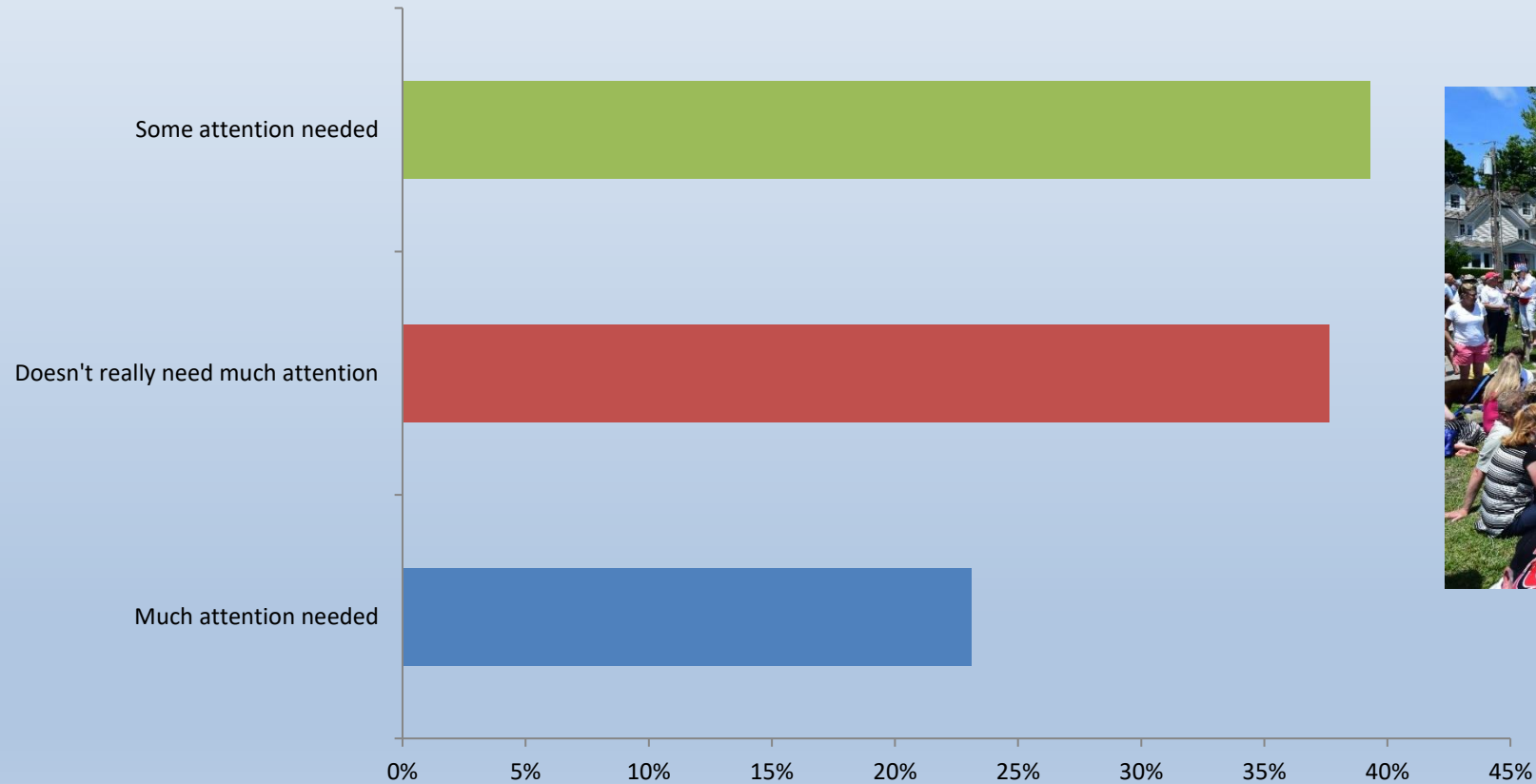


Q8 Community Character and Heritage, including the harbor's historic resources of national, state, and local significance.

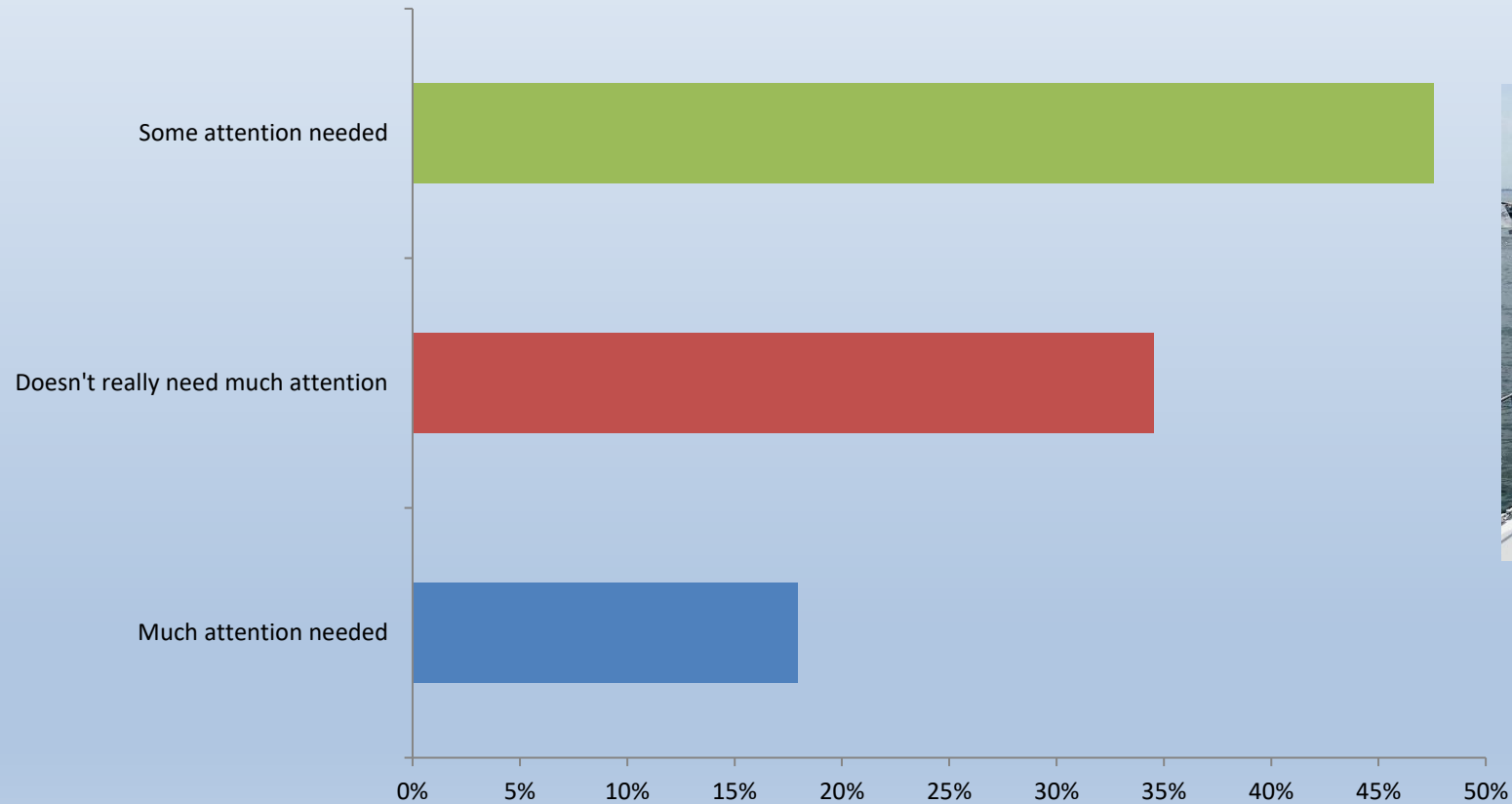


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Q9 Harbor Access, including physical and visual access to the water by residents and the general public.



Q10 Public Outreach and Participation, including awareness of harbor history and the Harbor Management Plan and presentation and discussion of public comments and concerns.



Q11 Please describe any additional harbor management focus areas of interest to you.

A number of the 128 additional comments that we received included specific environmental and public safety recommendations, including, most notably, recommendations to:

- Monitor and protect **environmental integrity and natural habitat** with particular attention to avoiding pollutants such as fertilizers running off into the harbor, and protecting fish, waterfowl, other birds, terrapins, and all wildlife;
- Improve **harbor area safety** sometimes affected by vessel speed, kayaking in congested areas, vehicular and bicycle traffic on roads near the harbor, and people and dogs swimming in the navigation channel; and
- Increase **trash disposal** facilities for general trash and dog waste, especially at Perry Green, Lower Wharf, and the Town Boat Yard.

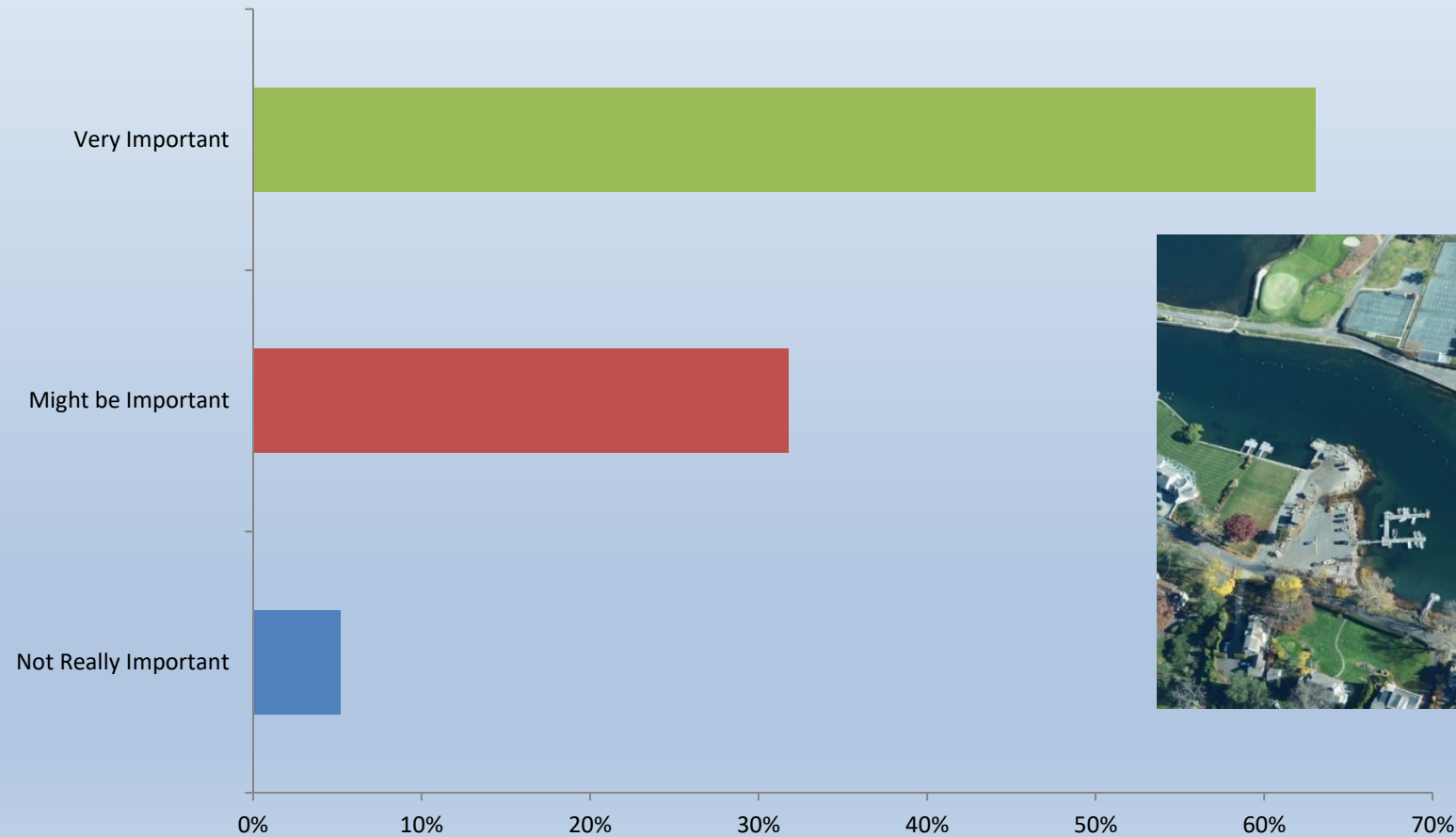
Please see the Attachment for a complete statement of all responses to this question.

Q12-15 What do you think of the following priority harbor improvement initiatives?

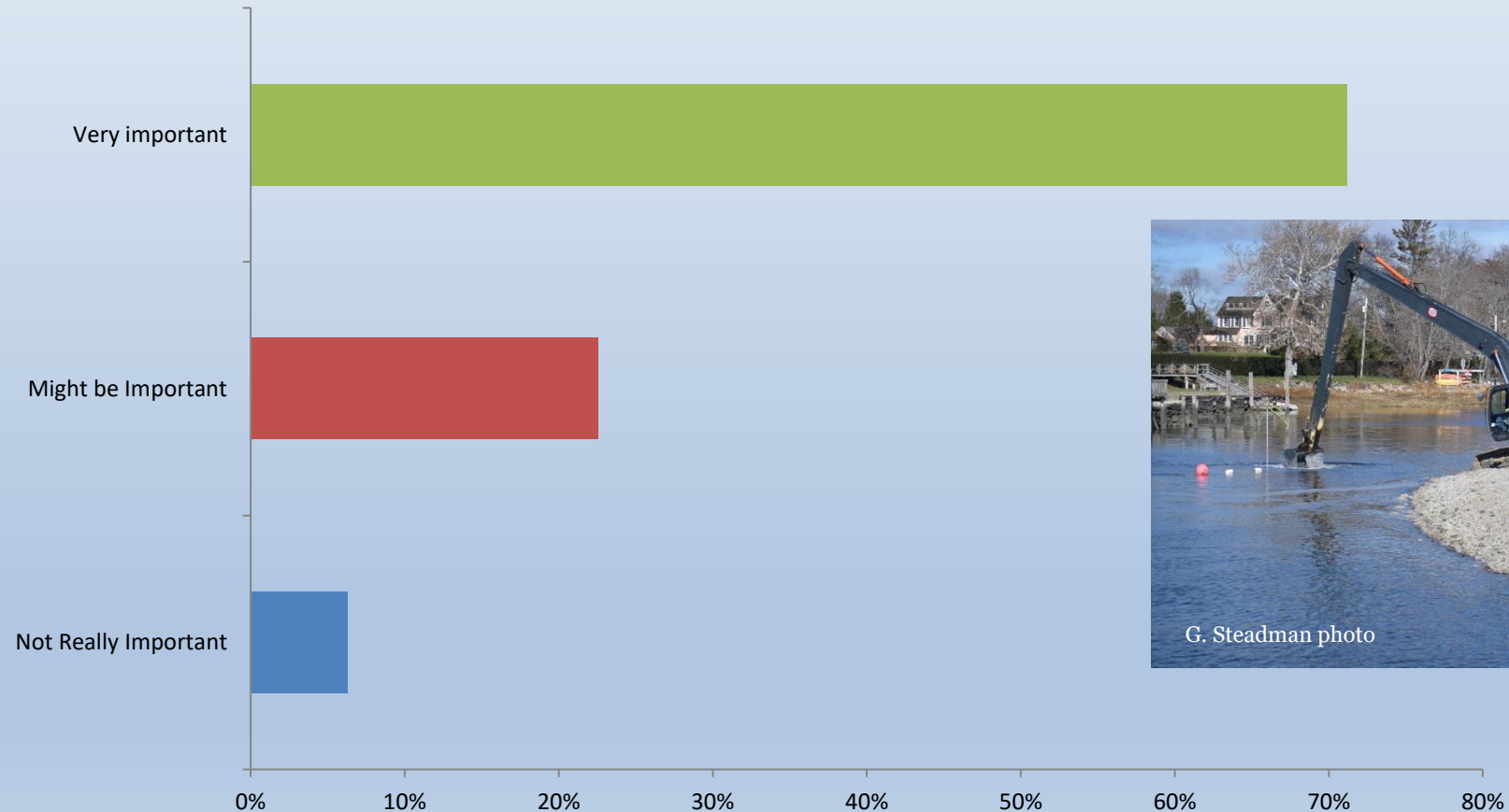
The Commission will be pursuing several major initiatives in 2021. (Please see the following pages.) Please indicate how important each initiative is to you and include any suggestions you may have for additional priorities, including priorities that may not involve recreational boating activities.



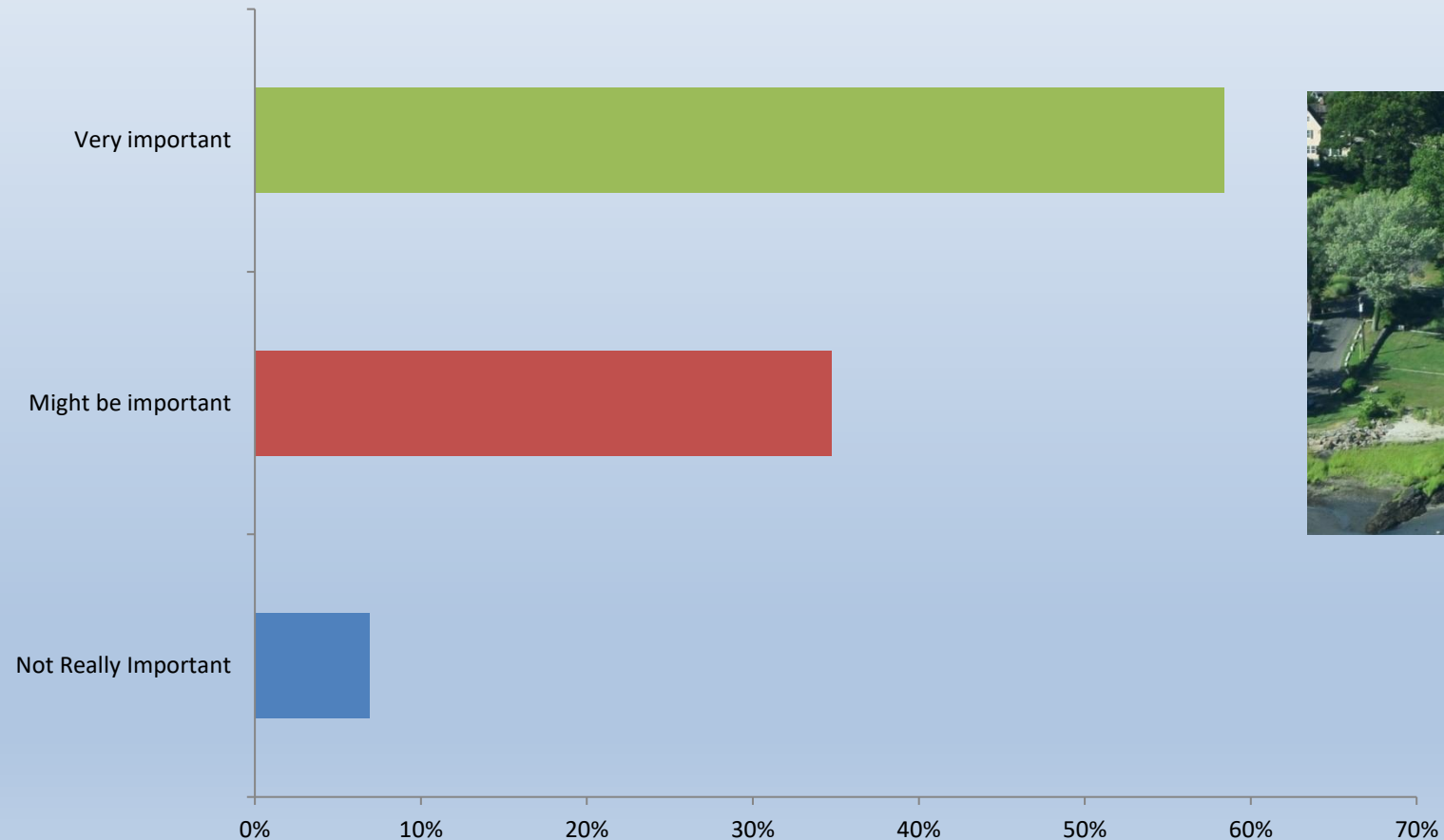
Q12 Update the Harbor Management Plan, and include in the plan a “sand management” strategy to reduce the amount of sand building up in the entrance channel alongside the jetty.



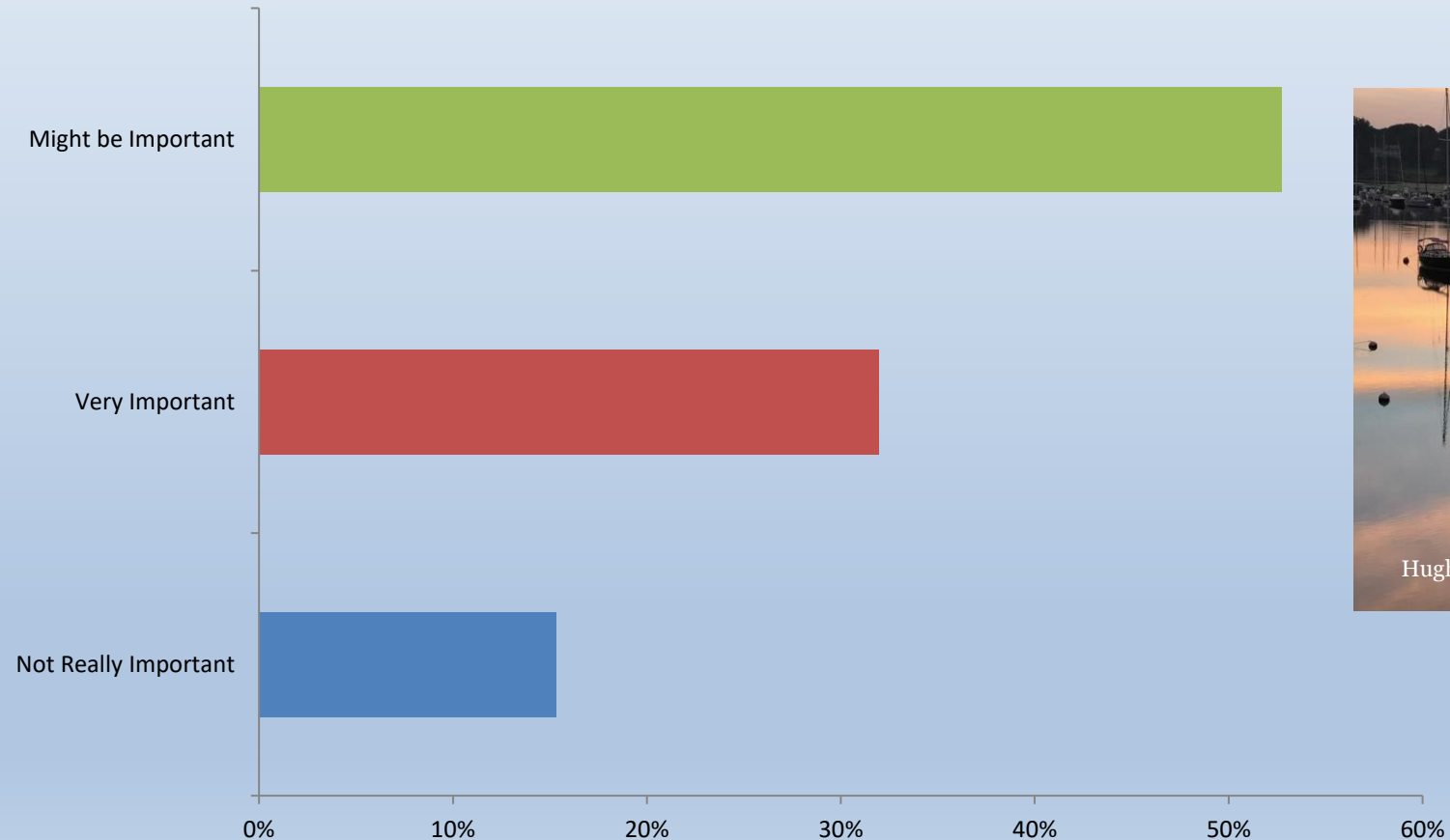
Q13 Work with the Army Corps of Engineers to achieve maintenance dredging of the harbor's Congressionally authorized entrance channel to its full 100-ft. width alongside the jetty.



Q14 Complete the Commission's Lower Wharf Improvement Project, including dredging of the south area and dinghy docks area at the Town Boat Yard and completing repairs to the boat launching ramp.



Q15 Continue to update and fine-tune the harbor's mooring rules and procedures and the new on-line mooring administration system.



Q16 If you have any suggestions for additional harbor improvement projects please include them here.

A number of the 83 responses to this question expressed satisfaction with harbor conditions and the way the harbor is managed, and again emphasized the importance of maintaining a clean and safe harbor enjoyed by everyone.

Other notable response themes concern the need for regular dredging in the harbor, particularly at the sand bar at the entrance to the harbor; the need for maintenance of town facilities at the Town Boat Yard and Lower Wharf, including placement of more trash cans; and requests for additional facilities for paddlers and for the Community Sailing program.

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Q17 Thank you for your time and interest, and your support for the stewardship needed to preserve and manage Southport Harbor for the benefit of future generations. And please feel free to provide any concluding remarks that you would like the Harbor Management Commission to consider.

The Harbor Management Commission is appreciative that a number of the 59 respondents who provided concluding remarks expressed support and encouragement for the Commission's efforts to manage safe and beneficial use of the harbor and protect the harbor's exceptional resources.

When pursuing its programs in accordance with the Harbor Management Plan, the Commission strives to always serve the overall public interest, recognizing that the harbor's submerged lands and waters are part of the public trust area of the State of Connecticut; that the harbor is served by a congressionally authorized federal navigation project that must be open to all; and that waterfront property owners have important rights for reasonable access to navigable water.

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The FHMC meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:45 p.m. When in-person meetings resume in 2021, they will be held in John J. Sullivan Independence Hall. All persons with an interest in Southport Harbor are invited to attend and express their comments and suggestions.

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Review of Responses to the Southport Harbor Questionnaire Attachment

Question 11:

*Please describe any additional harbor management focus areas
of interest to you.*

Question 16:

*If you have any suggestions for additional harbor improvement projects
please include them here.*

Question 17:

*Please feel free to provide any concluding remarks that you would like
the Harbor Management Commission to consider.*

**Please note that these responses are posted herein as submitted.
By posting these responses, the Harbor Management Commission is
not attesting to their accuracy or indicating approval or support
for any particular statement.**

Q11 Please describe any additional harbor management focus areas of interest to you.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 243

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NA	2/8/2021 4:16 PM
2	Please expand moorings for visitors. This will help local businesses	2/8/2021 12:38 PM
3	harbor & channel depth - dredging	2/7/2021 8:58 PM
4	Long Island sound can be ruthless body of water, I think the town needs to find a way to increase dockage to support more 22-24ft boats and less boats in under 21ft. This includes Southport.	2/7/2021 6:27 PM
5	none	2/7/2021 1:16 PM
6	None	2/7/2021 12:43 PM
7	Maintenance of historical character and natural habitats.	2/6/2021 10:45 AM
8	Ensuring lawn care products (ie: fertilizers) are not running off the golf course (pond, direct drainage to harbor) adversely affecting the fisheries	2/6/2021 10:38 AM
9	how about lockers at YYY for people who rent Kayak rack spots to store paddles, etc.?	2/6/2021 9:50 AM
10	I would say general maintenance and regularly scheduled community beach area clean ups are needed.	2/6/2021 9:41 AM
11	X	2/6/2021 8:35 AM
12	More access for boaters	2/5/2021 9:33 PM
13	Make sure boaters use pump out stations	2/5/2021 8:43 PM
14	NA	2/5/2021 5:39 PM
15	I park in Ye Olde with sticker then walk the area. Other times park and go fishing while my spouse sits on grass and reads and enjoys the view and sun.	2/5/2021 5:13 PM
16	Focus on and care of the environment...clean water for waterfowl, seabirds, fish and wildlife interests us and is important to the well being of the harbor.	2/5/2021 7:37 AM
17	We need dredging of the channel. It is a tight channel.	2/4/2021 5:42 PM
18	We've lived on Oldfield for 6 years and were trailer boaters to Southport Harbor, and now Old Dam for 14, keeping our boat in Pine Creek and Southport us still our home harbor. I've used Ye Yacht Yard and the ramp in every month of the year. I've been in first and needed to borrow the town shovel to clear the mung from the ramp, rinsed it and returned it to it's hangar, grateful to have found it, and to be trusted and no padlock. To that I'll add I've owned a mobile business repairing boats for over 10 years and and I'm in every local harbor. I would encourage you to consider how unbelievably successful the HMC has been before giving them advice or directives of any kind. I support their efforts to dredge.	2/1/2021 10:34 PM
19	Preserving the views and keeping things clean and safe are primary concerns.	2/1/2021 4:00 PM
20	N/A	1/31/2021 8:26 PM
21	I think the harbor as it's been handled is fine. I do not have any issues with visiting by boat or launching my small boat from this facility.	1/30/2021 2:00 PM
22	Are there any plans to restore boat maintenance and supplies at YYY.- non since the death of Howard Burr. I placed a bench in honor of my Dad who was Harbor Master in the late 80's. Unfortunately that bench has been used as a carving station perhaps by fisherman or vandals.	1/30/2021 1:38 PM
23	I didn't answer above questions because I didn't know if you are asking about whether each area, in general, should get the attention of the Commission (they all should), or whether I think there is a problem in any of these particular areas (no really). My impression is that the Commission is attuned to all users and I trust its judgment.	1/30/2021 11:42 AM
24	Parking and ensuring traffic calming to protect all the walkers and bikers in the harbor	1/30/2021 9:10 AM
25	Patrol for vaping and smoking	1/29/2021 8:30 PM
26	Should remain as part of Fairfield beach permit. Not separate	1/29/2021 8:07 PM

27	Better public access to launching at YYY. there really should be a dock to safely launch a boat.	1/29/2021 7:28 PM
28	Beautify the park at the end of the harbor where fishing/dog park is. That dock needs maintenance.	1/27/2021 9:58 AM
29	N/a	1/25/2021 9:16 AM
30	NA	1/25/2021 9:09 AM
31	PYC does a wonderful job maintaining the mooring field and we are all fortunate to have them provide gas, pump out and other services to our community.	1/24/2021 10:03 AM
32	Maintaining the channel access by way of dredging.	1/23/2021 8:50 PM
33	Noted above.	1/23/2021 7:04 PM
34	na	1/23/2021 6:44 PM
35	None	1/23/2021 2:57 PM
36	Dogs playing where boats are passing.	1/23/2021 2:30 PM
37	Provide assistance to boaters who may have questions about using their boats in the surrounding waters	1/23/2021 1:05 PM
38	Improve/replace sea wall along Perry Green	1/23/2021 11:43 AM
39	N/A	1/23/2021 11:12 AM
40	Ongoing consideration of pedestrian and cyclist access and safety, to be included in any planning process that affects motor vehicle traffic, roads, sidewalks, etc.	1/23/2021 11:07 AM
41	Reach out to local environmental groups for input and guidance.	1/23/2021 9:23 AM
42	Reduction of out of town usage	1/23/2021 7:33 AM
43	Dredging is required.	1/22/2021 9:04 PM
44	Dredge further back towards Tide Mill. This will add much needed public and private mooring space	1/22/2021 6:09 PM
45	Dredging of East side harbor mouth is a priority.	1/22/2021 5:08 PM
46	Make ten episodes of ramps and restrooms in parking areas	1/22/2021 4:18 PM
47	Sufficient recreational space for non-boaters to use such as a bike rack area, porta john and a beverage vending machine (in yacht yard)	1/22/2021 4:10 PM
48	Too many vehicles go down Harbor Road past YYY and then do dangerous u-turns. Already pet has been killed by a vehicle - something needs to be done to stop cars. There is a temporary sawhorse that the Town put up to drive cars into YYY and that has been great. A permanent sawhorse would be great!	1/22/2021 12:39 PM
49	Ensuring that swimming is forbidden off Lower Wharf. How to communicate to paddleboarders and kayakers to stay out of the channel. for their own safety. Encourage them to wear PFDs as well.	1/21/2021 8:19 PM
50	An EV charging station at YYY would be wonderful and environmentally helpful.	1/21/2021 7:34 PM
51	Dredging across from lower wharf to improve safety. With power, sail and paddlers it is accident waiting to happen.	1/21/2021 6:35 PM
52	consider more kayak storage racks	1/21/2021 4:44 PM
53	I would like YYY left as authentic as it is.	1/21/2021 4:32 PM
54	Harbor Channel dredging.	1/21/2021 3:40 PM
55	Have a no parking sign in front of the kayaks in the Ye Yacht Yard parking area.	1/21/2021 3:22 PM
56	presently doing a great job	1/21/2021 3:11 PM
57	I think that it is important to maintain the historic and natural quality of the harbor - while	1/21/2021 11:06 AM

	staying current with our upkeep of it's offerings.	
58	Preservation of access to the harbor from the sound. Maintaining depth through dredging at the mouth of the harbor.	1/20/2021 11:36 PM
59	There is a need to improve the mooring tackle. A score of boats lifted there tackle and traveled across the harbor in the August 2020 storm.	1/20/2021 4:22 PM
60	More visibility and communication of efforts and goals around harbor related issues is needed.	1/20/2021 2:15 AM
61	Many believe the harbor is controlled and or for the use of PYC members only. Make more of an effort describing general public access and usage.	1/19/2021 6:55 PM
62	Key point is the upkeep of the harbor in terms of depth. Due to erosion, many boats are limited from enjoying our harbor because the channel isn't deep enough. More visitors would be able to come if we made this an area of focus.	1/19/2021 5:39 PM
63	None.	1/19/2021 4:10 PM
64	none	1/19/2021 12:38 PM
65	The way things are now is just right. Best managed and most scenic harbor from FL to ME!	1/19/2021 9:16 AM
66	The biggest thing is dredging along the breakwall to the dog beach by YYY.	1/19/2021 7:53 AM
67	Harbor weather station updated in real time would be good	1/18/2021 10:36 PM
68	I,d like to have some marks to use for RC model boat sailing	1/18/2021 9:30 PM
69	Preservation of the harbor and wildlife with strict rules and limitations	1/18/2021 9:24 PM
70	needs dredging	1/18/2021 7:26 PM
71	A focus should be dredging, especially in the area near the Lower Wharf, in order to preserve access to the harbor.	1/18/2021 5:51 PM
72	Maintenance of Perry Green, YYY, Lower wharf	1/18/2021 5:43 PM
73	Should bury the phone lines from PYC up the hill to protect from increasing storms. Would be long term cost saving.	1/18/2021 5:33 PM
74	more attention on reducing litter	1/18/2021 4:49 PM
75	None	1/18/2021 4:41 PM
76	None	1/18/2021 3:55 PM
77	Southport harbor is a great community resource. It required physical maintenance. Maintenance of character, and its recreational use should be further encouraged and developed. Contract neighboring westport's great asset at longshore.	1/18/2021 3:14 PM
78	Nothing special	1/18/2021 3:04 PM
79	A monument is a great piece to gather around as a community	1/18/2021 2:35 PM
80	Perhaps some gardening on Perry green and at lower wharf	1/18/2021 2:30 PM
81	Nothing additional.	1/18/2021 2:22 PM
82	NA	1/18/2021 2:21 PM
83	--	1/18/2021 2:16 PM
84	More access, more parking, more places to sit, more access to fishing	1/18/2021 2:13 PM
85	N/A	1/18/2021 1:54 PM
86	Dredging, especially at the mouth of the harbor to maintain long term harbor viability	1/18/2021 1:40 PM
87	I would like to know more about the history of Southport harbor	1/18/2021 1:22 PM
88	better managing silt build up - the invasive/non-native panic grass mound is a joke and should be removed, and the harbor management committee should have a plan for maintenance dredging every 10 years, rather than behaving like it's a surprise event every 15 years	1/18/2021 1:17 PM

89	all of the above.	1/18/2021 1:11 PM
90	Please add a trash can on Perry green or at the corner where Keller Williams is for dog walkers!!! Please!!!	1/18/2021 1:07 PM
91	Just one trash can on Perry Green would be wonderful. Something discreet and out of sight would be fine; we're mostly considering the difficulty of disposing of dog waste	1/18/2021 1:07 PM
92	Shoaling at harbor entrance. Global warming impact on Rising water levels due to global warming.	1/18/2021 12:16 PM
93	The plan must consider Pequot Yacht Club's significant historic and continuing contribution to the harbor. They are a crucial reason for the harbor's continued success and the new plan should support that club's continued sustainability without impacting its ability to operate as it does now.	1/18/2021 12:15 PM
94	Safety of fishing from the bridge that crosses... gets a little dicey there sometimes!	1/18/2021 12:05 PM
95	The harbor is a jewel of Connecticut and should be preserved. The current arrangement between the town and Pequot Yacht Club is working well to provide effective stewardship for this important resource.	1/18/2021 12:03 PM
96	NA	1/18/2021 11:58 AM
97	Safe water passage and dredging	1/18/2021 11:48 AM
98	Dredging. The current mouth of the harbor is narrowing. It should be dredged to provide better access.	1/18/2021 11:43 AM
99	Need a new sea wall for SOUTHPORT Harbor. Big project for the town and yacht club.	1/18/2021 11:40 AM
100	its fine the way it is...no changes needed	1/18/2021 11:30 AM
101	Dredging the harbor. Adding a water hook up on the yyy dinghy dock.	1/18/2021 8:46 AM
102	If you pay taxes in town and have a mooring you should be able to use the YYY ramp anytime fir no additional fee.	1/17/2021 9:30 PM
103	Draw bridge or walking bridge to Sasco h	1/17/2021 12:00 PM
104	Extending the boating season We are having milder fallseasons.	1/17/2021 9:42 AM
105	in general the harbor is nice, at low tide, the levels are pretty muck/smelly, but can't help that.	1/17/2021 6:39 AM
106	Littoral rights should be respected. Waterfront properties pay significantly higher taxes and have property rights that merit appropriate consideration and respect.	1/17/2021 2:14 AM
107	Since you are responsible for the waters of the harbor and the coastal waters adjacent to the harbor you should be patrolling them	1/16/2021 11:14 PM
108	Dredging the sandbar across from the lower wharf. It continues to enroach on the channel. There used to be a row of boats moored between the channel and the Country Club, across from the lower wharf.	1/16/2021 8:37 PM
109	Speeding needs enforcement.	1/16/2021 8:24 PM
110	Planning for future sea level rise should be a part of long term focus.	1/16/2021 7:56 PM
111	Mouth of harbor and channel needs to be dredged.	1/16/2021 7:54 PM
112	Everything looks great! Wouldn't change a thing	1/16/2021 6:49 PM
113	Does anyone keep track of bird life seen in or near the harbor? Would be interested to know what species are annual visitors and what birds are newly seen year to year.	1/16/2021 11:46 AM
114	Property protection- meaning more attention to the safety of the boats and properly secured moorings and docks. Special attention to storm resistance. Also enforcement of no wake zones and operation of a vessel	1/16/2021 11:36 AM
115	Guards dont always enforce sticker access only. Often times without guards on duty. Should be like the marina. 24 hour.	1/16/2021 10:47 AM
116	Additional dredging in upper harbor would allow more anchorages for larger boats / visitors.	1/16/2021 10:01 AM

117	Need to address kayakers seeming unawareness of rules of navigation to better protect themselves. Also an understanding that because of low tide and lack of dredging, sailboats may need to stay in middle of channel	1/16/2021 9:49 AM
118	NA	1/16/2021 8:00 AM
119	Wealthy enclave that reduces and pushes against public access is a problem.	1/16/2021 7:23 AM
120	The channel needs to be dredged, especially by the fishing pier/beach club.	1/15/2021 9:11 PM
121	More moorings in north anchorage, more dredging please!	1/15/2021 7:17 PM
122	N/a	1/15/2021 6:01 PM
123	The pollution in the harbor needs to be addressed. Garbage debris seems to be increasing over recent years and there does not seem to be any remediation or enforcement of a plan to address the environmental impact.	1/15/2021 5:55 PM
124	Dredging the far end of the harbor would be beneficial. Much of it dries out at low tide.	1/15/2021 5:34 PM
125	The harbor area by the docks was supposed to be dredged several years ago what happened?	1/15/2021 5:29 PM
126	The forth pontoon opposite the PYC is needed for Ideal 18's.	1/15/2021 5:29 PM
127	More info on the history including old photos descriptions of properties and who lived there.	1/15/2021 5:23 PM
128	Sand constricting entrance	1/15/2021 4:09 PM

Q16 If you have any suggestions for additional harbor improvement projects please include them here.

Answered: 83 Skipped: 288

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1	NA	2/8/2021 4:16 PM
2	the current fire boat staffed by the firefighters at Station 4 is much too small. The firefighters should get a bigger, rigid hull rescue boat to protect Southport Harbor and the area west of Penfield Reef.	2/8/2021 12:44 PM
3	the last several questions says it all thank you	2/7/2021 8:58 PM
4	none	2/7/2021 1:16 PM
5	None	2/7/2021 12:43 PM
6	South Benson Concern: Parking Lot and jetty lighting near Coast Guard Aux building should be reviewed, current positions create a visual hazard in low light and dark conditions while entering the harbor	2/6/2021 10:38 AM
7	as stated above, lockers at YY to store Kayak paddles, etc. securely	2/6/2021 9:50 AM
8	Boating is a fantastic sport which many people who live in the area enjoy. I would be sure to include non-polluting boating storage areas for kayaks, paddleboards and sailboats. I would also invest in more trash receptacles to reduce litter and set-up community beach clean up days.	2/6/2021 9:41 AM
9	X	2/6/2021 8:35 AM
10	When someone sells a house, cross check that they don't have a mooring they are still using!	2/5/2021 8:43 PM
11	Review annual mooring fees for possible adjustment	2/5/2021 8:38 PM
12	NA	2/5/2021 5:39 PM
13	Thanks for all you do to keep the harbor clean, safe, and enjoyed by many — numerous birds and boaters included!	2/5/2021 7:37 AM
14	We need kayak and paddleboard storage for the Fairfield Community Sailing and the public.	2/4/2021 5:42 PM
15	none	2/1/2021 4:00 PM
16	N/A	1/31/2021 8:26 PM
17	We are pleased with the attempts to keep the harbor in good use for the residents fo Fairfield	1/30/2021 1:38 PM
18	End of Harbor - the dock by where the dogs swim needs attention/rebuild. Also would be nice to beautify that area a bit for the public to enjoy.	1/27/2021 9:58 AM
19	If the sand management plan affects native plants and wildlife, we need to have a new location in the harbor area where we can introduce these plants and attract the piping plover, among other creatures.	1/26/2021 10:19 AM
20	No	1/25/2021 9:16 AM
21	Reducing waitlist for mooring access	1/25/2021 9:09 AM
22	The harbor needs to be dredged.	1/24/2021 2:33 PM
23	Aside from sand managment and dredging, I think things run quite well and need not take any HMC time to fiddle with.	1/24/2021 10:03 AM
24	na	1/23/2021 6:44 PM
25	None	1/23/2021 2:57 PM
26	Thank you	1/23/2021 1:05 PM
27	N/A	1/23/2021 11:12 AM
28	Extend the length of the visitors dock	1/23/2021 9:23 AM
29	None	1/23/2021 7:33 AM
30	wish you had an "I don't know" option in your answers	1/22/2021 5:22 PM

31	Please include at least 1 non-boater area of improvement such as adding additional onshore amenities for pedestrians and cyclists.	1/22/2021 4:10 PM
32	Retaining sea wall at Perry's Green landing may be close to collapse.	1/22/2021 2:20 PM
33	You all are doing a great job - and thank you for that! Thank you as well to have this opportunity to be heard. Grateful for all you do!	1/22/2021 12:39 PM
34	Clearing the sand buildup on the side of the channel opposite the jetty.	1/22/2021 12:15 PM
35	Not really attuned to the boating issues at the main Marina	1/22/2021 9:44 AM
36	It's really a beautiful and terrific area as is so a bit of maintenance would be great.	1/21/2021 7:34 PM
37	None	1/21/2021 4:32 PM
38	Mooring tackle needs to be more substantial.	1/20/2021 4:22 PM
39	Better access to town moorings and slips is needed at Jennings and Southport Harbor. Non residents of Fairfield are using some town facilities including slips and moorings with the help of friends who are town residents. A detailed audit should be conducted with the goal of ejecting non residents and residents who are abusing the system. Wait times for moorings and slips would likely be improved for ACTUAL residents of Fairfield. It's too easy for non residents to game the system.	1/20/2021 2:15 AM
40	The boat ramp seems to have been put in at a shallow angle, making launching a decent size boat difficult (mine is a 22' center console).	1/19/2021 7:40 PM
41	None.	1/19/2021 4:10 PM
42	Sea Wall maintenance	1/19/2021 1:16 PM
43	none	1/19/2021 12:38 PM
44	Dredging just needs to be maintained to allow recreational boats in/out as it currently is, nothing new needs to be added. Much higher priority dredging projects exist for the army corps and the state	1/18/2021 10:36 PM
45	No additional projects are needed. The Harbor Management Commission, Pequot Yacht Club, town, and local community groups do a good job.	1/18/2021 5:51 PM
46	Access to Southport harbor is already pretty easy. Making sure we have a usable harbor (dredging, etc) is very important	1/18/2021 4:50 PM
47	Nonw	1/18/2021 3:55 PM
48	The town has two ideals for public use. Additional public use recreational equipment would increase the use of the harbor more toward its potential	1/18/2021 3:14 PM
49	Will let you know if any more...	1/18/2021 3:04 PM
50	The rules and governance has been well established in prior years. Adaptations to facilitate Online Mooring Management System may be merited.	1/18/2021 2:22 PM
51	NA	1/18/2021 2:21 PM
52	--	1/18/2021 2:16 PM
53	More access for all Fairfield residents	1/18/2021 2:13 PM
54	N/A	1/18/2021 1:54 PM
55	Bury the telephone lines	1/18/2021 1:48 PM
56	Good job by the town, local community groups and Pequot Yacht Club	1/18/2021 1:40 PM
57	Don't overdo!!!! this is a small harbor. All of these projects sound "important" but I also know that these "improvements" are likely to affect the historic and community feel of the harbor. The Lower Wharf project being one of those examples. Fancy docks and walkways and such mean more traffic and more confusion on a very narrow road that walkers and residents enjoy. We don't need boats and trailers coming in great numbers. Think quaint and small-- not "fixed" and therefore better. It won't be!!!	1/18/2021 1:17 PM

58	Improve organization of mooring vessels, so that larger boats are not moored in narrowest parts of the channel/harbor.	1/18/2021 1:11 PM
59	Access to the water for swimming- dogs, kids, etc.	1/18/2021 1:01 PM
60	Army Corps of Engineers is a mixed blessing. Look at New Orleans...	1/18/2021 12:35 PM
61	none	1/18/2021 12:16 PM
62	None at this point	1/18/2021 11:58 AM
63	None	1/18/2021 11:48 AM
64	I think the current mooring system works well. My only suggestion is to make sure all boats are in good repair and are being used. There have been boats that fell into disrepair and not used. Squatting on moorings so as to not lose them, but without actually using them should be prohibited.	1/18/2021 11:43 AM
65	Online mooring renewal is a great improvement, thank you.	1/18/2021 11:42 AM
66	the mooring rules are fair, no changes required	1/18/2021 11:30 AM
67	#15 above should not become a distraction to 12 through 14	1/18/2021 11:26 AM
68	The Harbor is well-managed as it is. Please don't change much. Dredging will be needed at some point.	1/18/2021 11:12 AM
69	Water hook up on dinghy docks please!	1/18/2021 8:46 AM
70	Changing the mooring rules adversely to the interests of existing waterfront properties is unfair to existing littoral property rights holders, and not justified by authorities granted to administer rules. Property rights are fundamental and must be respected.	1/17/2021 7:28 PM
71	Walking bridge to Sasco beach	1/17/2021 12:00 PM
72	Dredge in harbor to improve depth.	1/17/2021 2:14 AM
73	There are many boats on town/federal moorings that look abandoned. One sailboat didn't even have a mast stepped all last season. Boats in the mooring should be in usual early condition vs being a placeholder	1/16/2021 6:49 PM
74	Tracking of fish and bird populations using the harbor. Saw huge numbers of menhaden trying to get up past tide dam this fall, resulting in large numbers of dead fish around the dam area this December. I did not notice any prey species (fish or birds) chasing or eating them. Usually striped bass and bluefish will eat them, and there were ospreys and a pair of bald eagles nesting nearby. They are used in fertilizer and WD-40 lubricant spray. Hated to see them go to waste.	1/16/2021 11:46 AM
75	Enforcement of rules and property protection	1/16/2021 11:36 AM
76	More signage advising about Lower Wharf	1/16/2021 9:49 AM
77	NA	1/16/2021 8:00 AM
78	Publicize the new online mooring sign up.	1/15/2021 7:39 PM
79	N/a	1/15/2021 6:01 PM
80	Address the environmental impact of increased pollution in the water.	1/15/2021 5:55 PM
81	More deep water moorings in the North end of the harbor. Thanks.	1/15/2021 5:34 PM
82	More deep water moorings.	1/15/2021 5:29 PM
83	If it is not broken- don't fix it	1/15/2021 4:09 PM

Q17 Thank you for your time and interest, and your support for the stewardship needed to preserve and manage Southport Harbor for the benefit of future generations. And please feel free to provide any concluding remarks that you would like the Harbor Management Commission to consider.

Answered: 59 Skipped: 312

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NA	2/8/2021 4:16 PM
2	This is a great time to enhance the harbor for everyone. Thank you very much for your good work on this!	2/8/2021 12:38 PM
3	The people who utilize the Harbor the most, for example - the boaters - should be responsible for the biggest expense to maintain the harbor. We pay taxes to the Town Of Fairfield and we live in Southport and we are not in support of anything that will allow or promote the area to members of the general public to have access to the areas of the town which we pay to maintain through our taxes.	2/6/2021 10:45 AM
4	nope	2/6/2021 9:50 AM
5	Thank you for your work on these preservation and management areas.	2/6/2021 9:41 AM
6	Make sure those on the commission don't have personal agenda's	2/5/2021 8:43 PM
7	Keep up the good work! The harbor is a local treasure. Keep the harbor clean and safe for future generations.	2/5/2021 7:37 AM
8	Town of Fairfield has provided a priceless opportunity for sea scout ship 84 to operate out of the harbor. Sea scouts appreciate the generosity. We have countless number scouts who learned how to love, safely enjoy and protect the ocean through this program. Thank you	2/4/2021 1:31 PM
9	Thank you for 20 years, that I've personally witnessed, of great work.	2/1/2021 10:34 PM
10	Please address the ramp angle. At high tide a typical trailer cannot get enough depth to float a boat off or on the trailer without automobile tires or exhaust entering the water.	1/30/2021 1:38 PM
11	We appreciate the Harbor Management Commissions efforts to survey the community about these plans and needs	1/25/2021 9:45 AM
12	na	1/23/2021 6:44 PM
13	N/a	1/23/2021 2:57 PM
14	Thanks for your volunteer work. Southport Harbor is a great asset to our town.	1/23/2021 9:23 AM
15	It would be nice to understand the funding sources for the projects. There should be a balance to projects and not just raising taxes to support.	1/23/2021 7:33 AM
16	Terrapins have been spotted frequently at the YYY docks all of September and might require public awareness to safe boating when in the area.	1/22/2021 2:20 PM
17	Thanks for looking after the area.. it really great..	1/21/2021 7:34 PM
18	Thank you for your service!	1/21/2021 6:35 PM
19	Thanks for all your hard and good work! We love visiting Southport Harbor on almost a daily basis.	1/21/2021 4:31 PM
20	I love this area of town! It's my favorite happy place!	1/21/2021 3:22 PM
21	I am a member of PYC and I feel strongly that the mooring policy recognizes the beauty and environmental adherence that sailboats contribute to the life of this very special harbor.	1/21/2021 11:06 AM
22	A big thank you to the HMC. Southport Harbor is a wonderful place.	1/20/2021 4:22 PM
23	Thank you for all of your effort in protecting our beautiful harbor.	1/19/2021 1:57 PM
24	Southport Harbor is a Gem! Thank you all for helping to preserve it and protect it from being run over by commercial venture.	1/19/2021 1:16 PM
25	All good. Thank you harbor commission. Great job!	1/19/2021 9:16 AM
26	Thank you for your sincere concern and work to keep the harbor a viable and vibrant area.	1/19/2021 8:57 AM
27	Thank you	1/19/2021 7:07 AM
28	It's a small harbor and doesn't need much managing	1/18/2021 10:36 PM

29	Thank you to the members of the commission for taking the time to serve and give it your best efforts.	1/18/2021 9:30 PM
30	Thanks so much for reaching out and gathering the large community that enjoys our harbor.	1/18/2021 7:53 PM
31	No big changes are needed. Continued preservation and maintenance of the seawalls, waterways, and character of the harbor are important.	1/18/2021 5:51 PM
32	The storms and winds seem very severe and cause dangerous power lines down and massive clean up and black outs, etc. would be much better if power lines were buried.	1/18/2021 5:33 PM
33	None	1/18/2021 3:55 PM
34	Thanks for involving the residents in this project!	1/18/2021 3:04 PM
35	Pollution monitoring and review of moorings granted to non- residents.	1/18/2021 2:26 PM
36	NA	1/18/2021 2:21 PM
37	--	1/18/2021 2:16 PM
38	Bury the telephone lines	1/18/2021 1:48 PM
39	No radical change is needed. Just perseverance in maintaining the waterway, seawalls and character that has been in place for generations.	1/18/2021 1:40 PM
40	Ed - loosen up!	1/18/2021 1:17 PM
41	Thank you for your hard work to maintain and improve our most valuable town resource.	1/18/2021 1:11 PM
42	Be cautious when considering efforts to update the plan. Best intents sometimes backfire when the current nice balance between users and governmental agencies has to shift to accomodate your changes.	1/18/2021 12:15 PM
43	Harbor looks great and it is a wonderful asset to Southport, improvements will help keep it updated	1/18/2021 11:58 AM
44	On the whole, I think the harbor commission and the current systems work very well. The harbor is a gem and wonderful resource to the Southport community. The only real pressing need I see is dredging. Thank you.	1/18/2021 11:43 AM
45	Thanks to the commission for their hard work.	1/18/2021 11:42 AM
46	Water hook up on yyy dinghy docks please. Thank you!	1/18/2021 8:46 AM
47	Thank you for your hard work.	1/17/2021 12:51 PM
48	Consider a M sticker for YYY to be used on weekends and holidays.	1/17/2021 9:42 AM
49	Thanks for your work.	1/17/2021 2:14 AM
50	Don't over-manage .	1/16/2021 8:24 PM
51	I believe the HMC has done a wonderful job through the years.	1/16/2021 5:56 PM
52	Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about the harbor and plans to improve and maintain the harbor.	1/16/2021 11:46 AM
53	Hold boaters responsible for damage to vessels. Enforcement of the rules.	1/16/2021 11:36 AM
54	Believe report remiss in not mentioning work of previous Chairs and commissioners	1/16/2021 9:49 AM
55	Thank you for your attention to this very beautiful area of our town. It is where I go to pay gratitude for all that we have. My only complaint is that there are way too many dogs off leash which spoil it for others.	1/15/2021 9:01 PM
56	N/a	1/15/2021 6:01 PM
57	The Harbor Commission has been doing a fine job up to now but could be improved with a few tweaks mentioned above.,	1/15/2021 5:29 PM
58	Harbor commission doing a great job	1/15/2021 5:18 PM
59	Keep up the good work	1/15/2021 4:09 PM

