

# Marean Lake Advisory Committee

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## Docking Survey Summary

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### Survey Methodology:

An issue of primary concern to many cabin owners in the Marean Lake Resort sub-division has been the challenge of obtaining dock space. Starting in the spring of 2015 the Marean Lake Advisory Committee will assume responsibility for the management of the environmental reserve that includes the public beach and the shoreline between the beach and the first cabin currently used for docks.

On July 11, 2014 an invitation to complete the survey was sent out to the owners of 172 of the occupied lots, contact information is unknown for the remaining 13 properties. The survey remained open until July 24th. Not all questions were answered by all respondents so all totals may not be equal. Multiple responses from individual properties were aggregated.

The purpose of the survey was to quantify the need for dock space, and to begin to explore options for increasing the density of docks and boats and providing fair access to as many cabin owners as possible. The goal is to implement changes for the 2015 boating season.

### Resort Overview:

Based on the most recent information, the resort includes:

Waterfront lots - owned	44
Non-waterfront lots - leased	16
Non-waterfront lots - owned	<u>125</u>
Occupied lots	185
Non-waterfront - for sale	<u>34</u>
Total	219

It is still unclear if/how Block 8 lot 2, north of the beach, will be sub-divided so it has been counted as 1 owned waterfront property.

### Overall Response Rate:

Responses received	108
Percentage of occupied lots	58%

### Question: Which type of watercraft are associated with your cabin?

Fishing/pleasure boat under 20ft	77
Fishing/pleasure boat 20ft and over	10
Pontoon boat under 20ft	4
Pontoon boat 20ft and over	20
Personal watercraft (Seadoo, etc)	7
None	8
Other	12
Total	137

Other includes: canoe (5), paddle boat (4), sail boat, water toys (inflatable boat, splash island), and will have pontoon boat next year (1) or in the future (1)

**Question: Where do you currently dock your boat?**

don't own a boat and don't need dock space	4
do not have dock space but want one	35
own waterfront property and have direct access to my own dock	27
own my own dock, for my exclusive use, located on public land near the beach	2
co-own or share a dock located on public land near the beach	18
rent dock space from MLR Land Developments	9
Other	11
Total	106

**Other:**

- Have agreement with lake front lot owners to access the lake through their property to have dock on public reserve
- Have a dock in front of a neighbours lake front property
- brother has lake front
- rented a spot in July just for this year
- will be owning a watercraft in future and would like dock space opportunity
- have a dock and lift between friends directly below us.
- Own/share dock with lake front owner
- family dock south of beach serving 4 cabins

**Question: In 2015, if non-seasonal (daily) docking was available for a fee at publicly owned docks, would you use it?**

	Daily	Weekly
Yes	32	39
No	72	66
Total	105	105

**Question: In 2015, if seasonal boat docking (full summer) was available for a fee at publicly owned docks, would you use it?**

Yes	56
No	49
Total	105

**Question: In 2015, do you own or co-own a dock that you want located, if possible, on the public land south of the beach? (Access fees may be applicable, and all docks may be required to have multiple boats moored)**

Yes	25
No	79
Total	104

**Question: In 2015, are you interested in co-ownership of a dock on the public land south of the beach? (Access fees may be applicable, and all docks may be required to have multiple boats moored)**

Yes	62
No	42
Total	104

**Question: The Marean Lake Advisory Committee (MLAC) will use this survey information to quantify the amount of docking needed on the public land south of the beach, determine the capacity of the area, and set out a process for its use. We will create a sub-committee chaired by a member of the Advisory Committee to provide assistance, and we are seeking 2 volunteers for the committee. Are you interested in volunteering?**

Yes	19
No	85
Total	104

**Comments: Do you have any suggestions about how the docks within the public lands south of the beach could be managed more effectively to be fair to all cabin owners?**

Yes	54
No	51
Total	105

The following summarizes the broader themes prevalent in the comments:

- Support for implementing annual user fees that would go to further develop and maintain the environmental reserve for continued enjoyment by residents of the MLR sub-division.
- Significant support for moving towards some sort of marina that was owned by the municipality and administered by a committee of residents and users.
- Support for prioritizing the users and ensuring that current users and residents of the MLR sub-division represented by the MLAC get priority over other potential users (non-residents). The process needs to be open and transparent, and the list of users and those waiting are published.
- Concern about how priority would be established. Opinions varied regarding the 'grandfathering' of existing dock users in the new system.
- Significant support for improved sharing of existing docks and better utilization of the space.
- Significant demand for the use of non-seasonal docking arrangements (daily and weekly).
- Concern about forcing changes on the existing dock owners and users of the space.
- Concern about the loss of public docking north of the beach.