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Gail L. Coniglio, Mayor and Town Council Town of Palm Beach 360 South County Road Palm Beach, Florida 33480

## **Re:** Temporary Docks at Flagler Museum

Dear Mayor Coniglio & Town Council,

With the Town's large investment in the dredging program and the new public docks to serve its residents' boating needs, the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County ("MIA") and Informa Markets, the longtime co-producers of the annual Palm Beach International Boat Show, would like to host a special event at the Flagler Museum to celebrate the Town's boating heritage. The event would be from March 26 to 29, 2020.

As way of background, an integral part of Flagler's vision was the marine industry. Flagler's company, the Florida East Coast Canal Company, dug the Intracoastal Waterway channel at the same time that his Florida East Coast Railroad laid tracks down the southeast coast, thereby opening south Florida's jungle frontier to both train and boat. The waterway channel allowed vessels to navigate safely on an inland waterway from Jacksonville to Biscayne Bay. Boating was very much part of Flagler's empire, which included large docks behind the Royal Poinciana Hotel, waterborne transportation up and down the lake, and steamer service from Palm Beach to Cuba and the Bahamas. Boating is inextricably tied to Flagler's legacy and to the island's heritage. Thus, the Flagler Museum is the ideal location for this event.

The proposed event will require that a temporary floating steel dock be erected behind the Flagler Museum. It would be attached to the Museum's existing concrete dock to allow 8 to 10 mega yacht vessels, ranging in size from 180' to 250', to be docked from March 26 to 29, 2020. The temporary dock construction would take 3 to 5 days (immediately prior to March 26) and 1 to 2 days to remove (immediately after March 29). Thus, the total time period would be approximately 10 days. The Flagler Museum would host invited MIA/Informa Markets guests from 10am to 6pm on Thursday March 26, Friday March 27, and Saturday March 29 as well as a potential cocktail party from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, March 26. The expected number of invited guests over the 3 day period is 150 people. All guests must be invited with a set appointment, travel by their own vehicle, and park or be valet-parked at the Flagler Museum's

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existing parking facilities. There will be no water-based access for guests. This controlled environment aligns with how the Flagler Museum runs their Member Events.

To support the safety of this special event, the Museum and the vessels, 24-hour, on-site security will be provided from March 26 to March 29 under Museum supervision and in coordination with the Town Police Department. Enclosed, please find the Proposal for Security Services from United Security Services, Inc. as well as the Security Detail, both of which have been provided to your Police Department for review.

The docks will be permitted by the State of Florida, as the State is the owner of portions of the submerged land. Seagrass and bathymetric studies have been completed. According to the seagrass study, no seagrass exists within the proposed temporary dock area.

We have shared the event plans with the three adjacent neighbors of the Flagler Museum: Palm Beach Towers, The Breakers, and Royal Poinciana Chapel. All three neighbors support this request.

Enclosed, please find the following documents:

Dock Plan Site Plan/Life Safety Plan Benthic Resource Survey Summary Report (Seagrass Study) Hydrographic Survey (Bathymetric Study) Security Plan Proposal Security Detail Letters of support from neighboring property owners

Please advise if you require additional information. Of course, because this is the first time for this type of use, there may be some changes along the way. However, Town staff would be advised of any such changes.

Sincerely yours, SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP Harvey E. Oyer, III, Esq.

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