

Salt Works Aquatic Center Draft Proposal

The Bair Island Aquatic Center (BIAC) wishes to help Redwood City consider the development of a Salt Works Aquatic Center (SWAC) within the scope of the Salt Works project. BIAC is a non profit operating at 1450 Maple St. in Redwood City since 1999. See www.gobair.org.

A Salt Works Aquatic Center would provide community access to the South Bay and Peninsula littoral waters. It should support a variety of programs for ecotourism, recreational, fitness, and competitive human powered craft such as kayaks, outrigger canoes, dragon boats, and rowing.

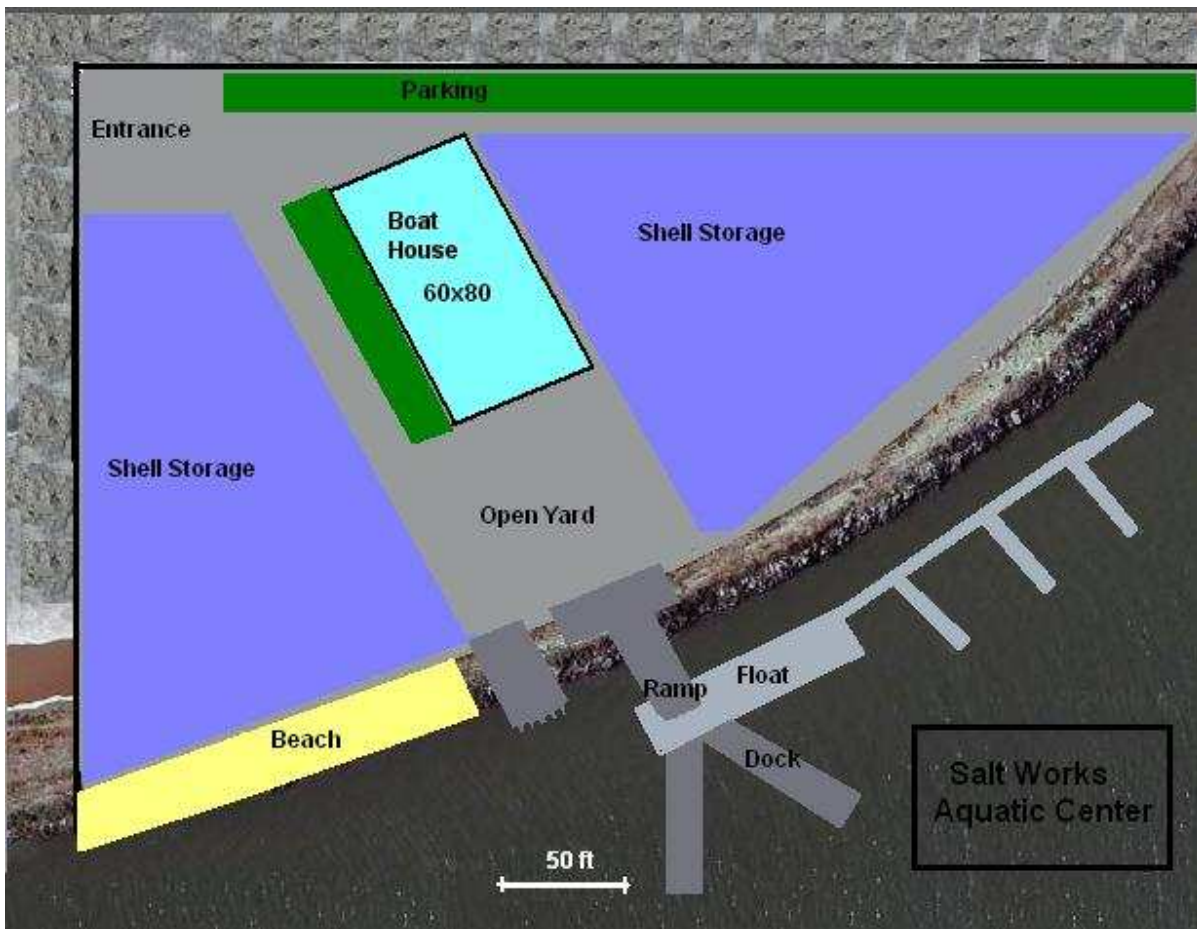
Chief facility factors in creating a SWAC are:

- A site with reasonable low tide access to our marine environment
- Size appropriate for 500+ members to have safe shell storage and transit
- A harmonious relationship with the community and habitat

Based on local BIAC knowledge of the Westpoint Slough waters, we recommend the reservation of a parcel approximately just southeast of the new Westpoint Marina.



This proposed location has reasonable tidal water access, protection from prevalent northwest winds, and does not require incursion into sensitive habitat. Approximately two acres are suggested to allow space for adequate parking, fire access, a 4800 sq footprint boathouse, outside boat shell storage racks, ramp access to docks, and open transit and work corridors. A workable layout might look like this:



The face of the boathouse could have the following four bay design:



The interior of a boathouse would have shell and equipment storage on the first floor. The second floor would have changing, bathroom, meeting, and workout spaces as suggested in the following two diagrams:

