### JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

### CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107 and THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N SAC-2009-00022

October 3, 2017

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 <u>et.seq.</u>), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

#### Mr. Charles Laughlin James Island Yacht Club Post Office Box 12840 Charleston, South Carolina 29422

for a permit to replace and expand the existing James Island Yacht Club located in the

# **Charleston Harbor**

at a location described as at 734 Wampler Drive, on James Island, in the City of Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.7546 °N, Longitude: -79.9182 °W), **Charleston Quadrangle**.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

# NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the **Corps** until

## 15 Days from the Date of this Notice,

and **SCDHEC** will receive written statements regarding the proposed work until

## **30 Days from the Date of this Notice**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of repair and expansion of the existing James Island Yacht Club. The project involves impacts to not more than 0.25 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands. The existing structure includes a concrete pier, floating dock, and boat ramp. In detail, the proposed project would include the installation of 10,738 square feet of floating docks and wave attenuators, some of which would be repair and replacement required due to storm events. Specifically, a 4' by 35' gangway would be constructed from the waterward terminus of the pier, leading to a 14' by 14' wave attenuator gangway landing dock and eight (8), 60' x 13' wave attenuators to be placed in an L-shape surrounding the pier. To the west side of the pier, an interior sailing dock totaling 582 square feet would be constructed. To the east of the pier, a 4' by 40' gangway would be constructed, leading to a 10' x 60' interior gangway landing dock and an interior spine floating dock consisting of four (4) 60' x 10' units. Six (6), 6' x 20' finger piers would be placed on the landward side of the floating docks. The previously authorized, removable black cube docks would also be placed parallel to the pier walkway, at the landward terminus of the interior gangway landing dock, as needed.

The applicant has not proposed mitigation for impacts to wetlands and/or waters of the United States. The project purpose, as stated by the applicant, is for mooring vessels for recreation and wave attenuation.

#### NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact **0.25** acre of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. The District Engineer's initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The District Engineer's final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and the District Engineer has determined, based on the most recently available information that the Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) a/an Federally endangered or threatened species is present in the vicinity of the project. However, it has been determined that the project will have <u>no effect</u> on this species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and the District Engineer has determined, based on the most recently available information that the project <u>may affect but is not likely to adversely affect</u> the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). A biological assessment (or other similar document) detailing our analysis of the potential effects of the action will be provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, the District Engineer has consulted South Carolina ArchSite (GIS), for the presence or absence of historic properties (as defined in 36 C.F.R. 800.16)(l)(1)), and has initially determined that no historic properties are present; therefore, there will be no effect on historic properties. To ensure that other historic properties that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office and any other interested parties to provide any information they may have with regard to historic properties. This public notice serves as a request for concurrence within 30 days from the SHPO (and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer).

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

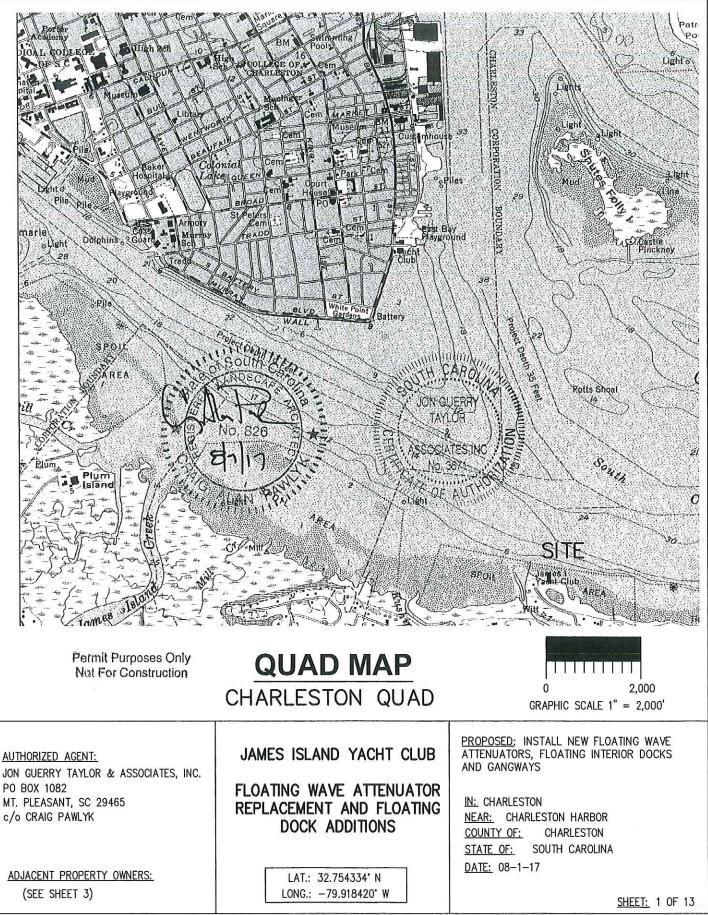
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

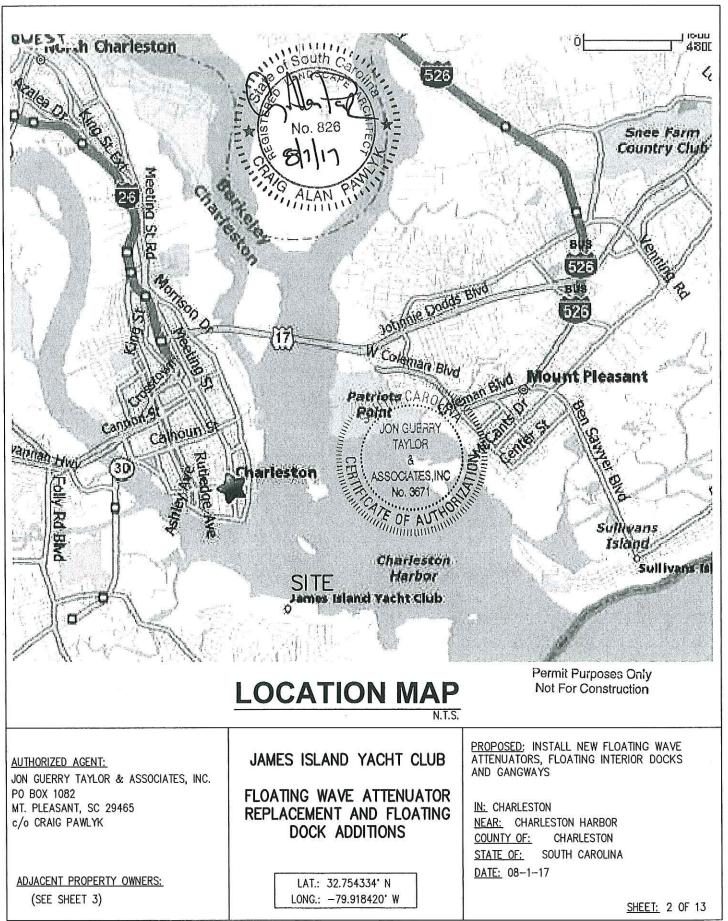
The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general

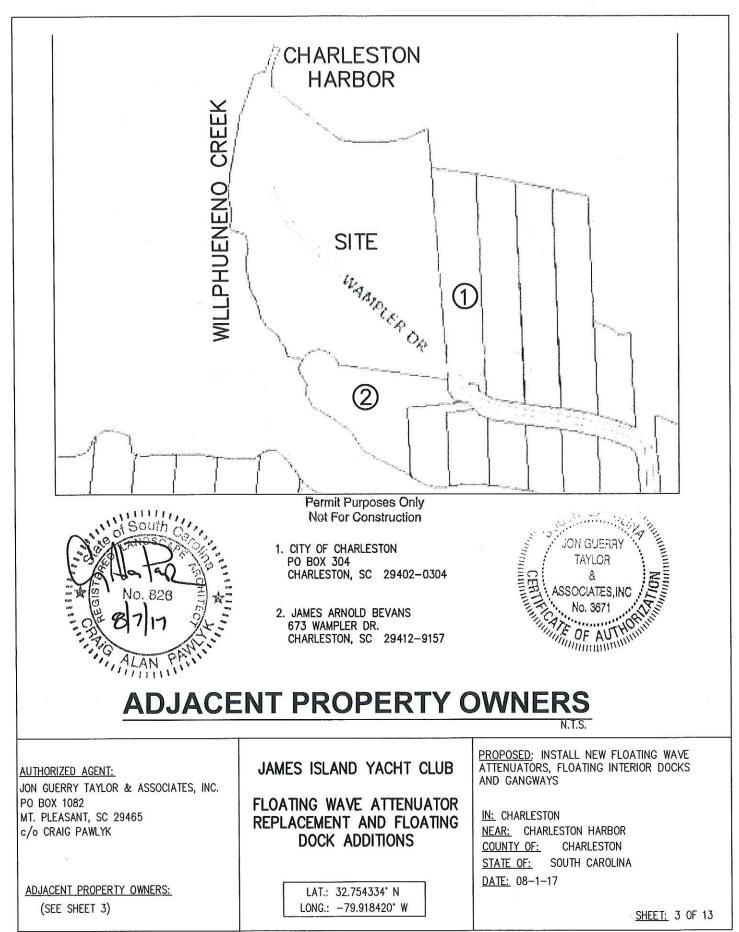
environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity. **Please submit comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number, to the following address:** 

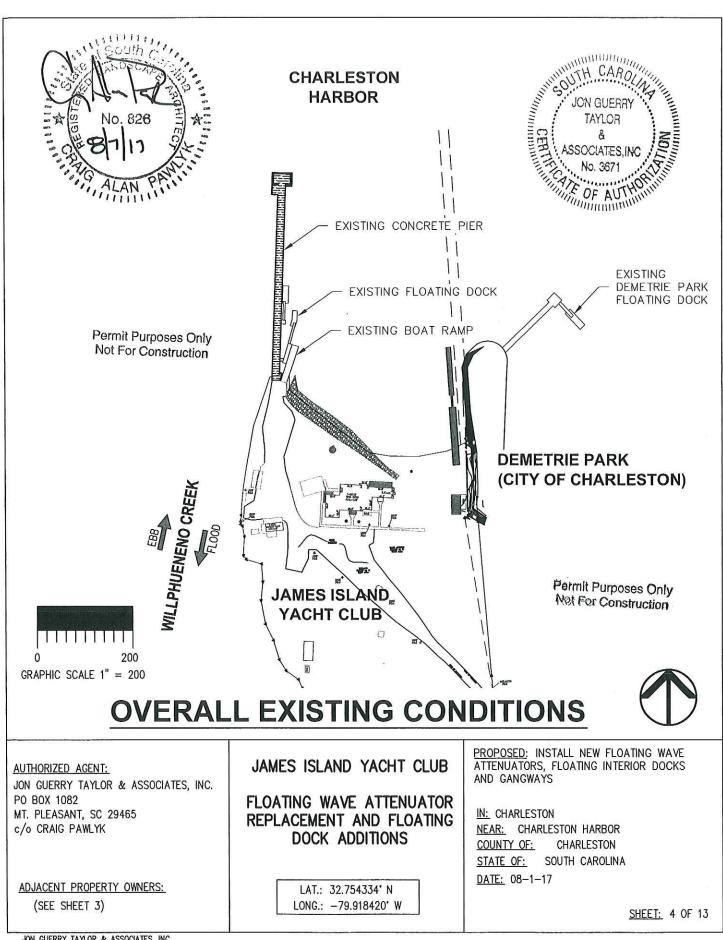
#### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

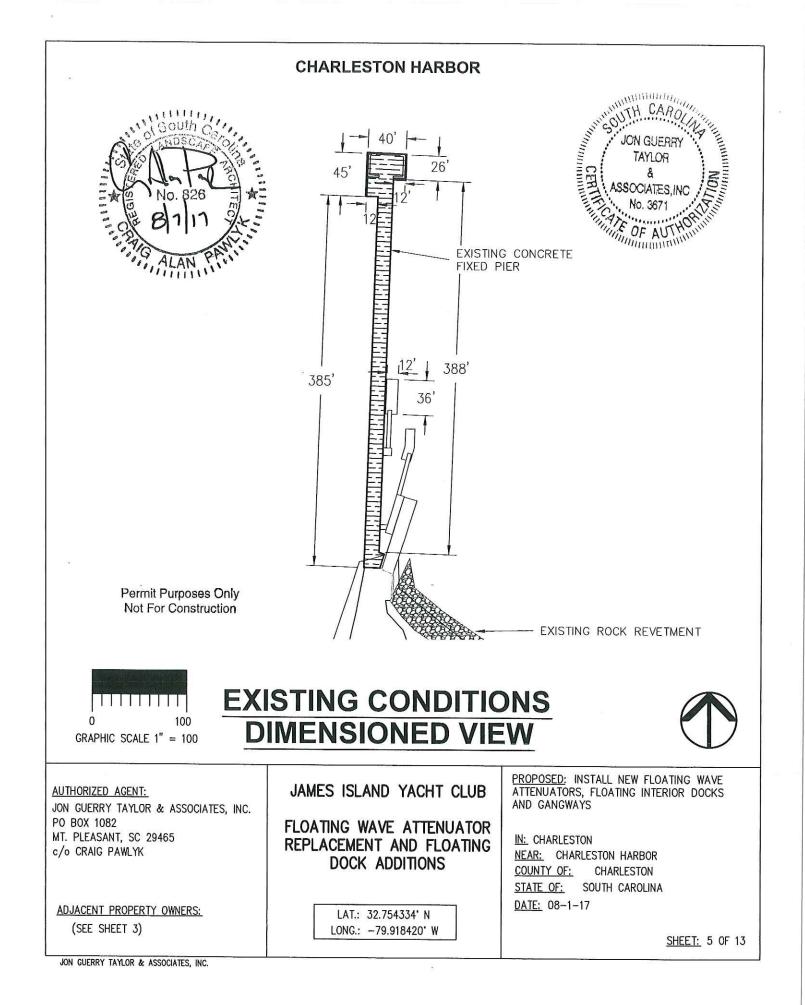
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Courtney M. Stevens, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8027 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

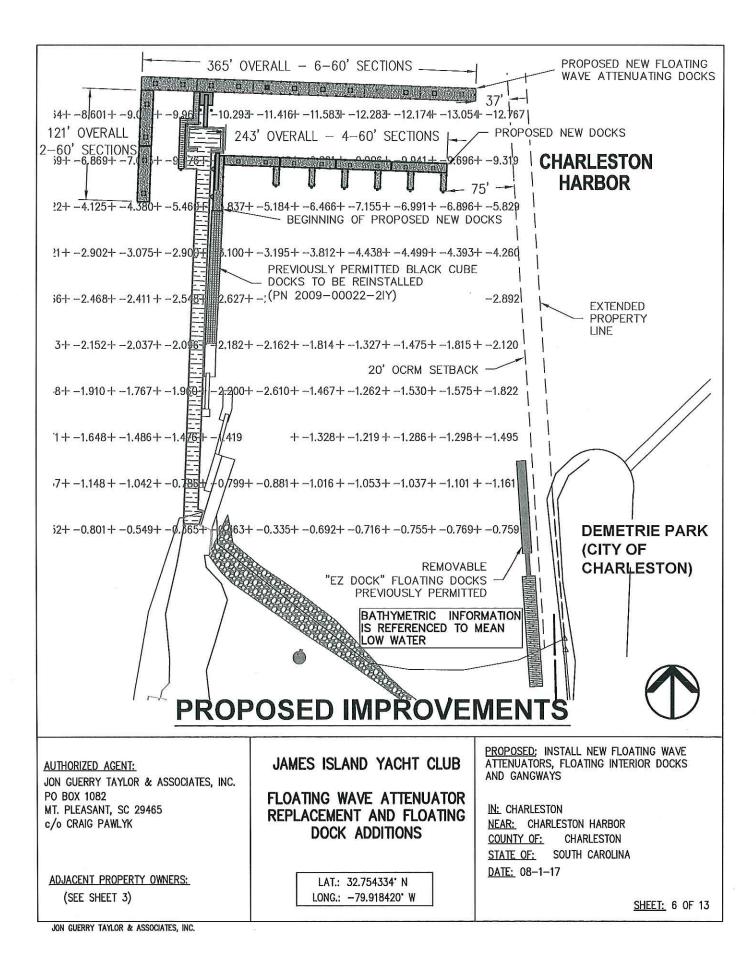


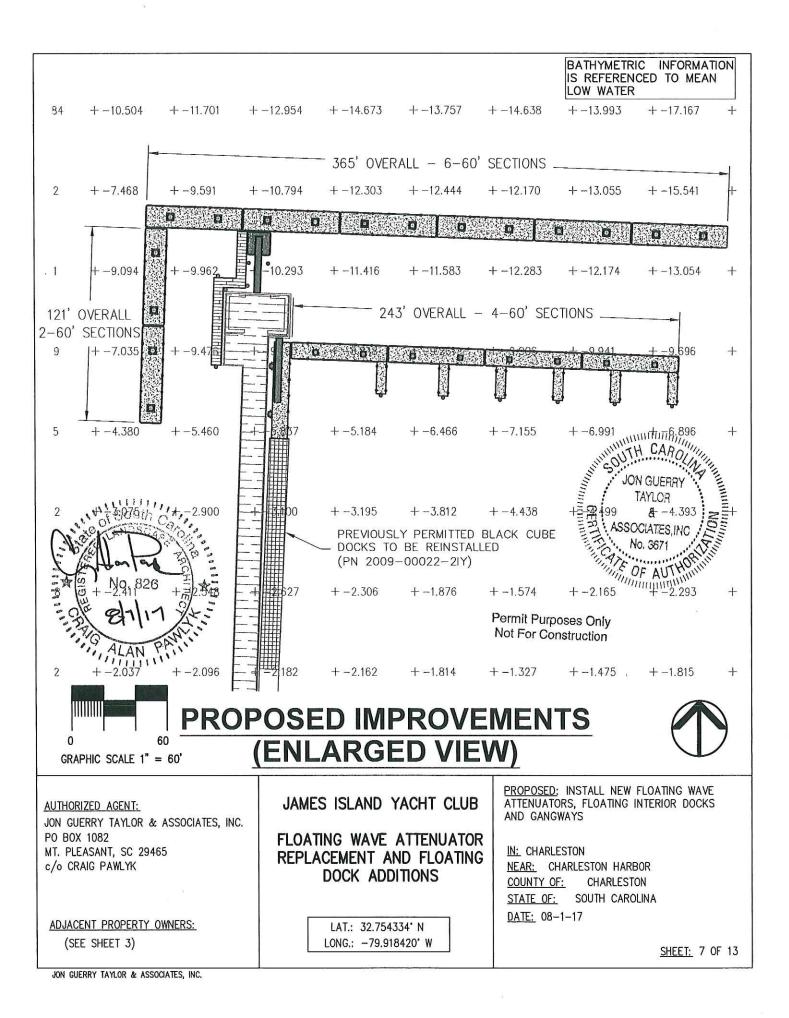


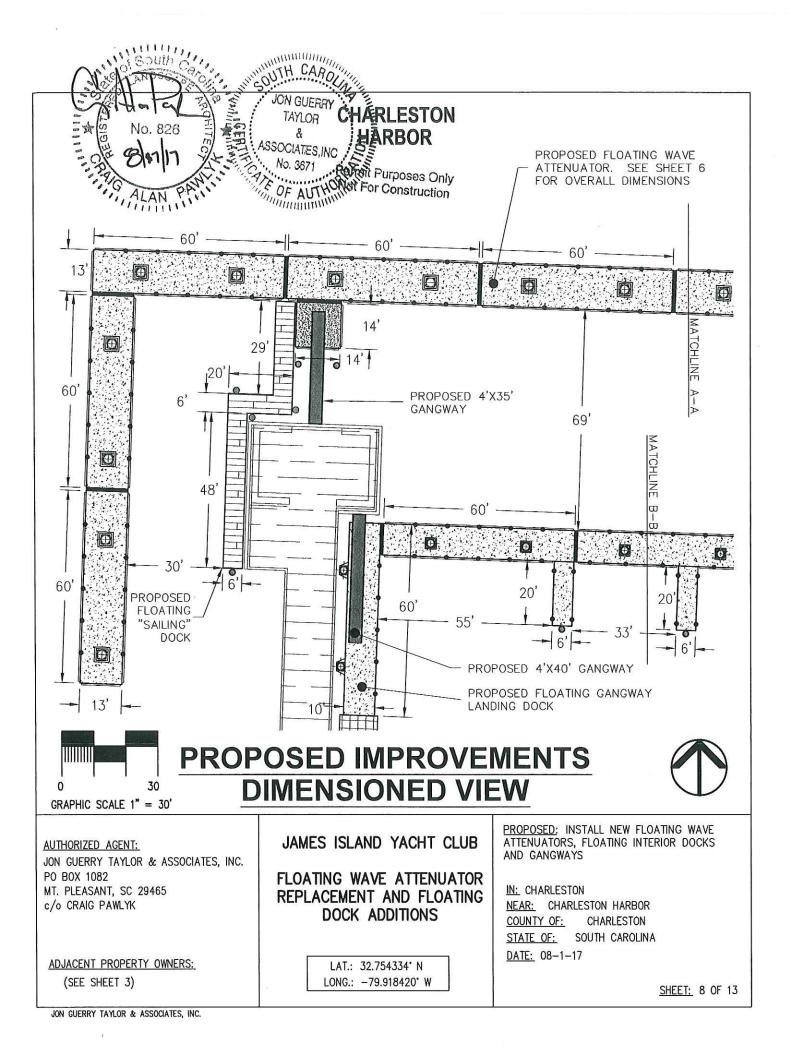


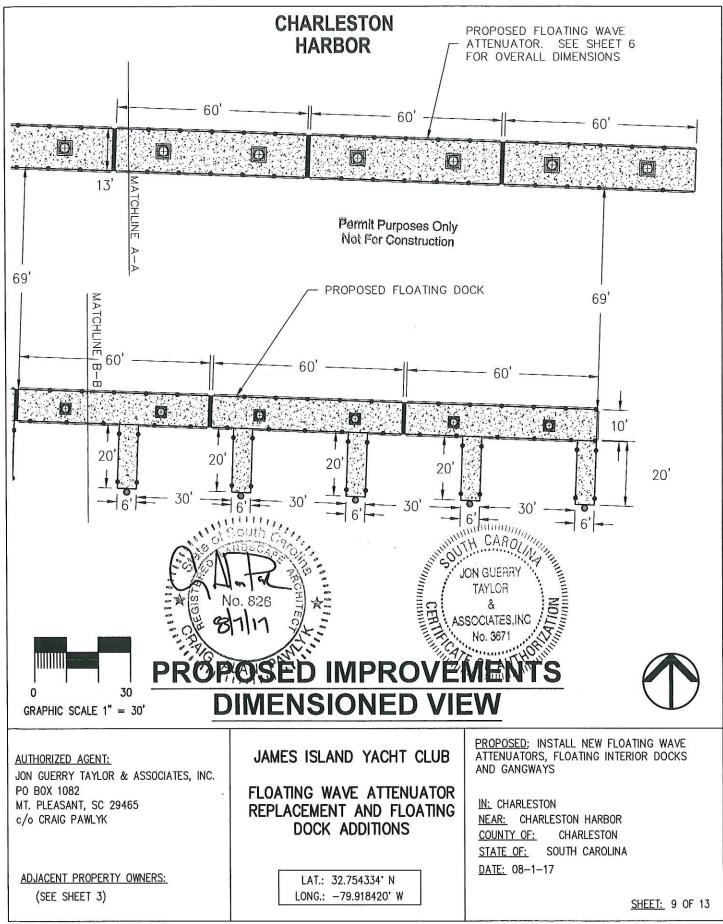


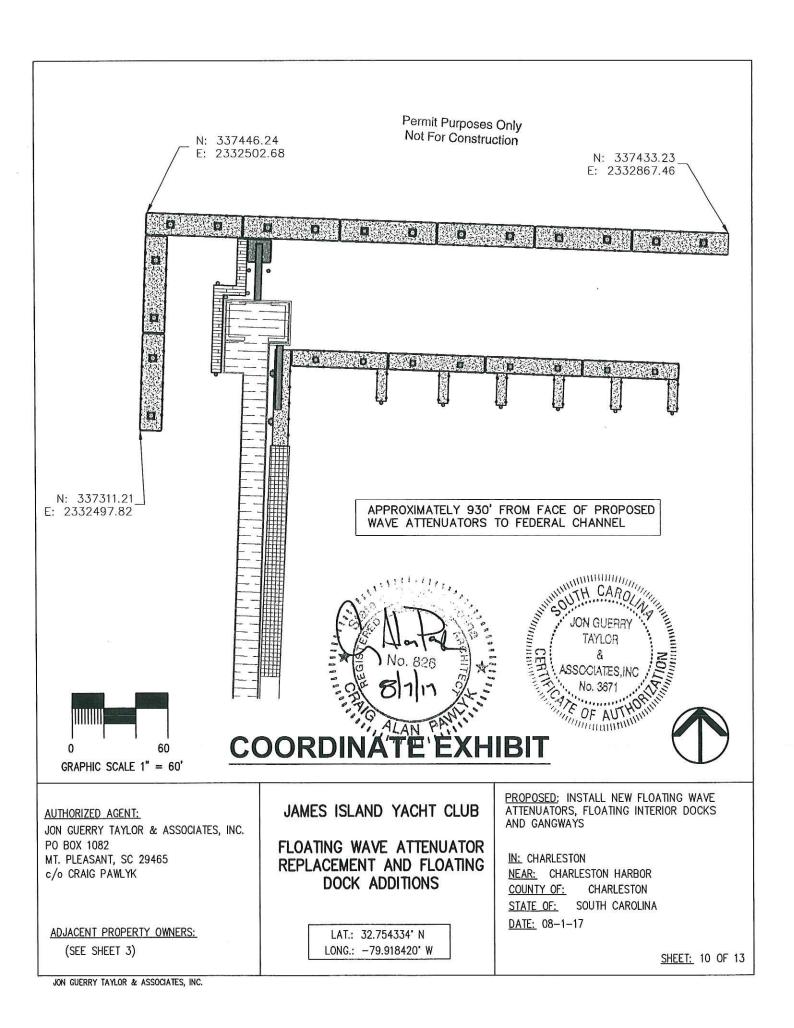












Permit Purposes Only Not For Construction

WAVE ATTNUATOR: 60'X13' = 780 SF X 8 UNITS = 6,240 SFWAVE ATTNUATOR GANGWAY LANDING DOCK: 14'X14' = 196 SF

INTERIOR SAILING DOCK (WEST SIDE OF PIER): 6'X29' = 174 SF 6'X20' = 120 SF 6'X48' = 288 SF TOTAL = 582 SF

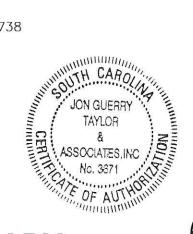
INTERIOR SPINE FOATING DOCKS (EAST OF PIER): 60'X10' = 600 SF X 4 UNITS = 2,400 SF

INTERIOR FINGER PIERS (EAST SIDE OF PIER): 6'X20' = 120 SF X 6 UNITS = 720 SF

INTERIOR GANGWAY LANDING DOCK (EAST OF PIER): 10'X60' = 600 SF

TOTAL SF OF FLOATING DOCKS: 10,738





# **DOCKAGE SUMMARY**

AUTHORIZED AGENT: JON GUERRY TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC. PO BOX 1082 MT. PLEASANT, SC 29465 c/o CRAIG PAWLYK

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

(SEE SHEET 3)

JAMES ISLAND YACHT CLUB

FLOATING WAVE ATTENUATOR REPLACEMENT AND FLOATING DOCK ADDITIONS <u>PROPOSED</u>: INSTALL NEW FLOATING WAVE ATTENUATORS, FLOATING INTERIOR DOCKS AND GANGWAYS

IN: CHARLESTON NEAR: CHARLESTON HARBOR COUNTY OF: CHARLESTON STATE OF: SOUTH CAROLINA DATE: 08–1–17

LAT.: 32.754334' N LONG.: -79.918420' W

SHEET: 11 OF 13

