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To: Hall, James [REDACTED]; Gum, [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EMM docks & Gannon plans @ Blasco

This could also be why BMC wants to put in docks.

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From: Hall, James [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:52 AM
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Subject: EMM docks & Gannon plans @ Blasco

We had a group of people here last week (some Gannon profs & staff as well as some contracted architects (<https://www.indovina.net/>) to tour EMM & get an idea about our existing exhibits (& future ones as well) and programs to take into account as they are developing this new Project NePTWNE water resources lab facility inside the Blasco Library footprint.

Although it has not actually come up to us yet, I am expecting we're going to be approached about providing dock space for them. They have a converted fish tug (<https://campaign.gannon.edu/priorities/campus-enhancements/environment/>) that they use now (dock space over by Dobbins Landing) but they did mention to me that they were looking to "upgrade" to a bigger ship as part of this expansion into Blasco Library.

One of the big "selling points" put out by both Gannon as well as Erie Co. was that moving all of this down here to the Library would provide (& they presumably would be getting) "direct access to the water" for their research projects. Well, as you know Blasco Library certainly doesn't provide direct access to the water either! I can't help but think that they would have designs on using our dock space.

On the face, that sounds great but the realistic side of it is the ACCESS bugaboo. They're going to need 24/7 access back there plus driving vehicles up to their vessel to load/offload equipment/samples/etc.

A discussion for another day but I just wanted to get this out there while I'm thinking of

it.



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April 17, 2024

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Re: FNL Property at the Erie Maritime Museum

Dear Mr. Sabatini:

As you are aware, the 2023 Sailing Services Agreement (Agreement) between the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Flagship Niagara League (FNL) terminated on December 31, 2023. As such, it was essential that PHMC and FNL conduct a final inventory of all property that FNL and the Erie Maritime Museum (EMM) jointly used to carry out the mission of the U.S. Brig *Niagara*.

FNL and EMM have worked together to inventory the property located in the Deep Storage, Plaza, the *Niagara*, the League Office, Supply Room, Bat Cave, Bunker & Fort, Education Room, Attic, Kitchen & Break Room, Shop, Spar Alley, Basement, Tool Room and Boat Shed, the Engineer Tools and the Gift Shop areas at EMM. The inventory has been completed and EMM and FNL have reached agreement on the ownership of the inventoried property as indicated on the attached spreadsheets.

FNL is directed to retrieve all of its property located on EMM property, as identified on the spreadsheets attached below, within 30 (thirty) days of the date of this letter. PHMC will consider property that is not collected within 30 (thirty) days to be abandoned property and it will become the property of PHMC and disposed of at the discretion of PHMC. Please contact Jim Hall, Site Administrator, EMM, to arrange for pick up of FNL's property.

Likewise, FNL's sublease of the middle 75 (seventy-five) feet of the 200 (two hundred) foot east wall of the Niagara berthing basin for the berth of the *Lettie G. Howard* has expired. The FNL is directed to remove the *Lettie G. Howard* and all of her related property from the EMM premises by May 17, 2024.

Please indicate your confirmation of the inventory and timeframe for removal of FNL property by placing your signature in the place provided below and return a copy to me. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Hall.

Sincerely,



Melissa L. Mann
Director, Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums

The signature below confirms the mutual understanding between PHMC and FNL relating to the inventory of property and timeframe for removal of FNL property from the Erie Maritime Museum.

William Sabatini
Executive Director
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Date

Cc: Jim Hall, Site Administrator, Erie Maritime Museum
Tyler Gum, Acting Western Division Chief, BHSM