



Caravel Replica Niña Ship Ownership



Council Presentation
June 19, 2018



Caravel Replica Niña Ship





History of the Niña



- The Niña has been moved to various locations throughout the Corpus Christi Marina over the past few years. It has remained in its current location for approximately five years at the Lawrence Street T-Head.
- The Niña was built in 1990 and is about 28 years old.
- In 2010, City Council leased the Niña to the Columbus Sailing Association (CSA) with a 15 year term. They committed to restoring the vessel to its prior glory.
- Complications from “Hurricane Harvey” sank the Niña in 2017.
- November 2017, CSA created a four phase repair plan for the Niña:
 - Phase 1 Raising the Niña (completed)
 - Phase 2 Tow the Niña
 - Phase 3 Repairs at the Boat Yard
 - Phase 4 Tow the Niña back to Marina
- In December 2017, the Niña was raised after being under water for five months. There was much damage to the ship. Aquatic worms created many soft spots throughout and barnacles have consumed much of the ship.



Submersion Damage





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History of the Niña (continued)



- After eight years, only three members of the Columbus Sailing Association remain. They are no longer able to conduct the regular maintenance required of the Niña especially in lieu of recent damages.
 - CSA's goal has been to save and preserve the Niña for historical and educational purposes.
 - On May 16, 2018, CSA approached the City requesting permission to pursue other opportunities for the Niña.
 - Three separate interested parties have been identified who could assume ownership and restore the iconic replica.
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Recommendation



Motion of Direction to the Interim City Manager to authorize Columbus Sailing Association, for a period of five months, to solicit offers of new ownership and possible relocation of the Caravel Replica Niña ship, subject to final City of Corpus Christi review and acceptance of such offers, with all such offers to be presented to the City Manager no later than December 1, 2018.



Questions?