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I am requesting things do NOT change at Houska Park.

I rent out a slip at the La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor.

It was very scary for us the last time there was camping allowed at the park! The people staying at Houska Park are not predictable. There is no way to know what their intentions are. One morning someone ran from camping site to the rocks by the blue structure. They were screaming at the top of their lungs. Words were slurred so we couldn't make out what he was saying. I couldn't believe he didn't fall in the water. Then all of a sudden he ran back to the campsite. Still screaming at the top of his lungs.

They have no respect for our private property. We had cigarette butts on top and swimming platform of our houseboat only when they were here. Also had tops of beer bottles on the top... we never drink bottles at houseboat. Also, a propane tank went missing. Not sure if homeless, but never happened any other time.

No one knows what the future holds. If for some reason we need to sell, the homeless camping so close to our slip will dramatically decrease the value or eliminate the sale all together. The following happened to a previous slip holder trying to sell his houseboat:

I had a couple who wanted to buy. They just wanted a place to call home on the river. Never intended to even take the boat out. Just sit on the front deck and enjoy the neighbors. Then they drove around the corner and saw the mess. They said they could not feel safe down there. End of the sale.

If La Crosse decides to go ahead with this, then the risk to our property increases immensely. I would like this risk taken out of my rental amount per season. My first thought is \$2,000 per larger boats. Or, say a percentage across the board. I would suggest 60 percent per slip.

Also, if something happens to my houseboat, La Crosse picks up the tab for all charges my insurance doesn't cover.

To be honest, my husband and I were out last weekend and really enjoyed the scenery. The tents destroys the beautiful landscape nature provides. That's the Mississippi I grew up with and would like to continue to enjoy.

Thank you very much for your understanding.