



KINGSMILL YACHT CLUB  
Williamsburg, Virginia

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Mr. David Alberg, Superintendent  
NOAA Monitor National Marine Sanctuary  
100 Museum Drive  
Newport News, VA 23606

Dear Mr. Alberg:

On behalf of the Kingsmill Yacht Club (KYC) of Williamsburg, Virginia, I writing to convey our Club's strong support for the expansion of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS) to include World War II shipwrecks off the coast of North Carolina.

In 2018, the KYC was pleased to have Ms. Shannon Ricles of NOAA's MNMS program, as a guest lecturer on the interesting work that the MNMS is doing to protect and conserve this important part of our nation's history. Through her lecture, our members were fascinated to learn of the large number of U.S. Merchant ships, Allied vessels and German U-boats off the area of Cape Hatteras. To be sure, these U.S. shipwrecks represent the brave and valiant men who sailed on these ships, and we believe that including these vessels in the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary would be a fitting memorial to these courageous veterans of World War II.

Therefore, the KYC is pleased to offer its support for this worthwhile endeavor to expand the MNMS to include these World War II Merchant ships, Allied vessels and German U-boats to enhance the historical understanding of World War II and to honor the U.S. veterans who proudly served on these ships and vessels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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