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Dear Members of the Board,

As I committed in our meeting last week, and in advance of our meeting tomorrow, I undertook a review of our prior meeting records to clarify where we stand with respect to the upcoming winter sailing schedule. Based on the nature of the schedule modifications approved prior to the 2025–2026 season, we do currently have a schedule in place for the 2026–2027 season (i.e., the schedule as approved and implemented last year). However, given the varied precedents in our recent history, the key question before us tomorrow is that of timing of the end of the winter sailing schedule and commencement of the spring sailing schedule. Establishing clear policy on this is directly in the public interest, providing predictability for island residents and essential operational support to our management team.

General Manager Ben Dinsmore has prepared the accompanying memo outlining the core considerations, financial estimates, and his formal recommendation for our review. Ben recommends adopting a standing rule to establish fixed parameters for the winter and spring schedules, bringing structural certainty to future seasons while preserving the Board's authority to adjust dates by majority vote whenever necessary.

I am supportive of Ben's recommendation. It offers a balanced approach that addresses our fiscal constraints while setting a clear calendar standard for the District. I share my support in the interest of full transparency, but, as always, welcome additional perspective from all Directors during our meeting tomorrow. Ultimately, I am most supportive of taking timely action tomorrow so that all stakeholders have full clarity heading into this upcoming winter season. Looking beyond this immediate decision, I also support undertaking a broader, comprehensive schedule analysis project. I suggest we formally incorporate this broader evaluation into our upcoming budget and planning cycles for Calendar Year 2027.

I look forward to a productive discussion tomorrow.

Jennifer Lavanture

President