

FINAL Report

Dolphin Club Renovation Survey Final-R

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Q10 - The Dolphin Club renovations affect not only current members, but future generations of Dolphins. How do you envision the future use of the Dolphin Club, and how do those considerations align with the current renovation plan? Provide your response below.

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1. I envision the Club as a place very similar to what it is now.....a Club where people are focused on the ocean and where they can relax and enjoy themselves.

 2. Trying to socialize in the club as a 38 to 44 year old had been difficult. Two of us members would swim and then 2-3 friends would join and we'd steam mussels and open wine. There's always someone over 65 asking for you to "present your papers" even if you've met them several times. It gets tiring. We're talking about our nerdy friendly visitors who not only clean up after themselves but cleaned up after others. And I even volunteered at club functions and still get looks like "who are you?" Maybe a commons area would help keep the older folks from worrying that we're going to leave a mess (on the bar tops in the main boat room designed for dining and serving drinks! Yes, we know how to pull up a rubber mat and wipe underneath when we clean up!). Sheesh. And I can't see attracting younger members when our weight room is so out of date. I'd prefer a concrete floor with rubber mats and clean non-rusty weights. Instead, I feel like I get angry stares from older members doing stretches and gently peddling for a few minutes on a bike. They seemed shocked if weights are set down and produce any noise at all! All this being said, I genuinely love the club and so many of the members but I don't see us holding any new young members. That crowd is over at SERC with the fun folks and cool facilities. I'll continue to volunteer here and there and am hoping for the best but let's just say that I only join the Friday mixers at SERC for now ;-). Good luck with this task! It's such a chore listening to us all complain and I think everyone on this renovation effort is a champ and a Saint!

 3. I like the way it is, frankly. But protecting our foundations is obviously key. Protected outdoor spaces are amazing. Access to a great common room will be fun, and would increase usable space at the water where it really truly matters. Hope that some of the seating allows for lower, more intimate groupings. I'm enjoying other peoples' vision right now. It's exciting to be asked to evaluate such thoughtful schemes. If options 1 or 2 win, I've determined to learn handball. If option 3 wins, the beloved Sancimino stays as the relic it is, but the club loses one of its quirkier sporting traditions and gets less cool. I also agree that an impossible capital campaign isn't really where things should go.

 4. I have been a spectator at numerous tournaments held by SERC at our court and theirs. I think we need to keep our court to enable and allow tournaments to continue in this urban indoor tennis type game. Building boats took one of our DSBC handball courts already. Please don't resign to this majority of expansionist remodeling modernists from out of our Victorian rooted town, county, state, and sentiment for history of sport. Remember this is a great sport well liked before all of us were born. My Grandfather, a Dentist from USC won tournaments at the LA Athletic Club Handball Courts, It is a large sport in the California Firefighter Olympics. Please don't kill this handball court which would cause extinction of handball tournaments.

5. I believe locker space is considerably more valuable to the membership than yet another gathering space. Lee's plans for reimagined locker rooms fit our future needs. The handball court represents a great deal of underutilized space. Lockers above; multipurpose below, which could be seamlessly connected to the weight room.
6. When it comes to the renovation of the gym, I think it's key that the Dolphin not have so nice a gym that we become in effect a cheaper Equinox for Marina bros. I love that the gym as it exists today is minimal but functional and in support of swimming and rowing, not an end in itself. E.g. heavy deadlifting isn't possible today because the wooden floor couldn't take it - that's a plus in my book even though I like weightlifting. And the fact that we have an old boom box set to classical 95% of the time is perfect in my book. I wouldn't want a world where lots of members come for the gym and aren't involved in the aquatic community and purpose of the club.
7. Club needs to change with the times but try to preserve the unique feel and history of some of the existing facilities, like the weight room even though it should be moved. Increased use of outdoor space and new upper level deck space key. Ground level sauna good idea. Gathering space too.
8. By keeping our renovation basic and maintaining the club as best possible with funds left in the bank, will allow future members to have a club to enjoy with (hopefully) much of the same look and feel.
9. I prefer the historical setting and culture of the DC and hope that it is not altered too much away from that. I do understand the need to upgrade the galley and weight room and to upgrade the elevator but do not think that the DC needs to be modernized too much. Of course the Club needs to be maintained but there is so much value in keeping the existing character of the Club and not turning it into a fancy athletic club. People can go elsewhere if that is what they want.
10. I hope the future club is much like the present one in terms of what we do and how the club looks. Keep it real.
11. I believe that strong focus on swimming, boating, and weight lifting should be maintained. I do not believe that the handball court is useful enough to the greater membership to maintain, thus my 1st place vote was to move the weight room to that space and build a nice commons overlooking the ocean/beach.
12. I hope the future club continues to offer a bit of quirky old-school San Francisco and continues to embrace doing things a bit differently. I hope the Club keeps its respect for history and doesn't succumb to turning into a slick corporate athletic club. I hope members continue to use and love our old building, swim in the bay without wetsuits, row wooden boats, play handball and hang out on the sunny deck.
13. I can't wait to bring my new baby daughter (and future children) to be members of the DC. The club is a very special part of San Francisco's history; it feels like stepping back in time. Doing work to make the club buildings more structurally sound and safe for future generations feels very important. As the SF shoreline changes with the climate, there will be more renovations needed - it is important to have good process around planning for and making these necessary updates.
14. It seems mostly boating and swimming. Don't think it should be turned into gym type place. The old feel is good and should be kept up
15. I appreciate the consideration of a gender neutral sauna: If there is indeed data showing demand for the use of this space and people that would fill it up then by all means let's have it! I think there is a lurking fear that we would create a facility to accommodate gender-neutral people but it would sit empty because there isn't an accompanying atmosphere of inclusion that would make them feel welcome.
16. As I say above, I wish the club to remain magical and historical in its feeling.... not cut and paste away its old charm and personality. Of course there is a fine line to improving for the ages and keeping sentimentality in the essence :) Looking forward to my retirement next month so I can spend more time in the bay and help out around the house!!! I treasure and am honored to be a member!!! Thank you.
17. I believe the membership of the club will continue to grow -- so the plan is important to meet the growing number of men, women, and non-binary individuals.
18. I see this plan as a chance to address doing something substantial vs modest. We don't want to do this every 10 or 20 or 30 years. Once and do it correctly. Then again in 90 years or so.

19. The Club has been an athletic club for adults and that is how I envision it (with my fingers crossed). Differentiating the DC from other largely "adult" athletic clubs (Olympic, Bay, etc.) is its location on the Bay, its historic, well-seasoned clubhouse with authentic photos, mementos, boats, etc. and its heritage as a public club. As an athletic club its offerings and limitations have resulted in a membership full of personalities pursuing a wide variety of vocations, making it a most interesting place. Although I have cherished the Club for 30+ years, it is changing to a more of a social club with an athletic appendage, which I find disappointing. Even though membership has grown (too high, too fast IMHO), club swims are not filling up. Some want swim aids allowed (!). A fairly new activity is parties every Friday. The push by some to displace the historic weight room for a "commons" room, when we already have 2 such rooms, is another symptom of a club changing for the worse. I have this sense that a portion of newish members simply want to socialize while riding on the coattails of those before, those who established the Dolphin Club brand (Cecco, Lou, Sancimino, Bruno, etc.). This is dilutive but I don't know what can be done.

20. Co-ed sauna seems like a great idea - although in my ideal future we could all genders just come nude and comfortably in common locker rooms etc. obviating the need for a 3d sauna. But is that likely to happen?... So the future I envision isn't really relevant. Otherwise - see comments section for Q9.

21. Future generations of Dolphins will be athletes who I'm sure can find lots of pubs to drink and dine and where they can socialize on a more extravagant level.

22. A major pain point for new and & 5 year members is the lack of lockers. Being on a waitlist for several years dissuaded me from joining at all to begin with. Having a locker would significantly impact how frequently I come to the club, as I have to carry gear back and forth. With that in mind, I'd be disappointed if we didn't make any improvements that address the locker shortage. I appreciate that longer-tenured members may have forgotten how much less convenient an experience it is for day-use locker folks.

23. What does it feel like to be a member of an old club in a wooden building? Doesn't it feel good to walk the same floors and row the same boats as those who came before us! Doesn't it feel good to maintain that special place and carry on the traditions that have been enjoyed by so many people, so many generations, for such a long time. So many buildings in California are new and meaningless -- it's a delight to find something *real* like the Dolphin Club. Small inconveniences? Yes, we have those and we have the workaround and the shared experiences and the laughs and the commitment to keep a good thing going. In a shiny, impersonal world where more and more places look like a fancy new airport for the elite, it's a relief to relax and visit with real people who are looking to connect with each other in a real way. If I wanted something that's super-efficient, shiny and new, I would join another club.

24. There is a rough quality to the club that is part of what makes it what it is. Modernization is good. Let's not make it too polished. I don't see that happening in these design proposals, so I'm good with them. I don't want the place to draw people just looking for a relatively pos athletic club!

25. I think expanding the women's locker room to make the allocation of space more equitable makes a lot of sense. I think on many days there are more women using a smaller space than us men and that seems unfair. I also think in the future people will have fewer hangups about a shared (non-gender-specific) sauna, and would love to see that included.

26. A few comments -- (1) Get rid of the back-killer blue chairs in the Staib room; Some of the replacements need to be cushioned for those of us with back issues. (2) enlarge the kitchen before someone gets badly burned; make dining area for informal gatherings for more than are accommodated by the small bar; provide it with decent lighting. We need something between the tiny bar area and putting all the boats out on the pier for larger dinners. (3) I leave it up to others to figure out how to use the handball court space, now a wasteland most of the time. Thanks for all your diligence and hard work.

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28. I like the idea of having an outside coed sauna.

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29. I would like to see a capon membership with new members admitted via attrition. I do not like the idea of becoming ever larger and larger....
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30. many folks will have many opinions on the build-out. Keeping the layout as is as much as possible would be both cost effective and closes the door to radical changes. Gym and kitchen: renovate on same footprint. Create community area on the gym's roof. Keep the handball court and Sancimino Room as is
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31. I've spoken to many new younger members who also prefer a commons area and moving weight room. Honestly presented all 3 options and strongly encouraged them to respond to survey.
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32. I am thinking about climate change, I am thinking with more members so maybe more lockers and showers. I want to keep the charm of vintage of the club. Not like that South end that feels more sterile even if more renovated.
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33. For me, the club's use in the future should promote interaction amongst members and provide a comfortable space to do so. I believe the renovation plans offer more spaces to encounter members - particularly in spaces that aren't commonly used.
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34. Unlike the rest of San Francisco I feel the club has managed to remain connected to it's history and hasn't raced to gentrify the building. Change is inevitable, but not every space needs to be developed. Converting the Sancimino room to a weight room, it troubles me that it is even a consideration. Long term, at some point I could see the handball court being developed, but is being used for other activities as is. The club doesn't have to be all things, it is a swimming and rowing club.
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35. I see Dolphin Club becoming more social for younger members and less like an old folks home.
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36. I don't foresee much change in the way the Club is used.
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37. Preserve and keep it the way it is. It's cool. Breaking eggs with change is fun until others in the future have to clean it up...Just the way I feel.
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38. Keep the focus on open-water swimming, as well as on more and different varieties of rowing (e.g., light and strong fiberglass boats in addition to our splendid wooden fleet.) Many young members have talked favorably about the possibility of re-purposing the handball court as a pickle ball court. I'm not a pickle ball player, but I think we should give that serious consideration as we re-think the use of space within our four walls.
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39. I am in my 40s and hope to be using the DC for the next 40 years. I see many members of all ages stretching and working out in the gym prior to swimming. I hope to be able to continue that routine. Having the gym on the ground floor is certainly the most convenient for easy access to the water afterwards. But having it upstairs could also work (though would be most expensive). While I like the idea of a commons, I wonder why the Staib or Sancimino rooms could not be reshaped to be more comfortable. I like the historic chairs in the Staib room but recognize there could be a few more tables to make it more like the notion of a commons. Further, my experience with the DC is not about eating and drinking and I observe many events all the time where this happens (or I did more so pre COVID and they are just now returning...). In other words the lack of a "commons" room does not seem to inhibit socializing. Finally, as a relatively new member (4 years) I do observe that the kitchen and meals dynamic at the club generally often has the feel of exclusivity and insiderness, which defies the inclusivity of the sauna and the gym. In fact I first set foot in the kitchen only a few weeks ago to get a water glass and it felt odd like I had cross a threshold into a place I wasn't supposed to be in (like the private kitchen of a home or hotel I was visiting). That's on my and I don't want to blame anyone for how I felt. But I wouldn't want the "commons" to take on a sense of being the sometimes quasi private domain of people using it as their gathering space for group meals, etc unless there were a more explicit policy that the space is truly shared for all. Thank you for organizing the survey and listening to the wide ranging perspectives of all the wonderful members of the Dolphin Club.
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40. Looking fwd to the future of DC.
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41. I feel like the future use will be similar to the current use.
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42. The facilities themselves certainly need to be updated for safety, building longevity and to alleviate the undeniable shortage of locker-room capacity. The Dolphin Club is a unique and very special place in San Francisco. Future members will enjoy the club for the same reasons that current members do it is a haven away from cell phone conversations, there are no 'special' meeting spaces, there is a single shared deck for everyone (encouraging people to share the space instead of having private little gatherings in multiple decks) etc.. I will repeat here what I said above in case the answers are summarized separately: Our current deck is seldom used. The handball court is likewise rarely used for handball. The weight room, galley, locker rooms, and the Sancimino room (where there is no big-screen TV), are all used by a many members on a very regular basis. This is objective fact. Many of the plans I have seen for improvement seem to have more to do with speculative uses and special interests by a few influential members, without really considering how the club is used and will likely be used in the future by active members.
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43. More gender-neutral spaces for socializing and exercising will be very helpful. Adding a small "work area" where it is okay to "land" and do a call or send a few emails would be wonderful and would meet the needs of current and future people who are working. I know this is controversial, and there's a risk that people will abuse the space. This would need to be something that was limited ~ maybe to 1-2 hours at a time, with more strict rules if the space was abused. Allowing for small gatherings or weekly drop in childcare (like on a Sat AM) may also help draw younger people and foster community connections.
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44. While I think it's good to live within our means, I think some visionary thinking is important. We have an opportunity now and it will only become more expensive to renovate the club. I spoke with [name omitted] today and he shared some thoughts on financing and the cost of taking on some debt. The cost was much less than I thought it would be. It made me look at this differently. We should not think too small. I think whatever we do, we need to consider how to keep the museum-like 'old San Francisco' feel of what is basically our living museum. It is so rare to be in a building that has not been 'fixed-up' - you can just feel the history.
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45. I think what was learned from covid/bleachers is the benefit of community and what a common room and having a possible co ed sauna downstairs would provide
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46. I see the Dolphin Club as a place for active people to gather and interact with each other. The Club is a special place where men and women can work to improve their fitness by swimming, handball, rowing, weight training, running, and other fiscal fitness. I think the Club is well served by many social gatherings. I would like the club to consider having information and education on eating a more healthy diet. A healthy diet is a big part of maintaining a healthy body. One can not be fit if he or she does not have a healthy diet.
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47. I think the Dolphin Club does things for many years that other organizations don't do much, or don't do as well. We should keep doing those things, swimming, rowing, handball. Other activities hula, dance, yoga etc, can be done in spaces like the handball court without destroying the capability of handball.
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48. Maintain character. Boating and a swimming.
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49. Modernizing the Club while maintaining a feel for the historical character is an important step to assure future interest. Long time members and some new as well appreciate the charm of the old days, but, but I think that sentiment will fade as the old pass on a the new generation will seek more of a blend of the old character being preserved with more up to date amenities.
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50. - More communal space to share meals and protected from the wind outdoor space so that we don't have to necessarily go to the sauna after swimming (so create a protected area, hot showers outside) - We are a swimming and rowing club (with kayaks, paddle boards), let's keep it like that- not necessarily in favor of having organized activities at the club that take a space from members who just want to chill after their swim or row and end up with no space to gather quietly - Organized group activities other then the above ideally would be limited to raise money for youth swim program or diversity/inclusion initiatives or bay protection& conservancy

51. Primarily for swimming and boating but with other things that enhance that, ie kitchen, dining/gathering/social area, locker rooms, showers, changing areas, sauna... storage for boats, rescue, etc.
52. To provide more access for public, whats the point of all the private lockers. More non-reserved lockers are better
53. We should make sure to have sufficient capacity, e.g., the locker rooms, for future growth.
54. The renovation plans are so good and reflect an impressive amount of thinking through the complexities and opportunities for our club's legacy. I appreciate it going beyond the basics and the willingness to consider the larger scope and more visionary options. Many thanks to all who worked on these. Also, all of the presentations and this survey - what an open process. Thanks to all who are part of this wonderful team! It seems like our membership will continue to grow, with a focus on swimming and rowing, and with a need for more lockers and common spaces to socialize and build the bonds that help make our club a stronger community. The commons space near the galley would be great for that and for meeting/gathering with your swim pals before/after a swim. The socializing space outside is great when the weather is nice, but a wind-protected inside space for eating and other gathering is so needed much of the time. Not having to set up folding tables to sit down & gather inside would be good. Members appreciated the all-gender gathering on the bleachers during the pandemic and the commons space near the galley would encourage more of that kind of gathering. An all-gender sauna could be good for that too. It's hard to imagine handball becoming a popular sport again at the DC and I am glad we are looking beyond our affection for the past and for the charming space of the court to re-think how that space would best serve the future club.
55. What I like most about the Dolphin club are the people/community and the beauty of swimming in the bay -- access/views to water. So I would support the renovation aligning with and enhancing both of those opportunities. Thank you to those working on this effort!
56. I imagine more use of bikes (how about a charging station?); increased use of gym (new tech-generation machines? small, movement class areas/ massage table areas?) increased use of kayaks and SUPs (handy convenient racks?)
57. Keep focus on swimming and water sports, expand/renovate locker room (mens).
58. By renovating we ensure the club remains in good structural health for years to come. Collectively we care for what we have now, yet also ensuring that those who use the space after we are gone will have a structurally sound space to enjoy. It's good stewardship.
59. How has the past 100 years of use been. History can be a useful guide. Seems like the proposed renovations support use for future generations which is fantastic.
60. The core should be the same - wooden rowboats and bay swimming with all the in depth programming to support it - swim training and events, health&fitness supporting swimming and rowing, boat repair/building, lessons on tides/currents, and boat handling. Continue to present other options for getting out on the bay - kayaks, paddle boards. Maintain its historical integrity and charm. A casual welcoming space for all members.
61. Similar use in the future and really like providing more commons space and the gender-neutral sauna
62. We need to move beyond the gender binary to welcome a more diverse group of people.
63. Keep things nice. Invest while we can.
64. Running rowing swimming
65. In order to meet the demands of the future, the Dolphin Club should aspire to become a more comprehensive fitness & wellness center (of course in addition to rowing, swimming, cultural and social space). I'd like to be in a position in the future to consolidate my gym memberships down to just DC,

which will require a modern and aesthetically beautiful place to engage in resistance training, yoga, exercise bikes, etc. I also generally believe that more saunas -& more swimming, which will benefit everyone and make it a more dynamic space. On the topic of saunas: I love the idea of making the ground floor sauna gender neutral, as many of my swims/ hangouts involve female friends and so I'd like to have more freedom to share the experience from start to finish (rather than split up for 20 mins after a swim and then regroup!)

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66. We should create the maximum amount of space, and greatest diversity of spaces we can now, taking our best shot at how they are likely to be used in the next few years. But recreational use patterns have evolved constantly over the 40 years I have been studying them; in response to trends, preferences, demographics, and new technologies in recreational equipment. We shouldn't worry that we can't predict the future. It will be much easier to re-purpose spaces (indoor and outdoor), than it will be to permit and build new spaces. So go for the biggest option!
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67. Would love the renovations to be inclusive of all members and to be able to withstand years so it's not dated for future generations.
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68. The predominant uses of the club will remain rowing and swimming. However, broadening the usefulness of the facilities by including a large weight room would increase the utility of the club by new members, who might otherwise go to a regular gym. More member activity will lead to a deeper sense of community and more new friendships among members.
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69. I expands the club and makes it more usable for new and existing members.
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70. Keep it simple
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71. If future generations finally wise up to the insanity of the Gender Trans movement - they will laugh at what a small minority of insane - literally mentally ill people were able to do to the vast majority of people who actually know what their gender is - all they have to do is check their privates. Done. Anything that accommodates this insanity is itself insane.
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72. How does the club envision providing spaces for non-binary members? This would be important moving ahead if we want to continue to be inclusive and welcoming to all.
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73. More women and people of color. I think the plans should consider these populations as we decide what to do.
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74. I am not very social but I enjoy observing who does what Only been a member for a few years but never have I seen anyone using the racket all courts. Not all will agree with choices made One thing I notice our neighbors doing is gathering on the roof deck for social time and this club of ours is very social It's not an easy task to get everyone to agree but one thing that has stuck with me I. All the threads I have read is we are not planning for the past or the present but we are planning for the future
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75. I don't envision any big changes.
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76. As an out of town member who respects the history & tradition of the club. I support keeping the club so welcoming & classy to boot.
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77. My son [name omitted] has 3 children and I hope they enjoy the club. Please consider his response.
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78. Additional lockers for both men & women would be very helpful for those of us that have been on the edit list for years. More lockers & a co-ed sauna would both help better serve swimmers year round. Sauna conversations are one of best way to meet new members & learn.
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79. Boating, boat shop, member volunteer for boat night Swimming and swimming events Events for members
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80. No comment.
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81. the same. ain't broke don't fix it

82. These provide a strong basis for a more all encompassing club, where strength and conditioning and socializing can be two larger parts. Unfortunately for the younger members (I am in my 30s) the social aspect of the club is still very hard to become a part of.
83. The dolphin club is a generous community that shares and gives back. At some point I believe we need to better screen and limit growth in total membership (while striving for diversity). This is primarily a swim and rowing club, not a social club for non participants. Perhaps a committed donated work hours by members would help maintain and build community, or raise money for those who do not engage.
84. Appreciate the fact that this renovation addresses climate change & rising tides. For me, this seems to be the most important consideration for the future.
85. I think the inclusivity of the DC is one of its greatest strengths and the opposite it's greatest weakness. When I joined in 2012 I had no wait and there were only whispers of complaining about new members, but even that was off-putting. The club is in a city-owned building and should be available to interested Bay Area denizens. Investment in that future is why I have supported the renovation project.
86. Future use of the Dolphin Club is for swimming, rowing, saunas and gatherings.
87. Better weight rooms (and less handball space) I believe will be more desirable for younger, newer members
88. Its fine, but please don't proceed without SERC input
89. A family sauna would be inclusive to future members, encouraging more families to join, and ensuring future memberships.
90. Lots of work has gone into planning and being new, I don't know enough to add much. I'll offer a couple comments. Consider expanding the idea of exercise from what is the fitness room of heavy equipment now to include a second room for more free style forms, for yoga or just stretching. Could kayaks or Sups use more space to facilitate use or anticipate need to expand. Is this being considered?
91. I hope that the future use is very similar to that of today. I would like to see a more diverse cross section of San Francisco be able to have access to the club. The club is an important "touch point" for people to experience the bay and to be out in nature—this is an effective way for people to learn about environmental stewardship, which is more critical than ever.
92. The Dolphin club is a place community and having a commons area and a more comprehensive gym/studio space is part of creating opportunities to build that community. Right now in its current form, there aren't that many spaces available to interact and meet with people.
93. Swimming and boating club for people who love the water and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people of all types.
94. Not having a dining room/lounge/commons next to the galley will be a huge loss for future Dolphins. Before South End objected, double decking would have provided the gym and commons in one building. Since then, we have been tiptoeing around the South End. They've got theirs and they seem to object to everything we propose. I urge more assertive leadership from the DC to represent our interests. The deck-level sauna will be great for mixing cross-gender, since so much of the socializing happens in the sauna. Pickle ball is the future and we should at least stripe the handball court for the sport, so we can use it for both—if we keep it. I hope we have a good assessment of current usage of the various components of the clubhouse to make our decision based on how to accommodate the practices of the largest number of members. It makes me sad to think that fear of change and the loudest voices will win out over the best design for our Dolphin progeny. I hope I'm wrong.
95. I think it is a San Francisco treasure that can be preserved and used to support the swimming and rowing communities for decades to come.
96. Dolphin club is melting pot of people from different walks of life united by their love of community and the outdoors and the water, dividing by their strong ideas and opinions, then coming together again over them. Discovering the wisdom that comes with age. I think planning for renewal energy sources, even if it's just a wave model, or actual wind/solar shows future Dolphins we were thinking of them.

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97. Would prefer if Club would remain intimate and put a limit on too many new members. Chose DC over Southend because it feels and looks like old San Francisco, also warm and inviting. The building is beautiful as is. Would hate for the new renovations to make club feel too modern and cold.
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98. I think the handball court needs to be thought about. If we do not utilize the space fully (meaning using in a way that needs it's height, etc), we need to really think about where we are going with it. Because it's tradition is not a reason to keep something WHEN it means other needs are unmet.
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99. Swimming, boating and social. Simple and straightforward, since 1877.
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100. The current renovation plans seek to eliminate or reduce space that is presently being used and convert them to something else. The current renovation plan wants to add spaces and features that are not necessarily needed but are preferences by certain groups. Eliminating these features will destroy the communities and groups that currently use those spaces, creating space for some "unidentified purpose" for "gathering." This is not appropriate. We should make the necessary repairs to our club so that we can use our facilities safely and preserve the building. We should not be seeking to completely renovate or expand the Club making it into something that a small, loud minority wants.
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101. Obviously shoring up our club for rising tides as well as earthquakes should be the main concern. I'm going to venture to guess that interest in handball is going to trickle down over the coming years, but if some members are still using the court I don't feel like we need to get rid of it now. Like I said above, to me the most obvious conversion would be to a yoga/pilates/dance space, which I already use it for, but it would be much better with mirrors. If, in the future, no one is playing handball anymore, we could easily add mirrors to the space without any further construction and make a great studio for dance and other activities. The floor and the existing space is already perfect for that.
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102. Having gathering spaces/commons will keep alive a feeling of community. A gym needs more room for classes/ stretching than can be afforded with the current footprint. I believe we have lost members to SERC because of that. The conditions forced on us by the pandemic will probably return, so we should think of how to maintain space for gathering that is outdoors/well ventilated but sheltered/warm so that we can keep using our club through such adversities. Water conservation will be an issue as our droughts worsen. Right now people overuse water in showers for warming, having a sauna/warming area where mixed gender groups can recover from a cold swim before heading up to their separate locker room to shower could save a lot of water.
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103. I think a commons room is essential, to foster the social interaction we need to maintain our identity as a club. The current dining situation is not ideal: it is less than comfortable, noisy if the group is large, poorly lit and sometimes cold. A commons room would solve many of these issues and would be a kind of "hearth" for the membership.
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104. There is a need to maximize lockers in the locker rooms in their current locations.
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105. new compliant elevator of utmost importance
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106. cool the membership drive
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107. Upgrading the space will be appreciated by future generations of DC members, with a new commons space, more lockers, upgraded utilities, a co-ed sauna, and a gray water system.
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108. Swimming, sauna, rowing, social. Creation of a common space for post swim events and club events.
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109. To encourage families I would like to see a downstairs shower /Bathroom for families . More Children activities like rowing 🗽 ♀ Perhaps small woofers boats ?A sand Castle contest , Children's day etc I want my grandchildren to grow up in the DCCulture
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110. I imagine we will need more locker space
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111. The club has been a sanctuary to me from the day I joined. I revered the originality of the tradition of the club as it is. I understand the need to upgrade for earthquake/climate change is necessary,
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option 1 seems to be the option that addresses the immediate concerns within the budget, that we all know will be over.

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112. I believe the Dolphin Club presents a historic, unique suite of athletic opportunities and a place to connect with individuals who share a common interest in traditional DC activities. I strongly support maintaining the Club for future generations who will appreciate the club for what it is and what it has been, and that we do not spend members' donations to create a club that caters to individuals who seek the cachet of Dolphin membership but want the social amenities of a swanky athletic club.
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113. If I was only thinking of the future, and not fundraising concerns/challenges, I would vote for Option 2. It contains brilliant and creative design solutions for our growing membership. Great work team. Thank you!
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114. I hope that sea level rise doesn't wipe everything out after all this discussion. I have no children so I'm the end of my line. I fear for future generations, though, and I do my best to live a lifestyle that is environmentally sound. Keeping calm and swimming on...!
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115. same use as now - a warm, small community of like-minded jocks who appreciate our site and circumstances w/o fluff.
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116. A co-ed sauna option downstairs is definitely something we should have for the future
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117. I like the idea of using the boat house as a common area. Why deviate from that? I have been avoiding the club for a number of reasons. 1) Don't agree with the vaccine mandate 2) Don't need my automobile vandalized.
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118. Glad to see the investment in the club!
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119. I don't believe anyone thirty years ago could have foreseen the arrival of stand-up paddle boards or even the light-boats and we now need storage space for these items. I cannot "envision then future of the physical space". I can envision conveying a culture of kindness, inclusion and humor. So what I think is really important to convey is how we treat one another, not what the building looks like.
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120. I'm a physical therapist and strongly encourage the club to keep space for weight and resistance training in some form. Access to this equipment and encouraging all members to use them will keep everyone swimming and boating by reducing injury potential.
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121. I like to use all components of the club depending on the seasons. Swimming in the fall and summer, rowing in winter and late spring, boat night year round, hand ball I'd like to use year round once we rebuild a base of players, erging for the winter (grizzly) and I'd definitely use the gym if it were updated (similar to what SERC did to their club). The dolphin club isn't just swimming and rowing. Let us continue to use the space with as many active functions and activities as possible. We don't just need more places to sit.
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122. I think emphasizing shared communal spaces will be beneficial to all members.
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123. As a new member with limited experience at the club and even less history about what is and is not important to other members, it is difficult to base a future vision with any sense of the past. That said, gathering and socializing seems like important activities at the club and having a commons seems like a good use of the space currently occupied by the weight room.
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124. The future of the Dolphin Club is sure to include swimming, rowing and gatherings in the "out door commons" area the boats and swimmers use to get to the water. Reducing this space or adding curbs, ramps and deck level changes restricts easy access to the water.
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125. Swimming, rowing, handball, weight room. Come to the club to enjoy these activities and leave. The Friday night mixers are nice but there isn't a reason to expand a building or upend an apple cart trying to make the Dolphin Club a permanent social mixing venue with decks that people stand on for 5 minutes and go back inside because it is too cold. As for the comments around creating warming areas, etc. to welcome more members... there are ENOUGH members and the Dolphin Club already hates the people

that warming areas would generally be created for (i.e. wetsuits). Toughen up, walk up the stairs. That's the Dolphin Club way.

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126. I am a newer Dolphin. And I've found such joy in the club that I actively recruit new members from swimmers on China Beach, rowers in Sausalito, surfers in Pacifica, and boat lovers around the Bay. I believe this renovation will be a once-a-century upgrade, and we should look ahead 20 - 40 years in considering it's merits. That means adopting MORE development and capacity at this time, knowing that the difficulty and expense of future renovations will be even higher AND put the historic club at greater risk. We must invest proactively in 2022 so we do not need to invest reactively in 2032. I salute the bold thinking happening here and invite more!
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127. I think that the prospect of a new dining area has great potential for bringing fellow 'fins together including encouraging new members to connect with longtime members. I think it's wonderful that we are upgrading our elevator for those that need it to access other parts of the club and that a downstairs sauna may be a good solution for those less mobile such as how the SouthEnd has a handicap sauna downstairs.
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128. Dear fellow Dolphins, First and foremost, please allow me this opportunity to express the immense appreciation and my sincere gratitude for your dedication to our common objective - betterment of the good old Dolphin Club. I envision our club's future consistent with our personality as a club. Unequivocally, youth is the appropriate focus of our work. We can best serve our youth through activities such as strength training and swimming. Obviously, renovating the weight room and expanding our locker rooms is the way to go. I wanted to let you know that I am utterly impressed with what has been achieved so far and that our fundraising goals have been met. This makes me happy. Thank you for all you do! Respectfully, Fellow Dolphin
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129. I very much hope it will remain a Swimming and Boating Club, with select social events that help promote friendship and camaraderie among old, "medium" and new Dolphins, their families, friends and, by terms of our lease with SF Recreation & Parks, be available as a swim venue for the public.
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130. I hope the focus is always on the beauty found in our special location for all future members. That is why I have strong feelings about the Sancimino room.
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131. Keep it simple, keep it traditional, keep the spirit going. No way to predict the future.
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132. Let's make the locker room a more inviting place for guests, this is where our future generations of Dolphins will come from. Having a large footprint of building devoted to long term storage of personal items is antithetical to the shared Dolphin community I envision. Need more welcoming space for gathering, dining, relaxing.
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133. Its hard to embrace change but this building needs work and love. We can spend decades talking about this or do a poll like this and move forward. Please do this project. Greatness happens when we take action even in SF where project timelines are in 3 yr blocks of time
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134. The DC is a sticky place. Few sporting organizations have brought me back again and again. The blend between sports and community is perfect - something that I hope to see for generations to come. There has been much discussion on how we can make the DC a more inclusive space. We are moving into an era of increased understanding of intersectional identity. In a city like San Francisco, I'd like to see us be leaders in creating a safe space for members of all gender spectrums. I know of at least 2 people who did not feel comfortable in our gendered saunas. We won't see this community unless we build a space that is welcoming. A ground floor sauna is also important for accessibility. Currently, we must navigate multiple staircases (or a very uncomfortable elevator ride) to access saunas in the back of the locker rooms. They may be ADA accessible, but not comfortably. At this point, I haven't donated to the rebuilding fund. I will, but it's pretty imperative for me to see an improved ADA & gender neutral sauna to want to donate a larger amount. Thank you for taking our considerations into account.
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135. These plans do not address future sea rise with serious solutions. This will be the work of future generations. This club building is closer to the rising waters than is the current zone of concern on the Marshall Islands. Have Foundation Ground Screws ever been considered for the foundation

replacement? Add the things you determine, but save the historical parts of the club, and apply more focus & resources the on coming sea rise. Thank You all for your effort you have put into this planning so far. All the best to you

136. I don't want to loose the politely conservative gender separation we have in our club. I think adding a coed hot tub or sauna will promote too much of a dating scene atmosphere instead of reserving the good clean, fun, friends, and family atmosphere that we currently have. Let the touchy co-eds build a spa or a sauna in their own homes if they need a place to rub up against each other. I think this sauna idea is a big mistake. Expand our space for storing more boats, and water gear that we can all use together. Don't build a get in trouble with the opposite sex spot. I mean , the lawyers might like all the new business but, the money would be better used on expanding our closed cockpit kayaks, and training programs, or for new life vests and paddles, or updating the 1970's gym equipment, or replacing a few of the peeling non-stick skillet in the kitchen (or just get more cast iron ones), or anything else. Many men and women won't feel comfortable lingering in skimpy swim suits, in a coed sauna. Let's build things that we are more likely to have everyone use, and not just a small population of the club. Let's think, Nostalgic, Rowing, and Swimming club of the future, not S.F's latest hot spot for hook ups. On second thought, maybe some coed, naked shoulder rubbing sounds good.... hmmm? I'm pretty sure I could lead the way sauna drama if need be. ;-)

137. The design of our club was originally well thought out with the weight room adjacent to the steps leading out to the beach. This is one of the reasons that I chose the DC over SERC in the first place. Regarding the handball court, I have been a member of the Olympic Club for many years and grew up playing handball and know other joint members that also currently use our court. This area could also be used for Squash, Raquetball, Pickleball, Pilates and stretching etc. Designated times could made to accommodate all, it would be a mistake to change this layout.

138. Being a Dolphin Club Member is a wonderful part of my life. I think about what benefits I am lucky enough to experience there. Camaraderie, fellowship, community, shared out of cove swims and boating in an incredible natural landscape, lively sauna discussions, sharing delicious meals and special events are the hallmarks of the club for me. I always feel happily buoyed when I spend time there. It's my happy place. I'm hoping that new generations of Dolphins will reap these same benefits. Having a Dolphin Commons will benefit us now and in the future!

139. There will me more members. Some variation on pickleboard likely to be popular in the near future

140. Taking a very long view I envision the DC and SERC merging. It would result in a fabulous club. The combined strength would give it tremendous power to ward off any possible intrusion from Park and Rec. and it would become a destination for all open water swimmers.

141. I look forward to the general public becoming more comfortable with indoor, community gatherings. I used to teach Pilates and yoga in the handball court; I now teach those classes on zoom. The Dolphin Club members in those classes are reluctant to meet in person for several reasons: they are now accustomed to the convenience of taking these classes online from their cozy homes without commuting and parking near the club. I also miss seeing more folks just hanging out in the kitchen after morning rows or swims.

142. See my Q9 response. As membership inevitably continues to grow, I believe that Option 2 is the best use of our existing space to expand our facilities.

143. I think most new members joined the Club because they like it the way it is.

144. If we want to engender a true club spirit we need places where all club members (swimming, rowing, retired from exercise etc, new members, old members etc) can meet and mingle socially. A commons room would be the best way of achieving that. The weight room is a facility which is not used by everyone - indeed it may not be used by most people. It does not, of itself, engender club spirit, and it's' use is essentially a private matter which does not involve other members. For this reason its current position should not define the options. The questions are: Do we want a commons room? Do we want a

weight room? If we want both where can they both be best situated? It is only at this point that the handball court and Sancimino room (and the galley?) come into play.

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145. Alluded to above
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146. I strongly advocate that new members, especially younger members review the drawings, ask questions- there's a good chance the question has been asked and there are answers.
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147. Swimming, rowing and running. It's a health club, not a social club. Emulate the South End Club.
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148. The Weight Room is set in such a beautiful and comfortable natural spot that it should not be removed! The view and the temperature control, which is effected merely by opening/closing a few windows, make our Weight Room unique. The conditions of our Weight Room are what commercial gyms' "virtual reality" systems are striving to re-create. Most importantly: The Weight Room is where we go when we can't swim, for whatever reason, but we need to be bay-adjacent, bc we're Dolphins.
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149. Handball seems like something no one does at the club. I think only the South End uses the handball courts really? The handball court is a strange beast as its one of the few rooms that has NO integration with the Bay. Even the boat shop has the big doors that open onto the street for tourists to look in. The Dolphin Club is ideal because it lets people gather about common interest -- the love of the Bay and the City of San Francisco. I envision future generations keeping up the historic boat shop, gathering over meals in the galley with friends, cozying up with a book after a long swim and warming up in the locker room. The Sancimino room in its current configuration seems like a waste of space in some ways, it's so target towards... watching TV?
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150. Covid has shown the importance of the deck area for swimmers and boating. I think it has great potential for outdoor family use.
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151. We should be less attached to how things are. The club is fine, but all of options, particularly those that create more usable common space, would make the club better for those members that will follow us.
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152. Take the donations and invest for future Dolphins to help with cost. Renovating is like buying a new car — how much will the Club lose with Contractors taking more and more from the cost — just ask the contractors that are members. Note Jamie's comments...need to add \$1Million to the price tag — listen to the smart Dolphins like Jamie from UCB, genius.
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153. I think we're being arrogant trying to plan for the future use of the club by people we don't even know
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154. I hope the DSBC remains primarily a swimming and boating focused club. Since there is minimal handball playing done by our membership I am ok repurposing the handball court. I do not think that promoting that space for pickleball is in keeping with the tradition of our club. I say this as a very enthusiastic pickleball player who is active outside the club in getting more courts built. The club is already attracting more members than is probably a good idea. Let's stay focused on our traditional interests and assume that there will continue to be generations who want to continue the legacy.
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155. ...does anyone use the handball courts? Looking forward to seeing these results. At first impression, it seems to me they may be a relic.
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156. The spirit of the club is much more than the functional aspect of swimming, rowing, or exercise. Thinking intentionally about having spaces that are conducive to community building, conversation, socialization, and contemplation or so special and important in this day and age, and I expect only to be more important for the future as future generations look for a sense of community that seems to be a dwindling resource. We shouldn't lose sight of the importance of community and physical space that encourages interaction and engagement among members.
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157. I am an out of town member and unfortunately do not get to the Dolphin Club as often as I would like. This said, I think we agree the club is a true treasure for us all. All three proposals seem to keep in the spirit and history of the club. Though I do not play handball, I would hate to lose this for those members that do. My overall preference however, would be to sacrifice the handball court over moving the weight

room to the Sancimino Room. I also agree that a common area off the kitchen would be a welcome addition.

158. My wife and I are moving back to SF and plan on enjoying the DC much more in the future. The weight room is important to me, she enjoys the beach. I swim in the warmer months. Our son is also a member and he uses the weight room and is a rower. We all enjoy the saunas. Generally, I think hand ball's days are past. Things that people will enjoy in the future will continue to be rowing, swimming, SUP and kayaking, as well as weight training, yoga and meditation. I know members are concerned about the historic nature of the weight room but as our previous Governor Brown once said: "it's time to move on". Maybe a commemorative sculpture of Jack L. and Clint and then a modern weight room.

159. It seems we have a good set of options, and given the importance, we shouldn't shy away from a capital assessment (no exceptions!) to close any fundraising gap. Commitment to the future includes ponying up to make it happen. If the board goes in the direction of a capital assessment, I would underscore the importance of not granting a slew of exceptions to older members, members who complain a lot, members who claim hardship, etc. We have public days and a day use fee if the true costs of membership are out of reach. It is fair to observe that even with a modest capital assessment, the Club would still provide the best value proposition in the city for swimming and rowing. This renovation is a stark illustration that our facility cannot happen without true commitment from the membership.

160. Impossible to know what future generations will want. Membership covers many generations now. By getting feedback from the membership you will likely learn what the younger members want, I have no idea if it's different from what I want, which is a laid back place to swim and meet friends once Covid settles down.

161. No club without a secure foundation throughout the entire building (inc. boat shop and whatever we do with handball court).

162. After being in the club for decades, I feel confident there is no reason to change the basic purpose or function of the club. It is an athletic club that provides a unique opportunity for community. I don't see why this will change, regardless of the renovation option chosen. I do think it is important to keep the focus on historic character of the club, and the diversity of sports. I hate to think of handball being lost under some options, though I have never played. It's a historic sport at the club, and a wonderful option to retain (in my opinion) in an athletic club. However - I never played myself - so others must champion this cause.

163. Again, I think in looking to the future we should concentrate our efforts on what we are - an athletic club for swimming and boating. There is no other place like the DC/SEC along the coast of California that offers what we have - protected ocean swimming and a place to take a shower and sauna to get warm. I think our facility as it is now meets the goal of the club and that if people want more places to socialize and eat together, there are plenty of other places in the neighborhood for that.

164. With both leases recently renewed, DC and SERC will be neighbors far beyond most current members' lives. The comraderie at the bleachers spawned by the lockdown and resulting increase in memberships at both clubs reflects a desire for community that should transcend perceived space limitations if DC can't build out its most expansive renovation plans. I think the sense of community, including shared community with SERC, will be more important in the long run.

165. I am really excited about the prospect of a commons space. Very often there are times when gathering together indoors would be great but the spaces we have now are too intimate or have too many boats in them. I think it would be a great space to bond with members.

166. I think having a commons area where the weight room currently is would be a strong addition that would support the long-term viability of the club by sustaining the rich sense of community that the club provides.

167. The Dolphin Club should remain true to its unique core values of swimming and rowing on SF Bay supplemented by other wholesome activities like running. Of course, our friendships and social activities will always be important. However, there are hundreds of other clubs and options for those who

primarily seek social, political, religious, or other causes. Moreover, the club represents one of the last authentic and thriving San Francisco treasures from the 19th century. We should constantly remind the City of our historic value and current worth. Furthermore, if the renovation becomes stalled due to financing, ask the City for a million dollar, no interest loan to be paid back over ten years. It's their property. They should care enough about it to agree.

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168. I envision the Dolphin Club largely remaining a cultural hub for swimming and boating and the unique practice and tradition of these two activities in the San Francisco Bay. Gathering spaces where stories are told and shared are an important aspect of our culture, and renovation options that prioritize spaces that benefit the majority of members and the public most closely align with the current and future Dolphin Club culture. Underutilized and inefficient indoor spaces work against that vision.
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169. The same. Importance of a commons
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170. I do like a family focused club that welcomes children and people of all ages; therein, a "family sauna" may make some sense.
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171. The Dolphin Club has been providing a much needed service for multiple generations. It has always been a fairly well oiled machine that has been working just fine. Fix what needs fixing and preserve it as is.
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172. My humble two cents. It really depends on what people want for the club. Do we wish to build a compact community, a hidden gem in the city, or do we wish to expand the pie and attract more people to come? The key difference is that, do we want to impact 10,000 people for 30 minutes each, or 10 people for their lifetime? If it is the former, we can push more publicity, roll out more experience programs, and welcome more people with diverse backgrounds. It is an offensive strategy. People come and go, but as long as the pool is large, meant-to-be club members will stay. If it is the latter, we can keep doing to the best what we really good at, Swimming/Wooden boats/rowing/etc. It is a defensive strategy. The time people spend in finding our club is already a valuable filter. More likely long-term members will get in touch.
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173. About the same.
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174. Same as it ever, but we must limit membership.
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175. Primarily for swimming, boating (including kayaks and SUP), and exercise (gym use, pilates, yoga), and social events that support or celebrate those activities.
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176. I think the social aspects of the club are a rising value and weightlifting and handball are falling values which could be obtained elsewhere.
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177. It's both about working out and connecting socially. I think option 2 allows for this and would carry on this tradition to the next generation.
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178. New foundations should be placed at a height to anticipate minimum 1 meter of future ocean level increases.
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179. Swimming, boating (all types including SUP etc), running, mentoring newbies, etc. Also when the community has clean ups etc we should help; we can meet/coordinate at the club for members who want to help.
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180. How the hell do you know what they will want. With global warming and flooding of industrial areas around the bay it may be a toxic shithole.
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181. By taking care of the foundation we're ensuring the building will remain standing and be there for future water lovers. A common room promotes our belief we're more than a fitness center, we like to come together and share our meals, stories, coffee and learn from one another about the bay and life. The weight room needs an upgrade. As it is I have very little urge to go in there. It's damp and it smells and it's cramped. I feel like the club is making renovations it needs, the intention is not to fancy up anything. It's improving what we have and creating a fuller, non gender segregated daily experience. Option 3 also seems to avoid conflict with SERC. They seem uncompromising first their view and now our

empty handball court. We should definitely repurpose the mezzanine for the mens locker room, at the very least.

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182. In future, we'll likely have more members. Busy parts are the sauna, the kitchen, and outdoor sundeck area. Empty parts are the handball court, Staib room, Boat storage to some extent.
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183. I like the plans for the future of the club. Let's make sure the club never gets too nice for its members!
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184. We must plan for a future with dramatically rising sea levels and stronger storms. And if we want to continue to evolve into a more diverse, welcoming Club, we need to reshape our physical spaces to be more conducive to gathering and socializing. I'm for a plan that can adapt to all our changing needs.
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185. I strongly believe that, as stewards of the building, it is our duty to preserve the structure. We must do the necessary to renovate the weight room in its current location, upgrade the galley in its current location, and do the necessary for the elevator; these are all necessary to meet safety codes and protect from sea level rise. We should not turn the building into another Equinox luxury fitness center. A renovated office, the sun deck on top of current weight room, and the reconfigured stairs up to the cupola and down to SERC, will benefit members now and in the future. As for a coed sauna, I do not think it is necessary at all and doubt many would use it. I would not. I know there used to be a sauna in NW corner of main boathouse when I joined but that was the only option for women. Perhaps if there is money and enough documented interest among general membership (not just by chatty ones on the list serve), one could be put in the north bathroom. I think the Sancimio Room is a jewel of peace and beauty. It has become a precious resource since it was built in the 1980s. It must not be destroyed for a weight room that a limited number of total membership actually uses. I bet more have sat in the Sancimino room than have worked out in the gym. Obviously I strongly favor option one. The others are unrealistic and destructive and unnecessary. And I doubt we will have the money to fund them. And they will mean extended dislocation at the club during construction, including the women's locker room, which could cause people to quit. Seems likely we might only be able to use the outside areas for a long while during the work. If the handball court is destroyed, for sure there will be no handball ever again at the club. I don't think we have the right to end handball at the club. Leave that space for future Dolphins to decide how to use.
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186. The Dolphin Club is perfectly imperfect with lots of idiosyncracies that are charming if odd. That applies to the building too. People love the club for that and future generations will appreciate a slice of the past being alive in the club, especially when so many Old San Francisco things are disappearing. We should try to keep this charming patina as much as possible. You cannot replicate it.
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187. Modernizing the building will make the Club (particularly Option #2) more appealing to current and new members. The downstairs sauna will add more value to the club by making it more inclusive with ADA access and the option to have a coed sauna.
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188. My priorities are as follows: 1. Building Foundation 2. Install & Improve lockers for Women & Men 3. New Kitchen 4. New Common Area 5. Eliminate the weight room & handball court 6. Outside sauna or jacuzzi.
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189. Plan one is spot on for me and future members in preserving the historical value and adding more functionality of our fine club.
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190. I think renovations are an essential part of the club, and we need to constantly improve the facilities for ourselves as club and Community, and future members. This renovation plan aligns well with this. thank you
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191. See level rise and another pandemic are things we should keep in mind. Whatever makes the club more accessible in a time of crisis should be considered carefully. Thanks for all of your efforts
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192. I think culture is more important than structure...
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193. More or less the same use as now.

194. I believe the club should both honor its history AND gradually adapt to changing recreational interests. It shouldn't be a museum. Neither should it follow the latest trends. It should be centered around swimming, rowing, socializing rather than being all things to all people. 24 Hr Fitness can give the people what they want; the Dolphin Club should have an *opinion*. We KNOW that swimming in cold water is special, as is rowing historic boats. Many people happen upon the club and discover something magical that they didn't even know they wanted. We need to be there for them. I believe the above principles can guide us through tough decisions (such as the fate of the handball court). I am looking forward to a revitalized, stronger club!
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195. I was a "future generation" 32 years ago when I joined. I did look at and listen to talk of major changes until enough of the sensible members were so eloquently convincing...as opposed to the louder, less confident members. Nothing has changed, especially not people, in general. We have the Bay. We have wonderful, historical real estate. We each have a life out of the club, but we love our club, our functions and our members - period. Renovate? What? Why so? When, for pete's sake?
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196. what ever the outcome of our renovation , the basics of swimming and rowing will always be our focus. An we need to remember it is a club , and the camaraderie we have will always be a focus , to that point a common area adjacent to the kitchen would serve the current and future members very well.
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197. I'm hoping we can continue to honor the tradition and historical aspects of the club without massive change and expense. I don't see that future Dolphins could be disappointed with that model, or that the current fun and enjoyment of the club would be diminished by that approach.
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198. The Dolphin Club physical plant is unique. It is not just a good workout place. As an East coast transplant, I found a new, diverse and multi-generational family at the Club that made calling SF home possible. Without the club community I surely would have left the city. The unique stripped- down nature of the club facilities are, in my opinion, vitally important to fostering a communal, collaborative and eclectic community. Increasingly, young people are learning to function in insular teams that engage in finite project-based activities, often directed and controlled by others. This trend is not conducive to the multi-generational eclectic community that the current club fosters. Maintaining the club's stripped down and historic look and feel is very important for future generations. Simple things like converting the boathouse into a dining room for the day, with the group effort that takes (moving boats, putting up tables and chairs) are how our communal connections are made and maintained. Adding a small private dining room runs completely counter to that.
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199. The future of the DC should remain the same as it is now. However, the practice of admitting all who want to join must come to an end. Everything has a limit, and so does membership in the DC.
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200. More kid friendly area?
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201. Open to everyone who loves the club and it's history
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202. swimming and boating, not focusing on parties
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203. If our membership grows (and we should have a top-off) all suggestions would be necessary. If we keep growing we have to think of the common area. Before 2010 or so we didn't have such a large membership, and especially folks seeking "community". Times have changed and social life has changed so we are now a club that has to accommodate a lot of visiting and casual social gatherings as well as many new events that did not exist in the last "millennium".— For example, we did not have grand boat nights, nor Ladies Lunches, or Chanukah, Passover, Burns dinners, inter-club board dinners, etc. So these events need a space to occur. The handball court as a very underused and roomy area can work for a weight room. Yes, it would be great to look outdoors during a session there, but...
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204. I feel it's essential to maintain and encourage the use of community spaces, so it never becomes a place where people just show up, workout or swim, and leave. Also (and I'm sure this has been considered!) it's important to account for sea-level rise and a drastic increase in king tides over the next several decades.

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205. Handball is not in vogue with the new, younger members. Having a combination of weight room and commons gathering space will be important for the social fabric of the club.
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206. More women's lockers Who cares about handball? Community is the most important aspect of DC.
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207. Though there are no doubt some hard core users of the handball courts, I suspect the percentage of the membership that uses it is quite low. I'd like to see that percentage as I believe the space could be put to far more popular uses, as shown in your renovation option 2. Do new members who have never played handball take up the sport because of the court? That would be good complementary info to know. I played as a young man, but have no interest in getting my hands in shape to play now and do not know anyone who plays at the DC or anywhere else. So largely dead space?? I selected option 3 as I believe the room that would become the weight room is rarely used, and I love the additional deck space. As noted, I would use a renovated weight room, though would really like to see it moved. The current weight room space much better, IMHO, as a gathering space. I would be open to adding more men's lockers (I have one so am not all that concerned personally), but am concerned about a more crowded sauna and overall space.
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208. I really support the gender neutral sauna option. The future will be more queer and less gender conforming and we should be prepared for that. I think the additional commons space is important for providing the flexibility for self-organizing dolphin groups. If we are building for the future we also need to consider climate resiliency. I want to see carbon neutral infrastructure and solar power.
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209. Thanks for this question It definitely influenced my decision when I thought about the future generations and what would benefit those coming after us. My initial sense of "no more fundraising!" shifted when I contemplated the options. While it's impossible to know what the future holds I do think we want to do everything we can to ensure that all folks continue to feel welcome in club spaces. One of the things I love about being a member of the Club is the opportunity to be around a diverse group of people , diverse in their abilities as well as backgrounds. It's important to have both quiet spaces as well as gathering places for people to be together,. Waxing poetic, we are planting the seeds of the future in the fertile soil of the present :-). Thanks again for all your hard work.
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210. I think a commons area will help future Dolphins build community by giving them a place to gather casually. Share a cup of coffee after a swim and meet new and old members alike. I hope that can be a part of the plan.
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211. sauna on the ground floor is great for those member getting older and having problems with stairs .
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212. For me, Dolphin club is always about the swimming and boating. So spaces that would be used for that should be prioritized. Locker rooms, weight rooms, and rooftop decks to sun yourself are bud value adds!
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213. Keep is the way it is as much as possible.
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214. Im voting for little changes as I see our bldg as a museum.
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215. I would like the club to continue as it has, with appropriate upgrades. I like the feel of a private club, rather than a community meeting place, although I have attended many community events in my tenure here. IMO the club's primary purpose is for swimming and rowing, and activities that support the swimmers and rowers. Such a rich history. An outdoor sauna, and perhaps some guest lockers nearby, would be a nice improvement.
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216. We shouldn't try to be something we are not. I love that the club is old and a little funky. There are plenty of places around town to lounge and have high end frills. I like the "working class" vibe that the club provides, everyone is welcome here. It's one of the rare places in SF that doesn't cater to the wealthy. And it's about extreme athletes of all ages, not "lounging." Sunning on the deck, yes; fancy lounge, no
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217. As a Bear of Little Brain, I imagine it will continue to be a place where hardy swimmers shiver and strive, and lovers/rowers of traditional wooden boats get out on the Bay, wipe down, scrape, and revarnish. The handball court, where I've watched a match or two, and the weight room, which I've never been in, is not a part of my personal vision of the club. A commons room facing the cove and the pier would be cool, and I think people would use it. (Make sure the windows open!)
218. I think the original goals of the renovation still hold: Improve the galley and weight room. The largest use of club facilities in my opinion is for swimming. In a scenario with more members, which I believe will happen, I think we should improve lockers, showers, and sauna. I think the proposed Commons room and the existing Staib and Sancimino rooms are redundant. If the Staib or Sancimino rooms were configured better one of them could serve as a Commons room. As they are, on most days few members use them.
219. My question asked at the zoom was if sustainability built into the design and the answer was it will be built with the green building code. Future generations will appreciate inheriting a building that will be resource-efficient throughout the life-cycle of the building so this is where I vote to place the emphasis on what we do rather than spending lots of money on expansions that will be redundant.
220. Want to make DC a fun, social hang-out area--mixers, grilling, good times. Seemed to be a bit of standoffishness that arose during covid (I joined during Covid but seems safe to assume that pandemic dynamics dampened things at DC like many other places), and would like DC to be a convivial and relaxed as possible going forward. That's certainly what I had in mind when I joined.
221. I think the design team captured the club's needs in developing the 3 options. A common inside area to eat, have a coffee, etc. would be a great asset for current and future generations. I really like and use the weight room. For me it is part of my pre-swim routine to warm up in the weight room by doing exercises before going in the water. Option 2 would allow both a great new common dining area and a great weight room option without impacting the Saracino Room - which though maybe not highly utilized, is a great space and everyone who ever goes in there enjoys the feeling of that room and its vistas. Losing that room would be a loss. For those reasons I like Option 2 best, but if that's not possible than Option 1 would work too. I'm not familiar with people who use the handball courts and while that is a fun thing to do, seems like a common food room and the weight room are far higher use priorities. Thank you for conducting a good design and outreach process!
222. I would love to continue to expand gathering areas/hang out areas in the club
223. I think that knowing about sea level rising, first priority should be to consider this when rebuilding
224. I think that there will likely be non binary members. Having an extra gender neutral sauna and changing area would provide safe space for these members, and avoid stressful decisions for them.
225. The club should do what it was created to do - facilitate swimming and rowing in the bay and exercise training to facilitate those sports. The DC should maintain the facility and equipment integral to its mission.
226. I love the idea of social space right next to the dock. I can't wait until evening events are back and I think having the galley, a social room, all on the same floor would be great.
227. I'm strongly in favor of a commons. In my experience, I've never seen anyone use the handball court or heard people speak of using it, so it seems to me that the real estate should be devoted to a space/resource that will actually be used. THANK YOU all so much for your hard work on this and on ensuring that the club remains vibrant into the future!!!!
228. As a 23-year-old male, I think the plans are using a lot of room for "common space," which is awesome but I do think it's important to keep in mind most people go to the dolphin club to exercise, so having more space for activities, as well as having diversity in activities will make the dolphin club more appealing to the next generation. We already have tons of things to work out with such as boxing, handball, paddleboards, etc. But maybe getting a basketball hoop somewhere, and updating our gym equipment if possible would go a long way.

229. For me the hx of the Club stands on its own. We've expanded (membership) beyond our capacity it seems to me. Keep it simple, easy to complete w/ no snafus w/ Planning & Bldg Depts. Maintain what we've got & yes, plan for sea level rise.
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230. I hope that the renovation addresses HVAC and ventilation. This pandemic is not over and there will likely be more in the future. A good whole building air filtration system would be good for reducing infections as well as keeping dolphins safer during fire seasons. I'd love air filtration in saunas if that's possible. I also hope for solar panels and construction that takes seriously ocean rise and flooding. I believe there are also ways to reuse shower water with filtration UV etc.
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231. I hope our plans adequately address sea level rise and prioritize accessibility
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232. I like the idea of making the deck area very friendly for several uses including swimming off the deck area
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233. Future use should be similar to current use. But we must protect the club from rising water. We must also minimize inconvenience to current members by extensive renovations
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234. I would hope future uses align with past uses - swimming, rowing, fitness, handball, other water activities. If the handball court is kept, all plans continue past uses. I strongly oppose a radical shift in the use of the Dolphin Club for other purposes.
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235. Plan to be member for years and welcome new members. Safe up to code buildings will ensure club's future.
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236. Let's look to the future with our planning...I appreciate and love how our club honors and maintains the past and that past will not be lost even with extensive renovations. Now seems to be the time to expand and account for the surge in members and surge in water elevation due to climate change. Let's not sink into the sands of nostalgia, as sweet as it is, but rather let's be bold and honor our current membership landscape as well as our knowledge of what is to come...not adjusting to the realities we are facing seems like an "ostrich defense" that all of us will be guilty of one day.
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237. The Dolphin Club is the Dolphin Club, and it's great as is, to which 30 new members each month attest. Future use should be same as current.
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238. As the club changes the interests are likely to change as well, as we've seen with new boats getting added to the fleet (kayaks, SUPs, shells, etc) and new activities added to the space. I think handball is on its way out so think revisiting the use of that space is smart, and multipurpose space is a good safe way to renovate it. Adding more space for people to put their things is nice as the club grows as well, though day lockers seems like a better use vs creating more private lockers (feels like the day locker area is pretty full most of the time).
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239. I view the DC as a social club for those who like to stay active and enjoy the bay. I think that spaces that encourage people mixing is important. A coed sauna would make a big difference by encouraging members of opposite genders to meet and interact with each other.
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240. My enjoyment of the club for over 30 years has been greatly enhanced by embracing the building and its traditions as it was when I got there and long before. My hope is that future generations will only want to be part of a club that looks and acts about the same as now. I hope not much changes, beyond making the building safe for years to come. I do think all renovations look like thoughtful use of our space, though "repurposing" the handball courts, even though not as well used as in the past, is not something that I would like to see happen.
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241. I would like to see us reuse/repurpose as much of the wood work and the "old" feel of the weight room and galley as possible (considering safety and cost). There is so much history in the "bones" of this wonder building and I would like to see us keep as much of the soul of the place as we can, while at the same time building for the purpose of green energy use and longevity.
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242. My feelings are indicated in prior answer. Necessary upgrades are very important for the future but major knock downs, extensions, additions should be reeled in to preserve the current Club as much as possible while adding the required improvements and those most highly desired by the membership.

243. I imagine there will be more members and day use in the future. It will be best to plan for increased membership.
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244. When people are interested/join the club (generalization) they walk in and check out Dino's bronze hand and some even place their hand in it...then they look at the wooden boats and are amazed by their beauty...they walk upstairs and take a look at the view and the pictures on the wall and are immediately struck by the characters on the walls and the lure of the water...whether in or on, and then they check out the weight room and smile and chuckle...many thinking...wow this place is old school and great I want to join! The prospective members are told they will not not have a locker for 2 years. However, their desire to be a part of the living museum supersedes their ability to have a locker and they join. There is the Bay Club down the street for an updated and sterile workout facility and building. For future generations of Dolphins it is important to maintain the integrity, culture and history of the physical facility so they will have an opportunity to experience the past---something that is so rare to find these days. Make changes to keep the facility safe...foundation for weight room, kitchen safety, elevator...etc..Option one...as well as to live within our fundraising monies. An old saying is that we have a champagne tastes with a beer pocketbook....and again, if less than 25% of the members donate I see an assessment in the future...are the members willing to do that? Not me.
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245. I would hope the charm of the club does not change, that it remains a sanctuary rather than a destination.
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246. Be more welcoming to dark-skinned people and everyone else by creating open spaces where people can mingle informally.
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247. I imagine future dolphins being much the same-- wanting to swim, row, and commune in our historic clubhouse. Having spaces that provide the most options for both single-sex and gender-neutral locker spaces, showering, and sauna makes sense. A ground floor gender neutral sauna, and perhaps locker room, would be a great addition. Providing a common space/dining room off of the deck and the galley will make the galley feel more connected to the rest of the building.
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248. As we learned in Covid, community and gathering space is important. Covid may not go away and we need space where people can feel we have many indoor/outdoor options.
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249. the club and members seems to be getting more and more social, so comfortable gathering places would be used. also, some locations for a bit of solitude to read or think and make personal plans would be nice to have. especially as housing gets smaller and more expensive, a chance for some moments of sanctuary and meditation at the club would be appreciated.
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250. This is a generational opportunity to secure the future of the club. The ethos of the club is all about gathering and the lack of a good food-adjacent space will continue to make that difficult. The trajectory of handball over the years is not one of growth and other opportunities exist for people who want to pursue that area of recreation. For sure, I do not think that potential conflict with SERC over their desire for our handball court should play into the situation.
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251. We are a blessing to the city and our membership, and we should continue to grow and offer access to the bay for everyone. The club is rarely overcrowded, and the crowds which do show up on sunny weekends or for events are always welcome.
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252. Using the bare minimum level of common sense, option 2 obviously gives us the greatest increase in practical usable space thus better serving current and future Dolphins while simultaneously promoting mingling across generations.
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253. Once again, the Weight Room is a Treasure, a center piece so to speak. Improve the Weight Room but keep its prominence. I hope the future of the DC will include more youth-oriented programs and outreach and that the current renovation efforts will support such outreach.
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254. Less change - We need to start to DECREASE membership
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255. See my responses. I think an updated club, ADA compliant, and following Option One, will serve for generations. And we need to stay within the budget!

256. Option 2 with enhancements is the only option that best meets the needs for the future
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257. Swim, sauna, nature, and gathering
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258. While I believe that the attitudes by Dolphin club members towards each other will continue to evolve, my hope is that the future use of the club remains as it always has been. It's a place for physical activity - swimming, boating, running, etc. and the space should continue to support those activities. The fact that the club is in a desirable (views) location should not change its intended use.
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259. The legacy of the Dolphin Club can be handed down to include an expanded outreach program to lower-income youth in the City to come for short term one-day swimming or boating workshops. Having a community room that can also be a training/gathering room would be great.
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260. Stay the same. Don't change it.
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261. I have concerns about sea level rise in the next 50 years and how it will impact the club's location and structure.
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262. I have a hard time envisioning a future where the handball courts are used for their original purpose. Re-allocating that space for virtually anything else that's useful is an option I'd support.
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263. I appreciate taking sea level rise into account for the new weight room, as it seems inevitable. Our membership is increasing, so I also support the increased locker room spaces. When we were swimming off the bleachers, we enjoyed the sun-heated coed sauna, so I also support a ground level sauna...it would also eliminate the slow walk up the stairs for hypothermic swimmers and their helpers.
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264. My hope is that DC will become a more inclusive environment and I have the opportunity to participate in more of the social elements. Close to zero of these questions have any context for me as a new member with very very little exposure to the social events.
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265. As stated before, a way to provide inclusivity and belonging for families and gender-queer folk would be to have more equitable space for folks that are not genderized, and that provide more accessibility for mobility issues. Having spaces that are fluid and don't require a certain gender, or the special use of an electric lift would make the space better for so many more people in the long term. Environmentally - I really hope the plan includes renovations for sea level rise. That will affect everyone in the future.
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266. I will start using the weight room 3 times a week. Coed sauna would be used after a swim with a multi-gender pod. The commons area will really enhance social events and increase use.
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267. swimmers, rowers, handballers, runners all deserve space that meets their needs. we might not have enough. where do we stop ? at 2000? 2500?
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268. Changes will be incremental. Trying to solve for future generations is not our job. Let future generations determine how to alter the structure as needed. I'm almost 60. Many of the voices that want change are 60, 70, 80. They aren't looking for future generations they are planning for their morning and needs. Let's stow the future generation talk.
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269. Swimming and piloting has been my 40 year focus at the club. I'm happy to think that the Dolphin Boating & Swimming Club will continue in this primary focus. I'm positive that the current renovation plan keeps this focus.
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270. Evolutionary change has been our MO with a lot of debate, discussions, arguments for and against. Everyone has an opinion even if you don't ask to hear it. Change is inevitable and good for the club...when I survey all the changes that have occurred over my 40 plus years of membership...it has been trying at times but growing pains are part of the process. However we move forward, I think we need to ever keep in mind our history and the spirit of our "mission statement"
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271. We're seeing more sups, more wetsuit users and more people. There has to be a limit, even as a public club. The YMCA is public but they limit membership. We want to encourage a multi use facility (keep handball and weight room) w /o negativity impacting our MASSIVE outdoor space. We live in a mild climate, encouraging OUTDOOR useable space is important.

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272. Please do away with the handball court. It's pointless.
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273. Handball is a dying sport and not actively played at the club by dolphins. Would think pickle ball or another use of the space would be beneficial for current and future members.
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274. Human testing with results from exposure to the elements would be a nice data driven spread sheet. Maybe people would be into sharing their Apple Watch, Oura ring, heart monitor and any other date collection devices that could show the benefits or not from the different sports our club has to offer.
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275. I think we are doing the right thing. Thinking about those who follow us is exactly what we should be doing.
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276. It is important the character and culture of the DC evolves in a way that insures we keep as much of the unique tradition of the DC as possible. The DC's uniqueness will be carried forward and conveyed in large part by the look and feel of the DC. The DC is foremost a functional swimming and rowing club, and it must remain so. It is not a "country club". The clean, spartan feel is what draws the membership with common goals and aspirations. However, "Renovation" is vital in terms of safety, cleanliness, sanitation, sea level rise, regulation compliance and affordability. The "cosmetic" driven expenditures are not affordable, nor are the necessary. Option #1 is the clear choice to drive practical upgrades without putting the DC in debt for years to come.
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277. I hope the DC will continue to be a swimming and boating club, and used as it is now! It should also continue to provide gathering with friends and acquaintances on the dock, deck and group rooms
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278. The handball court is never used. I think we should make better use of that space while optimizing for the common areas.
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279. I believe the Dolphin Club is getting more social and "younger" and broader in its appeal. I love that we are moving this way while maintaining the tradition and character of the club. I think anything that encourages people to be able to spend more time doing different things TOGETHER (not just sauna, but meeting, social, etc) should be encouraged. I think roofdecks and common areas and a gender neutral sauna all align with these goals.
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280. I think future Dolphin Club members will be increasingly drawn to the historic nature of the building and to its almost Winchester Mansion-like evolution over time. There is already so much history in the building, and even though the walls can't talk, they do tell a story. The quirky spaces that have been retained and re-purposed over time are what give the entire club character. I believe it is OK to jostle programming, and shift things around without sacrificing the essence of the building. As an architect myself, I am aware how difficult it is to retain some of a buildings "soul" while also required to rebuild many of the spaces up to current code standards. While I have nothing against handball, I do not see a large double height window-less space as the best use of this area of the building. It seems that area would be better served as programmed in Option 2, with a flex / stretch room on the first floor and weight room with an exterior deck facing the bay. Perhaps there is something clever we could do with the finishes in the old handball court newly programmed for new uses, such that some of the finishes [beautiful wood and paint stripes...] or vestiges of the past glory of the handball days is retained while allowing new and more common uses to flourish.
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281. Gender neutral sauna aligns with greater needs for non-gender exclusive sauna facilities. Expanding women's locker room aligns with expectation that gender parity in membership will eventually occur.
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282. Personally I consider life membership unfair and unsustainable and don't plan to contribute to fundraising until everyone pays their fair share ie Life membership is abolished
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283. Maintaining the current structures to code standards affects the current and potentially future members. Improved elevators for disabled members, lighting in the boat room and storage areas, elevating the weight room and kitchen to protect from future flooding would be useful. The amount of time to implement the more extensive changes and increased cost over time may be exhausting.
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284. Safe, intact Club that enables athletics and social engagement.
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285. The future uses will be the same as the past. That's the charm of the club. Keep the history and culture of the club for future generations to look at the past.
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286. I think the third gender neutral sauna is a fantastic idea, since are a lot of memorabilia and photos, books about open water swimming, if there could be a place to "inspire" the next generation in form of a small library where the trophies and records are kept and could be studied and enjoyed by all.
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287. I believe that the weight room can find a new location that will be equally loved be those open to change. I also believe that an updated and improved weight room would be of huge benefit to the members. As an avid swimmer who joined the club for water activities, I would LOVE if the Dolphin Club gym offered space and machines more in line with other contemporary gyms throughout the city. I will continue to swim with my wife (also a member) and our children as they grow. We will be avid boat users and focus much of our time and attention to the water sports for which the Dolphin Club is known. For this reason, improving the area immediately surrounding the water front to accommodate mixed groups and gathering is desired. We would also take frequent advantage of a revived gym offering up-to-date equipment, class, and a good natural light. The latter would be important (even in the handball court scenario!). As is, the current gym is not much of a draw for us, and that would change if it were expanded and improved.
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288. We are a swimming and boating club, focused on the cove/bay water. We are not and should not try to be a 24 hour every sport under the sun fitness center or an entertainment/restaurant venue. Let's keep it simple: it's about the bay, not the club house that we use to access the bay.
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289. Please consider using the Handball Court as a pickleball Court as well (with a removable net)
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290. Think there needs to be more space for just relaxing and enjoying the club.
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291. The renovation plan does not seem to take the future into account at all. It's very disappointing, and this survey does nothing to ameliorate this impression. The current renovation plan is reinforcing the past. We need to think about our primary mission: recreational access to the bay for the SF community at large, and we need think about ways to create MORE access. Additionally, we should take a lesson from the Pandemic and reconfigure our outside areas to provide more robust support for our recreational activities. Instead we seem only to be enhancing the insularity of the DC as a private social club.
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292. Building a unique social environment that welcomes people of all ages, genders (including non-binary, trans etc.) and race is pivotal to keeping our club relevant and of service to the community. Our membership is still very homogenous and I would like to create a more welcoming and forward looking space to make our members feel comfortable and safe.
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293. improving the gym will be a huge benefit to members. I have heard of squash. never handball.
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294. Future use is just more of the same... don't really envision a big change.
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295. I think that one of the successes of the Dolphin Club is that it is a club that knows exactly what it is about. In the past, that included Handball. There are VERY FEW handball players today, and given our space constraints I think we need to eliminate the handball court. Our handball players will be welcomed next door at the SERC, and SERC will figure out how to host their tournaments without our single handball court. I see the future of the club paralleling the past - swimming and boating. Weight room supports both of those activities. I would NEVER use a coed sauna and I would never choose to warm up outside in a north-facing area. I think the weight room is used by members and we should have one. However, I do not think that it needs to be located in one of our most prime locations within the club. Everyone will adjust to change. We need to embrace new ideas!
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296. DC is a treasure, we all know that. I don't see it changing much unless it is "taken over" (ie, co-opted) for financial purposes. For example, we must be on guard against someone opening an espresso bar/cafe, and then floods of tourists coming in for the view, not really for the facilities or ocean access. Pretty soon its the Chart House (as in Sausalito) or Pier 39. Future generations will, as we do, appreciate
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the sun, water, camaraderie, swimming, handball, rowing...as well as the "real San Francisco" ambience. The thrust of the current renovation plan is OK - keep what we have, just make it better. Was on the call the other day - thanks to all those devoting much time and effort to this.

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297. About the same as now..
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298. Again, as above. Keeping the feeling of history and the character of our club, while making sure it's safe and accessible for future generations.
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299. A big part of my experience with the club is sharing a meal with other members, sometime in conjunctions with a swim and sometimes not. the addition of a commons space where members could gather for a meal, a coffee or just to talk would be a great addition to the club and would facilitate different types of gatherings to happen in the future.
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300. I really like the expanded outside space and the addition of lockers. Since the mask rules have been lifted, I've not been back because I'm immunocompromised. I would LOVE lockers outside so if I don't want to, I don't have to go inside where it is unsafe for me.
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301. Build for the future. Plan more community space, more places for people to engage together and enjoy those great spaces. Consider opening up a future commons area to the beach and providing easier access with a ramp for those who cannot negotiate stairs. More outdoor shower space. Might be good for families.
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302. I think it's very hard to tell if or how future members of the club will differ from current members, so I don't think that we can fairly anticipate programmatic changes that will occur. I do think that expanding the women's locker room is very important, as that membership will continue to grow.
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303. I think Option3 best reflects the evolving nature of the younger membership.
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304. Under the current operating model, we've insured that the club is and will remain in the main an active retirement community. Not something I want to be a part of.
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305. To continue embracing and building on the club's focus of swimming, rowing, boating, kayaking, SUP'n in a way that's inclusive for all along with fostering new leadership, especially from younger generations to replace the constant recycling of board members from one position to the next.
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306. In a world where everyone is on their phones all the time, and we are being pushed to do so much virtually, in person gatherings become really important and valuable, so the idea of a commons is a good and important one.
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307. This 3rd alternative caters to the future and will take some fundraising.
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308. Hope for greater diversity and more community oriented events that brings us together and for the future of swimming and rowing.
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309. Future use will be impacted, in part, by Covid surges. Per comment above, would be nice to have common room set up for use as surge period changing area. Also, I'm a big fan of a coed sauna. It's a great way to strengthen member bonds.
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310. I hope the use needs stay the same with the exception of maybe serving more people. I like the idea of keeping the same charm and use but a little safer and more code compliant.
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311. I am an old-timer and like the old-timey activities
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312. I do think we need a gathering room for events (meals)
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313. I am fully in support of the renovations bringing the club up to code for Dolphins in the present and adjusting for impending sea level rise to be sustainable for Dolphins of the future.
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314. I am a bit envious of the SERC space that tends to facilitate more social events. I see our fellow SERC friends having a beer on their balcony quite often while we tend not to,