

Snug Harbor's resort land: Recorded history

1852: Official US Navy map refers to the island as "Hogsback Shoal".

1852-72: Books and ships logs refer to the shoal or island where travelers can see "flickering campfires" and "Snug little cabins on Steamboat Slough" Sever stories of steamers or paddlewheelers being stuck on the shoal.

1875: W.A. Blake purchases the island from the State of California

1877: Sale of the land and its location confirmed by the State of California, with additional documentation in 1878. State does NOT reserve mineral rights, so mineral rights go to the buyer. (State Lands notes from 1960 review)

1906 official California map shows the island

1933 may be the year the island became a peninsula instead, when the US Army Corps of Engineers added dredge spoils to the north end, per a recorded agreement with the land owner and corps. Not that exact date of change to peninsula is not recorded with State Lands, but is recognized.

1935: Soils map of the Delta shows the island

1940's: Property is owned by the Martin Family and is used for camping, a fish canning site, and some residents. Mr. Martin begins to sell off parcels to friends. The McCarthy Family builds a home on Martin's Island.

1950's: More parcels are carved out of the peninsula. Each parcel is bordered by water on one side and the private road owned by the Martin family on the other side, to be used for land access to the parcels.

1959: Solano County permit to operate "Trailer Park" covers about on third of the remaining resort lands and allows for over 30 campsites and several mobile home sites.

1960: Entire peninsula is surveyed and a subdivision map is filed with the county and state. Map is approved and recorded in 1961. Still referred to Martin's Island on maps, but locally the name begins to change.

1961: Official survey map shows the resort parcel and about 15 individual parcels along the road to the north of resort. Resort boundaries remain the same from then on. Road is listed as a "private road" on the survey map. Survey shows that a 2 acre section of resort land is dredged for planned marina area.

1959-1980's: Permit records from the county and state agencies show the development of the resort to allow for more campsites (up to 100 in the 1980's) mobile home sites (at least 8) and the marina docks, berths, boat launch and gas dock. By this time the peninsula is referred to as "Snug Harbor". Three wells and six septic systems are put in according to permit records. Resort changes owners several times. Mr. Donald Decker owns the resort for almost 20 years, from approximately 1976 to 1997. In the early 1990's Mr. Decker also serves as the local Fire Commissioner and local Fire Chief.

1980 & 1984: US ACE permit for construction of the covered berths on Snug Cove and Steamboat Slough. Also permit for dredging of marina area on the cove, and in 1984 an area on Steamboat Slough for berthing of the Golden Gate Clamshell Dredge. Map verifies 2 acre section of resort's 10+ acre lands were dredged to allow for the covered berths on Snug Cove.

1985: Solano County public hearing confirms the private road owned by resort is officially renamed to "Snug Harbor Drive" and mail addresses are assigned to each parcel. By that time, some of the larger parcels to the north of resort on peninsula have themselves subdivided so that there are now 28 parcels north of the resort.

1997: Resort is purchased by current owners and has undergone substantial upgrades to utilities and resort configuration.