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**PARK BOARD COMMISSIONER CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF ROGUE
SAILBOATS**

NPA Park Commissioner Ian Robertson says boats pose a health risk to swimmers

Vancouver, BC – Approximately five sailboats are anchored within 300 metres of Jericho Beach and pose a significant health and safety risk to swimmers. The boats have been moored at this location for months and while they are not breaking any specific laws, I am calling upon all government agencies to see what can be done to move and relocate the boats, says Commissioner Ian Robertson.

“With the warmer weather and people wanting to get out and enjoy our beaches, my first concern is for the health and safety of people wanting to swim at this beach, which is a designated swimming beach with lifeguards on duty,” says Robertson. “These boats have been anchored very close to the shore and it’s anybody’s guess as to what they are doing to deal with their grey water and sewage removal”

The Vancouver Park Board owns the water lots that many of the boats occupy but is handcuffed as to what it can do to deal with the boats that have been moored at this location for sometime.

“I will be asking staff to work with our government agency partners to see what can be done to remove and relocate these boats,” adds Commissioner Robertson. “We have a responsibility to ensure our beaches are kept safe and clean.”

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