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Brock's Boathouse, The Boathouse

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

With the exception of a partially new foundation, a deteriorating wharf and general 70-year weathering, Brock's Boathouse has remained the same in physical appearance since the time of its erection in around 1910.

The foundation comprises a series of concrete piers set in sand and mud bottom with a continuous concrete grade beam connecting the perimeter. This partially new foundation was built in 1975-76. Work is still being planned for the midsection of the foundation. Timbers are perpendicular, supporting floor, bearer wall and roof. The exterior of the building is redwood rustic and the building has a gable roof with composition shingles.

The interior finish is rough with softwood flooring. The building is rectangular measuring 34 ft. x 60 ft. Electricity and tap water are available. There is also a shack at the rear of the building that is sparsely equipped. This shack has a softwood floor, redwood rustic exterior and a composition shingle roof. The foundation of the shack is new and similar to that of the main building.

Of the original 300 ft. of wharf, only 78 ft. are left (the access from the beach to the boathouse) and this is in fair condition. The back deck housing the ways is in fair to deteriorating condition, the ways being almost totally deteriorated. None of the 150 feet of pier extending beyond the boathouse is left save for an occasional upright.

The condition of the building is best described by dividing it into the following areas: FOUNDATION: Partially new. Poured in the summer of 1976, it is as described above. I t has 6-ft. high concrete columns reinforced with 4 vertical # 4 steel reinforcing bars tied to a continuous grade beam measuring 12" x 12". The columns are 9 ft. on center and rim the entire perimeter of the building.

FLOOR: The supporting girders are double 4×10 douglas fir beams spanning 9 ft. between concrete columns. The joisting is 2×12 set on 16" centers. The flooring is 2×6 fir. The beams are new (1976) on the perimeter. Dry rot is evident on some of the rest. Joists are generally good, with small amounts of dry rot here and there. The floor is in good condition.

<u>WALLS:</u> The exterior is rustic $l \ge 8$ redwood laid horizontally. For the most part the wood is in very good condition. The interior is rough with a 40 ft. work bench and some shelving. On the SW side of the building is a small outcropping formerly housing the engine for the ways.

<u>ROOF:</u> The roof is deteriorating and will need to be replaced soon. The roof is comprised of composition shingles and is a gable roof with 6 in 12 pitch.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The town of Inverness was founded in 1889 as a small subdivision from land owned by James McMillan Shafter.

Brock's Boathouse was built around 1913. The 300 ft. wharf had been there since 1908.

About the same time, a prominent member of the Inverness Yacht Club left that organization and took a sizable following of friends down the Bay about a quarter of a mile to rent lockers and berths from Brock Schrieber, proprietor of the Boathouse. From that point on, for some 30 years, Brock's Boathouse was the hub of social activity for the small resort community of Inverness. Equipment with winch, ramp (ways), lockers, fishing gear and Children's beach, the Boathouse served the vacationer with his or her every aquatic need.

Also available at reasonable rates were rides on the Bay in one of several launches built and maintained by Brock Schrieber. The hearty sea-person could venture to any of several beaches for a quick dip and some active socializing. Generations of children have and still do use Children's Beach at the foot of Brock's Wharf.

with the acquisition and opening of the Point Reyes National Seashore, Inverness began another stage in its long and unique development. Natural recreational facilities made public brought an influx of people to the area that was staggering. Now. surrounded on all four sides by State and Federal parks, this small community is visited by hundreds of thousands of people annually.

Brock's ^Boathouse has been saved from certain loss with a new concrete foundation replacing the completely rotten wood 4 x 4 uprights. The work was performed by volunteer labor, with materials paid for through privately raised funds. It is of the utmost importance that Brock's Boathouse be restored fully to once-again enhance the shores of Tomales Bay and provide a much more vivid and perhaps useful link to our heritage. Its character over the years has not been altered and though the Bay is shallower now and the Boathouse vacant, the sign on the side -- LAUNCH FOR HIRE -- brings back memories of times gone by. The ribs of "The Queen", one of the launches that carried vacationers up the Bay, lie embedded in the sand. The old grey building looms out on the Bay, an imposing sight. Beautiful in its simplicity, this building remains a cultural symbol of its period, and retains its sense of time and place.

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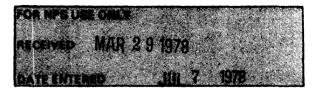
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Verbal boundary description: Brock Schreiber Boathouse

Commencing at a point on the Northeasterly line of County Road from Point Reyes Station to Inverness, said point being distant South 41° 46' East 122 feet, North 60° 29' East 30.70 feet, South 17°16' East 247.36 feet, South 50° 52' East 191.03 feet, South 35° 24' East 269.50 feet, South 15° 37' East 250.63 feet, South 59° 16' East 174.03 feet, South 84° 32' East 269.60 feet, South 29° 16' East 156.39 feet, South 51° 46' East 524.703 feet, South 43° 15' East 91.018 feet, South 49° 02' East 370.147 feet, South 10° 02' East 239.66 feet, South 38 ° 32' East 223.65 feet, South 12 02' East 205.12 feet, South 57 36' East 152.93 feet, South 71° 21' East 159.315 feet, South 31° 43' East 365.24 feet, and South 54° 25' East 9.78 feet from the point of commencement of the description contained in the Agreement between O.L. Shafter Estate Company, a corporation, to Julia Shafter Hamilton dated February 2, 1906 recorded February 6, 1902 in Liber 99 of Deeds at page 5, running thence from point of commencement along said line of said County Road, South 54 ° 25' East 100 feet; thence leaving said road North 35° 14' East 315 feet more or less, to Easterly line of Tide Land Lot 170, thence along said line North 45° West 120 feet, more or less, to a point which bears North 33° 17' East from the point of commencement: thence South 33° 17' West 360 feet more or less, to the point of commencement.

