

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. 56

**ORDER (I) CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE
ADEQUACY OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, (II) APPROVING
THE SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO
CONFIRMATION OF THE DEBTORS' AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN,
(III) APPROVING THE FORMS OF BALLOTS AND NOTICES IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH, (IV) SCHEDULING A COMBINED HEARING AND SETTING
RELATED DATES AND DEADLINES, AND (V) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for the entry of an order (this “Order”): (a) conditionally approving the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement; (b) approving the Solicitation and Voting Procedures with respect to confirmation of the Plan; (c) approving the forms of Ballots and notices in connection therewith; (d) approving the forms of Notices of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Forms; (e) approving the solicitation materials and documents included in the Solicitation Package; (f) approving the form and manner of the Cover Letter; (g) approving the form and manner of the Combined Hearing Notice; (h) approving the form and manner of the Plan Supplement Notice; (i) approving the form and manner of the Assumption Notice; (j) approving the form and manner of the Rejection Notice; (k) scheduling a Combined Hearing and setting

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related dates and deadlines; and (l) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing, if any, before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing, if any, establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. Any objections to the entry of this Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.

I. Conditional Approval of the Disclosure Statement.

3. The Disclosure Statement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, is hereby approved on a conditional basis as providing Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan with adequate information to make an informed judgment as to whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with sections 105 and 1125(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. This Court will make a final ruling on the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement at the Combined Hearing.

4. Solely for purposes of this Order, the Disclosure Statement (including all applicable exhibits thereto) provides Holders of Claims or Interests, and other parties in interest with sufficient notice

of the injunction, exculpation, and release provisions contained in Article VIII of the Plan, in satisfaction of the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c); *provided*, however, that this determination shall not be binding for purposes of final approval of the Disclosure Statement.

II. Approval of the Procedures for Confirming the Plan.

A. Approval of Certain Dates and Deadlines with Respect to the Plan and Disclosure Statement.

5. The following dates are hereby established (subject to modification as necessary) with respect to solicitation of votes on the Plan and confirmation of the Plan (all times prevailing Eastern Time):

Event	Date
Voting Record Date	June 22, 2026
Publication Deadline	Within two (2) Business Days following entry of this Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter)
Solicitation Mailing Deadline	June 30, 2026
Deadline to File Claims Objections for Plan Voting Purposes	July 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Plan Supplement Filing Deadline	July 21, 2026
Deadline to File 3018 Motions for Plan Voting Purposes	July 24, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Voting Deadline; Opt-In/Opt-Out Deadline	July 31, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline	August 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Confirmation Brief and Plan Objection Reply Deadline	August 6, 2026
Deadline to File Voting Report	August 6, 2026
Combined Hearing	August 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time (or such other time as the Debtors may be heard)

B. Approval of the Procedures for Filing Objections to the Plan.

6. Objections to the Plan may not be considered by this Court unless such objections are timely filed and properly served in accordance with this Order. Additionally, all objections to confirmation of the Plan or requests for modifications to the Plan, if any, must: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of this Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with this Court (contemporaneously with a proof of

service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline of **August 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**

III. Approval of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, the Solicitation Package, and the Timeline for Soliciting Votes on the Plan.

A. Approval of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

7. The Debtors are authorized to solicit, receive, and tabulate votes to accept the Plan in accordance with the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, which are hereby approved in their entirety.

B. Approval of the Form and Distribution of the Solicitation Package and Cover Letter to Parties Entitled to Vote on the Plan.

8. In addition to a copy of this Order (without exhibits, except for the Solicitation and Voting Procedures substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**), the Solicitation Package to be transmitted on or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline to those Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes entitled to vote on the Plan as of the Voting Record Date, shall include the following, the form of each of which is hereby approved:

- a. a Ballot, with applicable voting instructions, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibits 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D** respectively, as determined by the Class of each Holder of Claims being solicited;³
- b. the Cover Letter, which includes instructions to obtain access, free of charge, via <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> or QR code, to the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and this Order (without exhibits, except for the Solicitation and Voting Procedures), and urges the Holders of Claims in each of the Voting Classes to accept the Plan, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**;
- c. the Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**; and
- d. a pre-addressed, postage prepaid reply envelope.

³ The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that any Holder of a Claim who has filed duplicate Claims against the Debtors (whether against the same or multiple Debtors) that are classified under the Plan in a Voting Class receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot) on account of such Claim and with respect to such Voting Class.

9. The Solicitation Package provides the Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan with adequate information to make an informed judgment with respect to voting on the Plan in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 2002(b) and 3017(d), section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Local Rules, subject to final approval of the Disclosure Statement.

10. The Debtors shall, with the assistance of the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, distribute the Solicitation Package by first class U.S. mail to all Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes on or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline. Such service shall satisfy the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.

11. The Debtors are authorized to distribute the Plan and Disclosure Statement to Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan by providing instructions as part of the Solicitation Package for accessing these documents through the Debtors' restructuring website (<https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>) or via QR code, and if requested, a hard copy within three (3) Business Days of receipt of such request, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. On or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline, the Debtors shall provide (a) the complete Solicitation Package (excluding the Ballots) to the U.S. Trustee and (b) the Combined Hearing Notice to all parties required to be notified under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1 as of the Voting Record Date.

12. Any party that receives materials in electronic format, but would prefer to receive materials in paper format, may contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent and request paper copies of the materials (to be provided at the Debtors' expense).

13. Any claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code is authorized to assist the Debtors in (a) distributing the Solicitation Package, Notices of Non-Voting Status, and, as applicable, the Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms, (b) receiving, tabulating, and reporting on Ballots cast to accept or reject the Plan by Holders of Claims against the Debtors, (c) receiving, tabulating, and reporting on Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms, (d) responding to inquiries from Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest relating to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Ballots, the Solicitation Package, and all other related documents and matters related thereto, including the procedures

and requirements for voting to accept or reject the Plan and for objecting to the Plan, (e) soliciting votes on the Plan, and (f) if necessary, contacting creditors regarding the Plan.

14. In addition to accepting hard copy Ballots and Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms via first class mail, overnight courier, and hand delivery, the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is also authorized to accept Ballots and Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms via electronic online transmission solely through the eBallot Portal. The encrypted Ballot data and audit trail created by such electronic submission shall become part of the record of any Ballot submitted in this manner and the creditor's electronic signature will be deemed to be immediately legally valid and effective. Ballots submitted via the eBallot Portal shall be deemed to contain an original signature.

15. All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using the appropriate Ballot. All Ballots must be properly executed, completed, and delivered according to their applicable voting instructions by: (a) first class mail; (b) overnight courier; (c) personal delivery; or (d) via the eBallot Portal, so that the Ballots are actually received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent no later than the Voting Deadline at the return address set forth in the applicable Ballot. The Debtors are authorized to extend the Voting Deadline in their sole discretion and without further order of this Court.

C. Approval of the Combined Hearing Notice.

16. The Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**, constitutes adequate and sufficient notice of the hearing to consider approval of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement, the manner in which a copy of the Plan and Disclosure Statement could be obtained, and the time fixed for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement, in satisfaction of the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.

17. The Combined Hearing Notice shall be served by the Debtors before or on June 30, 2026, on all known Holders of Claims or Interests by first class U.S. mail, and on all parties required to be notified under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1 (regardless of whether such parties are entitled to vote

on the Plan) by first class U.S. mail. Additionally, the Debtors shall file and post the Combined Hearing Notice on the Debtors' restructuring website at: <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

18. The Debtors shall publish the Combined Hearing Notice in a format modified for publication on one occasion, within two (2) Business Days after entry of this Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, or another similar nationally circulated news publication.

D. Approval of the Plan Supplement Notice.

19. The Debtors are authorized to send notice of the filing of the Plan Supplement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**, to parties in interest on or before the Plan Supplement Filing Deadline. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors may amend the documents contained in, and exhibits to, the Plan Supplement through the Effective Date in accordance with the Plan.

E. Approval of Assumption Notice.

20. The Debtors are authorized to distribute by first-class U.S. mail, an Assumption Notice of any Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**, to the applicable counterparties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases at the notice address in the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease and such parties' counsel of record (if known) that will be assumed pursuant to the Plan, within the time periods specified in the Plan.

F. Approval of Rejection Notice.

21. The Debtors are authorized to distribute by first-class U.S. mail a Rejection Notice of any Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**, to the applicable counterparties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases at the notice address in the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease and such parties' counsel of record (if known) that will be rejected pursuant to the Plan, within the time periods specified in the Plan. If certain, but not all, of a contract counterparty's Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases are assumed pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order will be a determination that such counterparty's Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that are being rejected pursuant to the Plan are severable agreements that are not integrated with

those Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that are being assumed to the pursuant Plan. Parties seeking to contest this finding with respect to their Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases must file a timely objection by the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline on the grounds that their agreements are integrated and not severable.

IV. Approval of the Form of Notices to Non-Voting Classes and Opt-In Forms.

22. Except to the extent the Debtors determine otherwise, the Debtors are not required to provide the Solicitation Package to Holders of Claims and Interests in the Non-Voting Classes. Instead, on or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline, the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent shall cause to be delivered by first class U.S. mail Notices of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Forms in lieu of the Solicitation Package, the form of each of which attached hereto as Exhibits 4A, 4B, or 4C, respectively, is hereby approved, to those parties, outlined below, who are not entitled to vote on the Plan.

Class	Status	Treatment
Classes 1 and 2	Unimpaired—Conclusively Presumed to Accept	Will receive a Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form, substantially in the form attached to this Order as <u>Exhibit 4A</u> in lieu of a Solicitation Package.
Classes 7 and 10	Impaired—Deemed to Reject	Will receive a Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form, substantially in the form attached to this Order as <u>Exhibit 4B</u> in lieu of a Solicitation Package.
N/A	Disputed Claims	Holders of Claims that are subject to a pending objection by the Debtors are not entitled to vote the disputed portion of their Claim. As such, Holders of such Claims will receive a Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form, substantially in the form attached to this Order as <u>Exhibit 4C</u> (which notice shall be served together with such objection).

23. The Debtors are authorized to accept Opt-In Forms via hard copy or electronically through the eBallot Portal. The encrypted audit trail created by such electronic submission shall become part of the

record of the Opt-In Forms submitted in this manner and the creditor's electronic signature will be deemed to be immediately legally valid and effective.

24. The Debtors are not required to distribute the Solicitation Package or other solicitation materials to the following: (a) Holders of Claims that have already been paid in full during these chapter 11 cases or that are authorized to be paid in full in the ordinary course of business pursuant to an order entered by this Court; (b) any party to whom a notice of the hearing regarding this Court's conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement was sent, but was subsequently returned as undeliverable; *provided* that the Debtors shall make a reasonable effort to locate or ascertain the correct mailing address for claimants from information generally available to the public and from the Debtors' own records, but, for the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall not be liable to such claimant for having not found a correct mailing address; or (c) Holders of Class 8 Intercompany Claims or Class 9 Intercompany Interests.

V. Miscellaneous.

25. The Debtors may make nonmaterial changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan, Combined Hearing Notice, Solicitation Package, Notices of Non-Voting Status, Opt-In Forms, Opt-Out Forms, Ballots, Publication Notice, Cover Letter, Solicitation and Voting Procedures, Plan Supplement Notice, Assumption Notice, Rejection Notice, and related documents after the entry of this Order without further order of this Court, including changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and any other materials in the Solicitation Package before distribution.

26. The Debtors reserve the right to modify the Plan in accordance with the terms thereof, including the right to withdraw the Plan as to an individual Debtor at any time before the Combined Hearing.

27. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief (including any payment made in accordance with this Order), nothing in this Order is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an implication or admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any particular claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable non-bankruptcy

law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim, or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Order or any order granting the relief requested by the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise affect the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's claims, causes of action, or other rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (h) a waiver of the obligation of any party in interest to file a proof of claim.

28. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

29. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the Motion, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

30. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

31. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: June 23rd, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

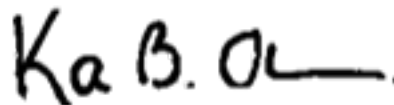

KAREN B. OWENS
CHIEF JUDGE

Exhibit 1

Disclosure Statement

[Filed at [Docket No. 280]]

Exhibit 2

Solicitation and Voting Procedures

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	)	
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	)	(Jointly Administered)

SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

A. The Voting Record Date.

The Court has established **[June 22], 2026**, as the record date for purposes of determining which Holders of Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition ABL Claims), Class 4 (Prepetition FILO Claims), Class 5 (Term Loan Claims), and Class 6 (General Unsecured Claims) (collectively, the “Voting Classes”) are entitled to vote on the Plan (the “Voting Record Date”).

To accommodate the Debtors’ claims bar date of **July 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “General Claims Bar Date”), the Voting Record Date applicable to any creditor who holds a claim that is subject to the Debtors’ General Claims Bar Date and who files a Proof of Claim after the Voting Record Date (*i.e.*, [June 22], 2026), but on or before the General Claims Bar Date, shall be the date that such Proof of Claim is filed (any such date, a “Supplemental Voting Record Date”). A creditor that files a Proof of Claim by a Supplemental Voting Record Date shall receive a Solicitation Package as soon

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as reasonably practicable thereafter and shall be entitled to vote to accept or reject prior to the Voting Deadline (as defined below).

B. The Voting Deadline.

The Court has established **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time**, as the voting deadline (the “Voting Deadline”) for the Plan. The Debtors may extend the Voting Deadline without further order of the Court. To be counted as votes to accept or reject the Plan, all ballots (collectively, the “Ballots”) must be properly executed, completed, and delivered pursuant to the instructions provided on or with such Ballot.

C. Form, Content, and Manner of Notices.

1. The Solicitation Package.

The following materials shall constitute the solicitation package (the “Solicitation Package”) to be distributed to the Voting Classes:

- a. the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order (without exhibits, except for these Solicitation and Voting Procedures);
- b. the applicable Ballot, with applicable voting instructions, attached as Exhibits 3A, 3B, 3C, or 3D to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, as determined by the Class of each Holder of Claims being solicited;
- c. the Cover Letter, which includes instructions to obtain access, free of charge, to the Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order (without exhibits, except for these Solicitation and Voting Procedures) and urges the Holders of Claims in each of the Voting Classes to vote to accept the Plan, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 5 to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order;
- d. the notice of hearing to be held by the court to consider final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 6 to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order (the “Combined Hearing” and, the notice thereof, the “Combined Hearing Notice”);
- e. a pre-addressed, postage prepaid reply envelope; and
- f. such other materials as the Court may direct.

2. Distribution of the Solicitation Package.

The Debtors shall distribute the Solicitation Package by first-class U.S. mail to those Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes on or before June 30, 2026. In addition, these Solicitation and Voting Procedures, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order shall be made available on the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>. Any party that would prefer to receive materials in paper format may contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”) by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245;

(b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll).

The Debtors shall provide (a) the complete Solicitation Package (excluding the Ballots) to the U.S. Trustee (for the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors may serve the U.S. Trustee via email) and (b) the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order and the Combined Hearing Notice to any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1 as of the Voting Record Date. The Debtors will not distribute the Solicitation Package or other solicitation materials to: (a) Holders of Claims that have already been paid in full during the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or that are authorized to be paid in full in the ordinary course of business pursuant to an order entered by the Court; (b) any party to whom a notice of the hearing regarding the Court's conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement was sent, but was subsequently returned as undeliverable; or (c) Holders of Class 8 Intercompany Claims and Class 9 Intercompany Interests. The Debtors are not proposing to solicit votes from Holders of certain Intercompany Claims and Intercompany Interests because such classes are either unimpaired, and conclusively presumed to accept the Plan or impaired, and conclusively deemed to reject the Plan.

For purposes of serving the Solicitation Package, the Debtors may rely on the address information for the Voting Classes as compiled, updated, and maintained by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent as of the Voting Record Date. The Debtors and the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent are not required to conduct any additional research for updated addresses based on any undeliverable Solicitation Package (including any Ballot); *provided, however* that the Debtors shall make a reasonable effort to locate or ascertain the correct mailing address for claimants from information generally available to the public and from the Debtors' own records, but shall not be liable to such claimant for having not found a correct mailing address.

To avoid duplication and reduce expenses, the Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that each Holder of a Claim entitled to vote on the Plan receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot per Class) and is only entitled to submit one Ballot on account of such Holder's Claim in a particular Class.

3. Resolution of Disputed Claims for Voting Purposes; Resolution Event.

- a. The Debtors shall have until **[July 17], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** to object to Proofs of Claims for purposes of voting on the Plan (the "**Voting Claims Objection Deadline**"). Any such objection that remains pending as of the date of the Combined Hearing will be heard on an emergency basis at the Combined Hearing. The Ballot submitted by any Holder of a Claim that is subject to an objection for voting purposes shall not be counted for voting purposes (except as otherwise provided herein), but such creditor shall nonetheless receive a Ballot.
- b. Absent a further order of the Court, the Holder of a Claim in a Voting Class that is the subject of a pending objection on a "reduce and allow" basis shall be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection.
- c. If a Claim in a Voting Class is subject to an objection other than a "reduce and allow" objection that is filed with the Court on or prior to the Voting Deadline: (i) the Debtors shall cause the applicable Holder to be served with a *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Disputed Claims*, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 4C to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order; and (ii) the Ballot submitted by such Holder shall not be counted unless a Resolution Event (as defined herein) occurs as provided herein.

- d. A “Resolution Event” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events no later than two (2) days prior to the Voting Deadline:
 - i. an order of the Court is entered allowing such Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, after notice and a hearing;
 - ii. an order of the Court is entered temporarily allowing such Claim for voting purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), after notice and a hearing;
 - iii. a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder and the Debtors (a) resolving the objection and allowing such Claim in an agreed upon amount or (b) agreeing upon an amount in which the Holder of such Claim may vote; or
 - iv. the pending objection is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party.
- e. To the extent an applicable Claim is in a Voting Class, no later than one (1) Business Day following the occurrence of a Resolution Event, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall cause the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent to distribute via email, hand delivery, or overnight courier service a Solicitation Package and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to the relevant Holder to the extent such Holder has not already received a Solicitation Package.
- f. Holders of a Claim in a Voting Class subject to an objection that wish to file a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a)(4) must do so on or before **[July 24], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**

4. Non-Voting Status Notices for Unimpaired Classes, Impaired Classes, and Disputed Classes.

Certain (i) Holders of Claims that are Unimpaired under the Plan and who are, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, conclusively presumed to accept the Plan, (ii) Holders of Claims that are Impaired under the Plan and who are, pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, deemed to reject the Plan, and (iii) Holders of Claims that are subject to pending objection by the Debtors and who are not entitled to vote the disputed portion of such Claim will receive the applicable *Notice of Non-Voting Status*, substantially in the form annexed as Exhibits 4A, 4B, or 4C to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable. Such notice will instruct these Holders as to how they may obtain copies of the documents contained in the Solicitation Package (excluding Ballots). Such notice will also include a form by which all Holders of Claims can elect to either opt in to or opt out of the Third-Party Release included in the Plan, as applicable. The Holders of Claims may affirmatively opt in or opt out, as applicable, by completing and returning the applicable form (the paper version or electronically via the eBallot Portal) on or before **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**

5. Notices Regarding Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Assumed, Assumed and Assigned, or Rejected, Under the Plan.

Counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that receive an Assumption Notice or a Rejection Notice, substantially in the forms attached as Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9 to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, respectively, may file an objection to the Debtors’ proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, rejection, and/or cure amount, each under the Plan, as applicable. Any objection by a counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease in connection with a proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, rejection, or related cure amount (in each case, under the Plan)

must be filed by the later of (i) the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline and (ii) fourteen (14) days after actual receipt of the Assumption Notice or Rejection Notice, as applicable; *provided* that if the Debtors modify the Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases or the Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, as applicable, any party affected by such modification shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of their receipt of such notice of modification to file an objection thereto.

For the avoidance of doubt, the objection deadline(s) as to any proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease outside of the Plan (including as to related cure amounts) shall be as set forth in the Court order(s) applicable to such proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection, as the case may be.

D. Voting and Tabulation Procedures.

1. Holders of Claims Entitled to Vote.

Only the following Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes shall be entitled to vote with regard to such Claims:

- a. Unless otherwise provided, Holders of Claims who on or before the Voting Record Date, have filed a Proof of Claim that (i) has not been expunged, disallowed, disqualified, withdrawn, or superseded prior to the Voting Record Date and/or (ii) is not the subject of a pending objection, other than a “reduce and allow” objection, filed with the Court prior to the Voting Deadline, pending a Resolution Event as provided herein; provided that a Holder of a Claim that is the subject of a pending objection on a “reduce and allow” basis shall receive a Solicitation Package and be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection;
- b. Holders of Claims who have timely filed a Proof of Claim after the Voting Record Date but on or prior to a Supplemental Voting Record Date that (i) has not been expunged, disallowed, disqualified, withdrawn, or superseded prior to the Voting Deadline, and (ii) is not the subject of a pending objection, other than a “reduce and allow” objection, filed with the Court prior to the Voting Deadline, pending a Resolution Event as provided herein; provided that a Holder of a Claim that is the subject of a pending objection on a “reduce and allow” basis shall receive a Solicitation Package and be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection;
- c. Holders of Claims that are listed in the Schedules;³ provided that Claims that are scheduled as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed (excluding such scheduled contingent, unliquidated, or disputed Claims that have been paid or superseded by a timely Filed Proof of Claim prior to the Voting Record Date) shall be disallowed for voting purposes (unless the General Claims Bar Date has not yet expired, in which case such scheduled claims would be allowed to vote in the amount of \$1.00); provided, further, that if a Holder of a Claim scheduled as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed timely submits a Ballot that would be allowed to vote in the amount of \$1.00 and subsequently files a Proof of Claim providing a liquidated amount of the Claim prior to the Voting Deadline and such Proof of

³ The “Schedules” shall mean the schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs filed by the Debtors on the jointly administered docket for the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases.

Claim is not objected to, such Claim will be allowed to vote in the liquidated amount provided in such Proof of Claim;

- d. Holders of Claims that are deemed allowed in accordance with the Plan; provided that such Claims will be temporarily allowed for voting purposes in the deemed allowed amount set forth in the Plan;
- e. Holders of Claims that arise (i) pursuant to an agreement or settlement with the Debtors, as reflected in a document filed with the Court, (ii) in an order entered by the Court, or (iii) in a document executed by the Debtors pursuant to authority granted by the Court, in each case regardless of whether a Proof of Claim has been filed;
- f. Holders of Disputed Claims that have been temporarily allowed to vote on the Plan pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018; and
- g. The assignee of any Claim that was transferred on or before the Voting Record Date by any Entity described in subparagraphs (a) through (f) above; provided that such transfer or assignment has been fully effectuated pursuant to the procedures set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) and such transfer is reflected on the Claims Register on the Voting Record Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, the Debtors shall cause a Ballot to be served on all counterparties to Unexpired Leases, including previously rejected Unexpired Leases. Any such party shall be eligible to cast a provisional vote to accept or reject the Plan by the Voting Deadline on account of a Claim in an amount equal to the greater of (a) \$1.00 and (b) the amount asserted in any Proof of Claim; provided, that the Debtors shall retain the right to object to the validity of such Claim and the amount asserted in any applicable Proof of Claim.

2. Establishing Claim Amounts for Voting Purposes.

Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition ABL Claims). For voting purposes, claim amounts for Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition ABL Claims) will be established by reference to all of the outstanding amounts of the applicable positions held by Holders of Class 3 Claims, as of the Voting Record Date, as evidenced by the applicable records (including any lender list or lender register) provided, or to be provided, by the Prepetition ABL Agent to the Debtors or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent by no later than one (1) Business Day following the Voting Record Date.

Claims in Class 4 (Prepetition FILO Claims). For voting purposes, claim amounts for Claims in Class 4 (Prepetition FILO Claims) will be established by reference to all of the outstanding amounts of the applicable positions held by Holders of Class 4 Claims, as of the Voting Record Date, as evidenced by the applicable records (including any lender list or lender register) provided, or to be provided, by the Prepetition FILO Agent to the Debtors or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent by no later than one (1) Business Day following the Voting Record Date.

Claims in Class 5 (Term Loan Claims). For voting purposes, claim amounts for Claims in Class 5 (Term Loan Claims) will be established by reference to all of the outstanding amounts of the applicable positions held by Holders of Class 5 Claims, as of the Voting Record Date, as evidenced by the applicable records (including any lender list or lender register) provided, or to be provided, by the Agent under the Term Loan Credit Agreement to the Debtors or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent by no later than one (1) Business Day following the Voting Record Date.

Claims in Class 6 (General Unsecured Claims). For voting purposes, the claim amounts for Claims in Class 6 (General Unsecured Claims) will be established based on the amount of the applicable positions held by such Holder of General Unsecured Claims as of the Voting Record Date (or Supplemental Voting Record Date, as applicable), as evidenced by (a) the Schedules and (b) the Claims Register maintained in these chapter 11 cases.

Filed and Scheduled Claims. The Claim amount established herein shall control for voting purposes only and shall not constitute the Allowed amount of any Claim. Moreover, any amounts filled in on Ballots by the Debtors through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, as applicable, are not binding for purposes of allowance and distribution. In tabulating votes, the following hierarchy shall be used to determine the amount of the Claim associated with each claimant's vote:

- a. the Claim amount (i) settled or agreed upon by the Debtors, as reflected in a document filed with the Court, (ii) set forth in an order of the Court, or (iii) set forth in a document executed by the Debtors pursuant to authority granted by the Court;
- b. the Claim amount Allowed (temporarily or otherwise) pursuant to a Resolution Event under Section C.3 of these Solicitation and Voting Procedures;
- c. the Claim amount contained in a Proof of Claim that has been timely filed by the General Claims Bar Date (or deemed timely filed by the Court under applicable law), except for any amounts asserted on account of any interest accrued after the Petition Date; *provided, however*, that any Ballot cast by a Holder of a Claim who timely files a Proof of Claim prior to the Voting Deadline in respect of (i) a contingent Claim or a Claim in a wholly-unliquidated or unknown amount (based on a reasonable review by the Debtors or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent) that is not the subject of an objection will count toward satisfying the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and will count as a Ballot for a Claim in the amount of \$1.00 solely for the purposes of satisfying the dollar amount provisions of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a partially liquidated and partially unliquidated Claim, such Claim will be Allowed for voting purposes only in the liquidated amount; *provided further, however*, that to the extent the Claim amount contained in the Proof of Claim is different from the Claim amount set forth in a document filed with the Court as referenced in subparagraph (a) above, the Claim amount in the document filed with the Court shall supersede the Claim amount set forth on the respective Proof of Claim for voting purposes;
- d. the Claim amount listed in the Schedules (to the extent such Claim is not superseded by a timely filed Proof of Claim); *provided* that such Claim is not scheduled for \$0.00, or as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated or has not been paid; *provided, further*, that if the applicable General Claims Bar Date has not expired prior to the Voting Record Date, a Claim listed in the Schedules for \$0.00, or as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated, shall vote at \$1.00;
- e. notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any creditor who has filed or purchased duplicate Claims within the same Voting Class shall, to the extent possible, be provided with only one Solicitation Package and one Ballot for voting a single Claim in such Class regardless of whether the Debtors have objected to such duplicate Claims; and
- f. in the absence of any of the foregoing, such Claim shall be disallowed for voting purposes.

If a Proof of Claim is amended, the last filed Claim shall be subject to these rules and will supersede the earlier filed Claim and any earlier filed Claim will be disallowed for voting purposes.

3. Voting and Ballot Tabulation Procedures.

The following voting procedures and standard assumptions shall be used in tabulating Ballots, subject to the Debtors' right to waive any of the below specified requirements for completion and submission of Ballots so long as such requirement is not otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or Local Rules, *provided* that the Debtors will consult with the Committee regarding any waiver of the below requirements with respect to accepting late ballots submitted by Holders of General Unsecured Claims:

- a. Except as otherwise provided in the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, unless the Ballot being furnished is timely submitted on or prior to the Voting Deadline (as the same may be extended by the Debtors), the Debtors, in their sole discretion, shall be entitled to reject such Ballot as invalid and, therefore, not count it in connection with confirmation of the Plan.
- b. The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will date stamp all Ballots when received.
- c. The Debtors will file with the Court, by no later than three (3) Business Days before the Combined Hearing a voting report (the "Voting Report"). The Voting Report shall, among other things, delineate every Ballot that does not conform to the voting instructions or that contains any form of irregularity including, but not limited to, those Ballots that are late or (in whole or in material part) illegible, unidentifiable, lacking signatures, or lacking necessary information, received via facsimile, or damaged (in each case, an "Irregular Ballot"). As to each Irregular Ballot, the Voting Report shall (i) indicate the Debtors' intentions or action with respect thereto; and (ii) in the case of any rejected Irregular Ballot, whether the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent later received a valid Ballot for the corresponding Claim.
- d. The Voting Report shall identify any creditor in a Voting Class as to whom a Solicitation Package was returned as undeliverable, and anyone in a Voting Class to whom the Debtors did not send a Solicitation Package.⁴
- e. The Voting Report shall identify all creditors who opt in to or opt out of, as applicable, the releases in the Plan.⁵
- f. The Voting Report shall identify any extensions granted to any party with respect to their Ballot or Notice of Non-Voting Status.
- g. The method of delivery of Ballots and/or Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms to be sent to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder. Except as

⁴ Subject to any orders of the Court permitting the Debtors to redact the names of Customers (as defined in the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Redact Certain Confidential Information of Customers and (B) Redact Certain Personally Identifiable Information of Individuals, (II) Authorizing Electronic Noticing Procedures, and (III) Granting Related Relief) (the "Redaction and Electronic Noticing Motion") [Docket No. 10].

⁵ Subject to any orders of the Court permitting the Debtors to redact certain names.

otherwise provided, a Ballot and/or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form will be deemed delivered only when the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent actually receives the properly executed Ballot and/or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form.

- h. An executed Ballot and/or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form is required to be submitted by the Entity submitting such Ballot. Delivery of a Ballot and/or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent by facsimile, telecopy, electronic mail, or any electronic means other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent's eBallot Portal, as applicable, will not be valid.
- i. No Ballot or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form should be sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent), or the Debtors' financial or legal advisors, and if so sent, will not be counted.
- j. If multiple Ballots or Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the last properly executed Ballot or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form timely received will be deemed to reflect that voter's intent and will supersede and revoke any prior received Ballot or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form.
- k. Holders must vote all of their Claims within a particular Class either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split any votes. Accordingly, a Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan will not be counted. Further, to the extent there are multiple Claims within the same Class, the applicable Debtor may, in its discretion, aggregate the Claims of any particular Holder within a Class for the purpose of counting votes.
- l. Holders of Claims that may be asserted against multiple Debtors must vote such Claims either to accept or reject the Plan at each such Debtor and may not vote any such Claim to accept at one Debtor and reject at another Debtor. Accordingly, a Ballot that rejects the Plan for a Claim at one Debtor and accepts the Plan for the same Claim at another Debtor will not be counted.
- m. A person signing a Ballot in its capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity of a Holder of Claims must indicate such capacity when signing, and if so requested by the Debtors or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Debtors of its authority to so act.
- n. The Debtors, subject to a contrary order of the Court, may waive any defects or irregularities as to any particular Irregular Ballot or Opt-In/Opt-Out Form, as applicable, at any time, either before or after the close of voting, and any such waivers will be documented in the Voting Report or a supplemental Voting Report, as applicable.
- o. Neither the Debtors, nor any other Entity, will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to delivered Ballots or Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms other than as provided in the Voting Report, nor will any of them incur any liability for failure to provide such notification.
- p. Unless waived or as ordered by the Court, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots or Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms must be cured by the Holder of Claims prior to the Voting Deadline or such Ballots or Opt-In/Opt-Out Forms will not be counted.

- q. In the event a designation of lack of good faith is requested by a party in interest under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court will determine whether any vote to accept and/or reject the Plan cast with respect to that Claim will be counted for purposes of determining whether the Plan has been accepted and/or rejected.
- r. Subject to any order of the Court, the Debtors reserve the right to reject any and all Ballots not in proper form, the acceptance of which, in the opinion of the Debtors, would not be in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules; *provided* that any such rejections will be documented in the Voting Report.
- s. If a Claim has been estimated or a Claim has otherwise been Allowed only for voting purposes by order of the Court, such Claim shall be temporarily Allowed in the amount so estimated or Allowed by the Court for voting purposes only, and not for purposes of allowance or distribution.
- t. If an objection to a Claim is filed, such Claim shall be treated in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
- u. The following Ballots shall not be counted in determining the acceptance or rejection of the Plan: (i) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of such Claim; (ii) any Ballot cast by any Entity that does not hold a Claim in a Voting Class; (iii) any Ballot cast for a Claim scheduled as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed for which no Proof of Claim was timely filed by the Voting Record Date (unless the General Claims Bar Date has not yet passed, in which case such Claim shall be entitled to vote in the amount of \$1.00); (iv) any unsigned Ballot or Ballot lacking an original signature (for the avoidance of doubt, a Ballot cast via the eBallot Portal will be deemed to contain an original signature); (v) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or marked both to accept and reject the Plan; and (vi) any Ballot submitted by any Entity not entitled to vote pursuant to the procedures described herein.
- v. After the Voting Deadline, no Ballot may be withdrawn or modified without the entry of a Final Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a); *provided* that such withdrawal or modification will be disclosed in the Voting Report.
- w. The Debtors are authorized to enter into stipulations with the Holder of any Claim agreeing to the amount of a Claim for voting purposes.
- x. Where any portion of a single Claim has been transferred to a transferee, all Holders of any portion of such single Claim will be (i) treated as a single creditor for purposes of the numerosity requirements in section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (and for the other voting and solicitation procedures set forth herein) and (ii) required to vote every portion of such Claim collectively to accept or reject the Plan. In the event that (a) a Ballot, (b) a group of Ballots within a Voting Class received from a single creditor, or (c) a group of Ballots received from the various Holders of multiple portions of a single Claim partially reject and partially accept the Plan, such Ballots shall not be counted.
- y. For purposes of the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, separate Claims held by a single creditor in a particular Class will be aggregated and treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and all votes related to such Claim will be treated as a single vote to accept or reject the Plan; *provided* that if separate affiliated entities hold Claims in a particular Class, these Claims will not be aggregated and will not

be treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and the vote of each affiliated entity will be counted separately as a vote to accept or reject the Plan.

E. Amendments to the Plan and Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

The Debtors reserve the right to make changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan (including the Plan Supplement), Ballots, Combined Hearing Notice, Notices of Non-Voting Status, Cover Letter, and any related documents without further order of the Court, including, without limitation, changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes among the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and any other materials in the Solicitation Package before its distribution; *provided* that all such modifications shall be made in accordance with the terms of the document being modified and the Plan.

Exhibit 3A

Form of Ballot for Holders of Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claims

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF WEST MARINE, INC. AND
ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

BALLOT FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS 3 PREPETITION ABL CLAIMS

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY *BEFORE* COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. THIS BALLOT PERMITS YOU TO VOTE ON THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN).

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ***ACTUALLY RECEIVED*** BY KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL (THE “CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT”) BY **[JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME** (THE “VOTING DEADLINE”).

IF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT CONFIRMS THE PLAN, IT WILL BIND YOU REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE VOTED.

AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS IN A VOTING CLASS, IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN YOU ARE A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN AND, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, ARE DEEMED TO PROVIDE THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN WHICH, IF APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, WOULD PERMANENTLY ENJOIN HOLDERS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTIES FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIMS AGAINST SUCH NON-DEBTOR THIRD PARTIES. **IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY CHECKING THE OPT-OUT BOX IN ITEM 3A OF THIS BALLOT.** BY OPTING OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL FOREGO THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), are soliciting votes with respect to the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”) as set forth in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”). The Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”) has conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), by entry of an order on [●], 2026 [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”). The Bankruptcy Court’s conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate its approval of the Plan. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, a copy of which is available at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

You are receiving this ballot (this “Ballot”) because you are a Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim as of **[June 22], 2026** (the “Voting Record Date”). Accordingly, you have a right to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim and to elect to opt out of or opt in to the Third-Party Release (as defined below), as applicable.

YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

Your rights are described in the Combined Hearing Notice and the Disclosure Statement, which were included in the package (the “Solicitation Package”) you are receiving with this Ballot (as well as certain other materials). If you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

**U.S./Canada Toll Free: (866) 967-1786
International, Toll: +1 (310) 751-2686**

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe you have received the wrong ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***immediately*** at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class 3 under the Plan.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY, VIA EBALLOT PORTAL. Submit your Ballot and vote through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal by visiting <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”). Click on the “Submit eBallot” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent's eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique eBallot ID: _____

Unique eBallot PIN: _____

OR

VIA PAPER BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE). Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly via first-class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent via online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry> at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Verita address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim in the following **aggregate** unpaid principal amount:²

\$ _____

Item 2. Vote on Plan.

Please note that each Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim(s) must vote all such Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim(s) against each individual Debtor to accept or reject the Plan and may not split such vote with respect to an individual Debtor. Each Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim(s) is permitted to vote its Claim(s) to accept the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors while voting its Claim(s) to reject the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors (and vice versa).

The Holder of the Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claim against the Debtors, the aggregate, principal amount of which is set forth in Item 1, votes to (please check one):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan ☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

² For voting purposes only, subject to tabulation rules, which can be found in Section D of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.³

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “**Debtor Release**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or

³ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Ballot.

document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions

or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or

investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

Item 3A. Opt-Out Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release.

Item 3B. Opt-In Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU ABSTAINED FROM VOTING OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT IN** to the Third-Party Release.

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions

against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 4. Certifications.

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, the Entity is the Holder (or authorized signatory for a Holder) of the Claim set forth in Item 1;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the remainder of the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has not relied on any statement made or other information received from any person with respect to the Plan other than the information contained in the Solicitation Package or other publicly available materials;
- (d) no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Claim identified in Item 1 has been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, then any such earlier Ballots are revoked;
- (e) the Entity understands and acknowledges that if multiple Ballots are submitted voting the Claim set forth in Item 1, only the last valid Ballot voting the Claim and received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect the voter's intent and thus to supersede and revoke any prior Ballots received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent; and
- (f) the Entity understands and acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the Holder hereunder, shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the Holder and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the Holder.

Name of Holder:	(Print or Type)
Signature:	
Name of Signatory:	(If other than the Holder)
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date Completed:	

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Class 3 Prepetition ABL Claims with respect to the Plan referred to in the Disclosure Statement. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.**
2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of Claims or at least two-thirds in amount of Interests in at least one class that votes on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.
3. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you ***must*** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**
4. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.
5. Your Ballot ***must*** be returned to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent so as to be ***actually received*** by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. **The Voting Deadline is [July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**
6. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Debtors. Additionally, **the following Ballots will not be counted:**
 - (a) any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
 - (b) Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent), the Debtors' financial or legal advisors or any other person (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent);
 - (c) Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
 - (d) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
 - (e) any Ballot cast by an Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Classes;
 - (f) any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
 - (g) any unsigned Ballot; and/or

- (i) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or any Ballot marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 7. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***actually receives*** the Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.
- 8. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest dated, timely received, and valid Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.
- 9. You must vote all of your Claims within your respective class either to accept or reject the Plan and may ***not*** split your vote.
- 10. This Ballot does ***not*** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.
- 11. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, the Debtors, or the Bankruptcy Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the Ballot.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT:

**U.S./CANADA TOLL FREE: (866) 967-1786
INTERNATIONAL, TOLL: +1 (310) 751-2686**

**OR BY ONLINE INQUIRY AT
[HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY.](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry)**

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY* RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

Exhibit 3B

Form of Ballot for Holders of Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claims

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

)
) Chapter 11
)
) Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
)
) (Jointly Administered)
)

**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF WEST MARINE, INC. AND
ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

BALLOT FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS 4 PREPETITION FILO CLAIMS

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY *BEFORE* COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. THIS BALLOT PERMITS YOU TO VOTE ON THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN).

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ***ACTUALLY RECEIVED*** BY KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL (THE “CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT”) BY **[JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME** (THE “VOTING DEADLINE”).

IF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT CONFIRMS THE PLAN, IT WILL BIND YOU REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE VOTED.

AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS IN A VOTING CLASS, IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN YOU ARE A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN AND, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, ARE DEEMED TO PROVIDE THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN WHICH, IF APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, WOULD PERMANENTLY ENJOIN HOLDERS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTIES FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIMS AGAINST SUCH NON-DEBTOR THIRD PARTIES. **IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY CHECKING THE OPT-OUT BOX IN ITEM 3A OF THIS BALLOT.** BY OPTING OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL FOREGO THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), are soliciting votes with respect to the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”) as set forth in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”). The Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”) has conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), by entry of an order on [●], 2026 [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”). The Bankruptcy Court’s conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate its approval of the Plan. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, a copy of which is available at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

You are receiving this ballot (this “Ballot”) because you are a Holder of a Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim as of **[June 22], 2026** (the “Voting Record Date”). Accordingly, you have a right to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim and to elect to opt out of or opt in to the Third-Party Release (as defined below), as applicable.

YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

Your rights are described in the Combined Hearing Notice and the Disclosure Statement, which were included in the package (the “Solicitation Package”) you are receiving with this Ballot (as well as certain other materials). If you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

**U.S./Canada Toll Free: (866) 967-1786
International, Toll: +1 (310) 751-2686**

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe you have received the wrong ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***immediately*** at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class 4 under the Plan.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY, VIA EBALLOT PORTAL. Submit your Ballot and vote through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal by visiting <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”). Click on the “Submit eBallot” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent's eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique eBallot ID: _____

Unique eBallot PIN: _____

OR

VIA PAPER BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE). Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly via first-class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent via online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry> at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Verita address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim in the following ***aggregate*** unpaid principal amount:²

\$ _____

Item 2. Vote on Plan.

Please note that each Holder of a Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim(s) must vote all such Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim(s) against each individual Debtor to accept or reject the Plan and may not split such vote with respect to an individual Debtor. Each Holder of a Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim(s) is permitted to vote its Claim(s) to accept the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors while voting its Claim(s) to reject the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors (and vice versa).

The Holder of the Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claim against the Debtors, the aggregate, principal amount of which is set forth in Item 1, votes to (please check one):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan

☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

² For voting purposes only, subject to tabulation rules, which can be found in Section D of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.³

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “Debtor Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or

³ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Ballot.

document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions

or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or

investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

Item 3A. Opt-Out Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release.

Item 3B. Opt-In Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU ABSTAINED FROM VOTING OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT IN** to the Third-Party Release.

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions

against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 4. Certifications.

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, the Entity is the Holder (or authorized signatory for a Holder) of the Claim set forth in Item 1;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the remainder of the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has not relied on any statement made or other information received from any person with respect to the Plan other than the information contained in the Solicitation Package or other publicly available materials;
- (d) no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Claim identified in Item 1 has been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, then any such earlier Ballots are revoked;
- (e) the Entity understands and acknowledges that if multiple Ballots are submitted voting the Claim set forth in Item 1, only the last valid Ballot voting the Claim and received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect the voter's intent and thus to supersede and revoke any prior Ballots received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent; and
- (f) the Entity understands and acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the Holder hereunder, shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the Holder and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the Holder.

Name of Holder:	(Print or Type)
Signature:	
Name of Signatory:	(If other than the Holder)
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date Completed:	

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Class 4 Prepetition FILO Claims with respect to the Plan referred to in the Disclosure Statement. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.**
2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of Claims or at least two-thirds in amount of Interests in at least one class that votes on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.
3. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you ***must*** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**
4. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.
5. Your Ballot ***must*** be returned to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent so as to be ***actually received*** by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. **The Voting Deadline is [July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**
6. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Debtors. Additionally, **the following Ballots will not be counted:**
 - (a) any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
 - (b) Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent), the Debtors' financial or legal advisors or any other person (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent);
 - (c) Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
 - (d) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
 - (e) any Ballot cast by an Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Classes;
 - (f) any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
 - (g) any unsigned Ballot; and/or

- (i) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or any Ballot marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 7. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***actually receives*** the Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.
- 8. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest dated, timely received, and valid Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.
- 9. You must vote all of your Claims within your respective class either to accept or reject the Plan and may ***not*** split your vote.
- 10. This Ballot does ***not*** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.
- 11. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, the Debtors, or the Bankruptcy Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the Ballot.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT:

**U.S./CANADA TOLL FREE: (866) 967-1786
INTERNATIONAL, TOLL: +1 (310) 751-2686**

**OR BY ONLINE INQUIRY AT
[HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry).**

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY* RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

Exhibit 3C

Form of Ballot for Holders of Class 5 Term Loan Claims

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

)
) Chapter 11
)
) Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
)
) (Jointly Administered)
)

**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF WEST MARINE, INC. AND
ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

BALLOT FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS 5 TERM LOAN CLAIMS

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY *BEFORE* COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. THIS BALLOT PERMITS YOU TO VOTE ON THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN).

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ***ACTUALLY RECEIVED*** BY KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL (THE “CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT”) BY **[JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME** (THE “VOTING DEADLINE”).

IF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT CONFIRMS THE PLAN, IT WILL BIND YOU REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE VOTED.

AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS IN A VOTING CLASS, IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN YOU ARE A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN AND, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, ARE DEEMED TO PROVIDE THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN WHICH, IF APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, WOULD PERMANENTLY ENJOIN HOLDERS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTIES FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIMS AGAINST SUCH NON-DEBTOR THIRD PARTIES. **IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY CHECKING THE OPT-OUT BOX IN ITEM 3A OF THIS BALLOT.** BY OPTING OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL FOREGO THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), are soliciting votes with respect to the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”) as set forth in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”). The Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”) has conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), by entry of an order on [●], 2026 [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”). The Bankruptcy Court’s conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate its approval of the Plan. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, a copy of which is available at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

You are receiving this ballot (this “Ballot”) because you are a Holder of a Class 5 Term Loan Claim as of **[June 22], 2026** (the “Voting Record Date”). Accordingly, you have a right to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim and to elect to opt out of or opt in to the Third-Party Release (as defined below), as applicable.

YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

Your rights are described in the Combined Hearing Notice and the Disclosure Statement, which were included in the package (the “Solicitation Package”) you are receiving with this Ballot (as well as certain other materials). If you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

**U.S./Canada Toll Free: (866) 967-1786
International, Toll: +1 (310) 751-2686**

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe you have received the wrong ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***immediately*** at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class 5 under the Plan.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY, VIA EBALLOT PORTAL. Submit your Ballot and vote through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal by visiting <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”). Click on the “Submit eBallot” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent's eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique eBallot ID: _____

Unique eBallot PIN: _____

OR

VIA PAPER BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE). Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly via first-class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent via online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry> at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Verita address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class 5 Term Loan Claim in the following ***aggregate*** unpaid principal amount:²

\$ _____

Item 2. Vote on Plan.

Please note that each Holder of a Class 5 Term Loan Claim(s) must vote all such Class 5 Term Loan Claim(s) against each individual Debtor to accept or reject the Plan and may not split such vote with respect to an individual Debtor. Each Holder of a Class 5 Term Loan Claim(s) is permitted to vote its Claim(s) to accept the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors while voting its Claim(s) to reject the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors (and vice versa).

The Holder of the Class 5 Term Loan Claim against the Debtors, the aggregate, principal amount of which is set forth in Item 1, votes to (please check one):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan

☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

² For voting purposes only, subject to tabulation rules, which can be found in Section D of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. **Important information regarding releases under the Plan.³**

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “**Debtor Release**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or

³ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Ballot.

document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions

or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or

investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

Item 3A. Opt-Out Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release.

Item 3B. Opt-In Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU ABSTAINED FROM VOTING OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT IN** to the Third-Party Release.

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions

against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 4. Certifications.

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, the Entity is the Holder (or authorized signatory for a Holder) of the Claim set forth in Item 1;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the remainder of the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has not relied on any statement made or other information received from any person with respect to the Plan other than the information contained in the Solicitation Package or other publicly available materials;
- (d) no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Claim identified in Item 1 has been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, then any such earlier Ballots are revoked;
- (e) the Entity understands and acknowledges that if multiple Ballots are submitted voting the Claim set forth in Item 1, only the last valid Ballot voting the Claim and received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect the voter's intent and thus to supersede and revoke any prior Ballots received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent; and
- (f) the Entity understands and acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the Holder hereunder, shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the Holder and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the Holder.

Name of Holder:	(Print or Type)
Signature:	
Name of Signatory:	(If other than the Holder)
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date Completed:	

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Class 5 Term Loan Claims with respect to the Plan referred to in the Disclosure Statement. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.**
2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of Claims or at least two-thirds in amount of Interests in at least one class that votes on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.
3. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you ***must*** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**
4. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.
5. Your Ballot ***must*** be returned to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent so as to be ***actually received*** by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. **The Voting Deadline is [July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**
6. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Debtors. Additionally, **the following Ballots will not be counted:**
 - (a) any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
 - (b) Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent), the Debtors' financial or legal advisors or any other person (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent);
 - (c) Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
 - (d) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
 - (e) any Ballot cast by an Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Classes;
 - (f) any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
 - (g) any unsigned Ballot; and/or

- (i) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or any Ballot marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 7. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***actually receives*** the Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.
- 8. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest dated, timely received, and valid Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.
- 9. You must vote all of your Claims within your respective class either to accept or reject the Plan and may ***not*** split your vote.
- 10. This Ballot does ***not*** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.
- 11. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, the Debtors, or the Bankruptcy Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the Ballot.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT:

**U.S./CANADA TOLL FREE: (866) 967-1786
INTERNATIONAL, TOLL: +1 (310) 751-2686**

**OR BY ONLINE INQUIRY AT
[HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry).**

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY* RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

Exhibit 3D

Form of Ballot for Holders of Class 6 General Unsecured Claims

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

)
) Chapter 11
)
) Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
)
) (Jointly Administered)
)

**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF WEST MARINE, INC. AND
ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

BALLOT FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS 6 GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY *BEFORE* COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. THIS BALLOT PERMITS YOU TO VOTE ON THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN).

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ***ACTUALLY RECEIVED*** BY KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL (THE “CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT”) BY **[JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME** (THE “VOTING DEADLINE”).

IF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT CONFIRMS THE PLAN, IT WILL BIND YOU REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE VOTED.

AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS IN A VOTING CLASS, IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN YOU ARE A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN AND, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, ARE DEEMED TO PROVIDE THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN WHICH, IF APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, WOULD PERMANENTLY ENJOIN HOLDERS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTIES FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIMS AGAINST SUCH NON-DEBTOR THIRD PARTIES. **IF YOU VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY CHECKING THE OPT-OUT BOX IN ITEM 3A OF THIS BALLOT.** BY OPTING OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL FOREGO THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), are soliciting votes with respect to the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”) as set forth in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”). The Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”) has conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), by entry of an order on [●], 2026 [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”). The Bankruptcy Court’s conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate its approval of the Plan. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, a copy of which is available at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

You are receiving this ballot (this “Ballot”) because you are a Holder of a Class 6 General Unsecured Claim as of [June 22], 2026 (the “Voting Record Date”). Accordingly, you have a right to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim and to elect to opt out of or opt in to the Third-Party Release, as applicable (as defined below).

YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

Your rights are described in the Combined Hearing Notice and the Disclosure Statement, which were included in the package (the “Solicitation Package”) you are receiving with this Ballot (as well as certain other materials). If you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

**U.S./Canada Toll Free: (866) 967-1786
International, Toll: +1 (310) 751-2686**

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe you have received the wrong ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent *immediately* at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class 6 under the Plan.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY, VIA EBALLOT PORTAL. Submit your Ballot and vote through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal by visiting <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”). Click on the “Submit eBallot” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent's eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique eBallot ID: _____

Unique eBallot PIN: _____

OR

VIA PAPER BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE). Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly via first-class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please contact the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent via online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry> at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Verita address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class 6 General Unsecured Claim in the following ***aggregate*** unpaid principal amount:²

\$ _____

Item 2. Vote on Plan.

Please note that each Holder of a Class 6 General Unsecured Claim(s) must vote all such Class 6 General Unsecured Claim(s) against each individual Debtor to accept or reject the Plan and may not split such vote with respect to an individual Debtor. Each Holder of a Class 6 General Unsecured Claim(s) is permitted to vote its Claim(s) to accept the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors while voting its Claim(s) to reject the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors (and vice versa).

The Holder of the Class 6 General Unsecured Claim against the Debtors, the aggregate, principal amount of which is set forth in Item 1, votes to (please check one):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan

☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

² For voting purposes only, subject to tabulation rules, which can be found in Section D of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.³

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “Debtor Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or

³ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Ballot.

document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions

or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or

investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

Item 3A. Opt-Out Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release.

Item 3B. Opt-In Third-Party Release (ONLY APPLICABLE IF YOU ABSTAINED FROM VOTING OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN).

☐ The undersigned elects to **OPT IN** to the Third-Party Release.

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions

against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 4. Certifications.

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, the Entity is the Holder (or authorized signatory for a Holder) of the Claim set forth in Item 1;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the remainder of the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has not relied on any statement made or other information received from any person with respect to the Plan other than the information contained in the Solicitation Package or other publicly available materials;
- (d) no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Claim identified in Item 1 has been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, then any such earlier Ballots are revoked;
- (e) the Entity understands and acknowledges that if multiple Ballots are submitted voting the Claim set forth in Item 1, only the last valid Ballot voting the Claim and received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect the voter's intent and thus to supersede and revoke any prior Ballots received by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent; and
- (f) the Entity understands and acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the Holder hereunder, shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the Holder and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the Holder.

Name of Holder:	(Print or Type)
Signature:	
Name of Signatory:	(If other than the Holder)
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date Completed:	

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Class 6 General Unsecured Claims with respect to the Plan referred to in the Disclosure Statement. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.**
2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of Claims or at least two-thirds in amount of Interests in at least one class that votes on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.
3. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you ***must*** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**
4. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.
5. Your Ballot ***must*** be returned to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent so as to be ***actually received*** by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. **The Voting Deadline is [July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**
6. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Debtors. Additionally, **the following Ballots will not be counted:**
 - (a) any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
 - (b) Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent), the Debtors' financial or legal advisors or any other person (other than the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent);
 - (c) Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
 - (d) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
 - (e) any Ballot cast by an Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Classes;
 - (f) any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
 - (g) any unsigned Ballot; and/or

- (i) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or any Ballot marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 7. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent ***actually receives*** the Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.
- 8. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest dated, timely received, and valid Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.
- 9. You must vote all of your Claims within your respective class either to accept or reject the Plan and may ***not*** split your vote.
- 10. This Ballot does ***not*** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.
- 11. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, the Debtors, or the Bankruptcy Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the Ballot.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT:

**U.S./CANADA TOLL FREE: (866) 967-1786
INTERNATIONAL, TOLL: +1 (310) 751-2686**

**OR BY ONLINE INQUIRY AT
[HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry).**

IF THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY* RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

Exhibit 4A

Form of Non-Voting Status Notice (Unimpaired)

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
WEST MARINE, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	)	Chapter 11
Debtors.	)	Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	

**NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS AND
OPT-IN FORM REGARDING RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF
UNIMPAIRED CLAIMS CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan, ***you are not entitled to vote on the Plan.*** Specifically, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) in one of the below Classes that is ***not*** Impaired and conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are ***not*** entitled to vote on the Plan. Your treatment under the Plan will be consistent with the other Holders of Claims in one of the below Classes:

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

Class	Treatment
Class 1: Other Secured Claims	Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim agrees to less favorable treatment, each Holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, at the Debtors' option, in full and final satisfaction of such Allowed Other Secured Claim, either: (a) payment in full in Cash in an amount equal to its Allowed Other Secured Claim; (b) delivery of the collateral securing its Allowed Other Secured Claim; or (c) such other treatment rendering its Allowed Other Secured Claim Unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
Class 2: Other Priority Claims	Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees to less favorable treatment, each Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim, in full and final satisfaction of such Allowed Other Priority Claim, shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date or in the ordinary course of business as and when due or otherwise receive treatment consistent with section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the “Combined Hearing”) will commence on **[August 11], 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time**, before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is **[August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline”). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing ***must***: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND **ARTICLE VIII.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE**. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. DIRECTIONS REGARDING OPTING IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE USING THE ATTACHED OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE. Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your Opt-In Form with the opt-in box checked, you will consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit the Opt-In Form with the below opt-in box checked, you will not be deemed to consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan.

THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS MAY BE ACCESSED FREE OF CHARGE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW USING THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMART PHONE, TABLET, OR OTHER DEVICE.

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The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly submitted through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit

<https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”), **click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website, and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Opt-In Form, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing via mail, to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

Dated: [●], 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ *DRAFT*

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OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the “Opt-In Form”) because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Opt-In Deadline”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline, submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.D of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”) at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal (the “eBallot Portal”) in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.¹

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “Debtor Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through

¹ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the “Third-Party Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii),

affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

OPTIONAL RELEASE ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW:

☐ **The Undersigned Holder of Claims or Interests elects to OPT IN to the Third-Party Release**

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are

permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 2. Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Unimpaired Claims Conclusively Presumed to Accept the Plan* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

Name of Holder: _____ (print or type)
Signature: _____
Name of Signatory: _____ (if other than Holder)
Title: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email: _____
Date Completed: _____

IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

By regular mail, overnight mail, or hand delivery at:

**West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245**

OR

By electronic, online submission:

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>. **Click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your Opt-In Form:

Unique ID: _____

Unique PIN: _____

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should **NOT** also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME.

THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: VIA ONLINE INQUIRY AT [HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

Exhibit 4B

Form of Non-Voting Status Notice (Impaired)

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re: WEST MARINE, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹ Debtors.	)))))))	Chapter 11 Case No. 26-10794 (KBO) (Jointly Administered)
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**NOTICE OF NON-VOTING
STATUS AND OPT-IN FORM REGARDING
RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF IMPAIRED CLAIMS OR INTERESTS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan, ***you are not entitled to vote on the Plan.*** Specifically, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) in one of the below Classes that is Impaired and conclusively presumed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are ***not*** entitled to vote on the Plan. Your treatment under the Plan will be consistent with the other Holders of Claims in one of the below Classes:

Class	Treatment
Class 7: Section 510(b) Claims	Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, if any, shall be cancelled without any distribution, and such Holders of Section 510(b) Claims will receive no recovery under the Plan.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascares, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

Class 10: Interests in West Marine	Each Holder of an Allowed Interest in West Marine shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each Allowed Interest in West Marine: (i) if the Recapitalization Transaction occurs, all Interests in West Marine shall be canceled, released, and extinguished and will be of no further force and effect. No Holders of Interests in West Marine will receive a distribution under the Plan on account of such Interests in West Marine; or (ii) if the Sale Transaction occurs, its <i>Pro Rata</i> share of the Distributable Value (if any) after payment or satisfaction, as applicable, of Section 510(b) Claims, General Unsecured Claims, Term Loan Claims, Prepetition FILO Claims, Prepetition ABL Claims, Other Priority Claims, and Other Secured Claims.
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the “Combined Hearing”) will commence on [August 11], 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is [August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time (the “Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline”). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing ***must***: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND **ARTICLE VIII.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE**. **THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.** DIRECTIONS REGARDING OPTING INTO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE USING THE ATTACHED OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE. Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your Opt-In Form with the opt-in box checked, you will consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit the Opt-In Form with the below opt-in box checked, you will not be deemed to consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan.

THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS MAY BE ACCESSED FREE OF CHARGE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW USING THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMART PHONE, TABLET, OR OTHER DEVICE.



The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly submitted through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”), **click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website, and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Opt-In Form, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing via mail, to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry> ; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

Dated: [●], 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ *DRAFT*

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OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the “Opt-In Form”) because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Opt-In Deadline”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline, submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.D of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”) at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal (the “eBallot Portal”) in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.¹

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “Debtor Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through

¹ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the “Third-Party Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii),

affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

OPTIONAL RELEASE ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW:

☐ **The Undersigned Holder of Claims or Interests elects to OPT IN to the Third-Party Release**

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are

permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 2. Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Impaired Claims or Interests* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

Name of Holder: _____ <i>(print or type)</i>
Signature: _____
Name of Signatory: _____ <i>(if other than Holder)</i>
Title: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email: _____
Date Completed: _____

IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

By regular mail, overnight mail, or hand delivery at:

**West Marine Ballot Processing Center
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245**

OR

By electronic, online submission:

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>. **Click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your Opt-In Form:

Unique ID: _____

Unique PIN: _____

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should **NOT** also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME.

THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: VIA ONLINE INQUIRY AT [HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

Exhibit 4C

Form of Non-Voting Status Notice (Disputed)

3. a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder and the Debtors
(a) resolving the objection and allowing such Claim in an agreed upon amount or
(b) agreeing upon an amount in which the Holder of such Claim may vote; or
4. the pending objection is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if your Claim is in a Voting Class (Classes 3–6) and subject to an objection, the deadline to file a motion to temporarily allow your Claim for voting purposes pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a)(4) is **[July 24], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if a Resolution Event occurs, within one (1) Business Day, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent shall distribute a Ballot, and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to you, which must be returned to the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent no later than the Voting Deadline, which is on **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the “Combined Hearing”) will commence on **[August 11], 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time,** before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is **[August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline”). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing ***must:*** (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND **ARTICLE VIII.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE.** **THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.** DIRECTIONS REGARDING OPTING IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE USING THE ATTACHED OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE. Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your Opt-In Form with the opt-in box checked, you will consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit the Opt-In Form with the below opt-in box checked, you will not be deemed to consent to the Third-Party Release contained in Article VIII.D of the Plan.

THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS MAY BE ACCESSED FREE OF CHARGE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW USING THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMART PHONE, TABLET, OR OTHER DEVICE.



The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly submitted through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine> (the “eBallot Portal”), **click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website, and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

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The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Opt-In Form, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing via mail, to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

Dated: [●], 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

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OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the “Opt-In Form”) because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Plan”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Opt-In Deadline”). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline, submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.D of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”) at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s online portal (the “eBallot Portal”) in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1. Important information regarding releases under the Plan.¹

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “Debtor Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through

¹ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the “Third-Party Release”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

Under the Plan, "**Avoidance Actions**" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, "**Related Party**" means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person's or such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person's or Entity's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt out" form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an "opt in" form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, "**Releasing Party**" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii),

affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

OPTIONAL RELEASE ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VIII.D OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW:

☐ **The Undersigned Holder of Claims or Interests elects to OPT IN to the Third-Party Release**

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are

permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Item 2. Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Disputed Claims* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

Name of Holder: _____ <i>(print or type)</i>
Signature: _____
Name of Signatory: _____ <i>(if other than Holder)</i>
Title: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email: _____
Date Completed: _____

IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

By regular mail, overnight mail, or hand delivery at: West Marine Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300 El Segundo, CA 90245

OR

By electronic, online submission:

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the eBallot Portal. To submit your Opt-In Form, please visit <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>. **Click on the “Submit Opt-In Form” section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your Opt-In Form:

Unique ID: _____

Unique PIN: _____

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent’s eBallot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the eBallot Portal should **NOT** also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS [JULY 31], 2026, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME.

THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: VIA ONLINE INQUIRY AT [HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE/INQUIRY](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

Exhibit 5

Form of Cover Letter



[●], 2026

Via First Class Mail / Email

RE: *In re West Marine, Inc., et al.* Chapter 11 Case No. 26-10794 (KBO), Summary of Chapter 11 Plan and Information Regarding Certain Key Dates.

TO ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN:

West Marine, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above captioned cases (collectively, the “Debtors”)¹ each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) on May 17, 2026.

You have received this letter (the “Cover Letter”) and the enclosed materials because you are entitled to vote on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”).² On [●], 2026, the Court entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned Debtors to solicit votes on the Plan; (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS LETTER BECAUSE YOU ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascales, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

In addition to this Cover Letter, the enclosed materials comprise your Solicitation Package, which consists of the following:

- a. the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order (without exhibits, except for the Solicitation and Voting Procedures);
- b. the applicable Ballot with voting instructions, attached as Exhibit 3A, Exhibit 3B, Exhibit 3C, or Exhibit 3D to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, based on which Class your Claim against the Debtors is classified in;
- c. this Cover Letter in support of the Plan which includes instructions to obtain access, free of charge, to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order (without exhibits, except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures);
- d. the Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 6 to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order;
- e. a pre-addressed, postage prepaid reply envelope; and
- f. such other materials as the Court may direct.

THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS MAY BE ACCESSED FREE OF CHARGE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW USING THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMART PHONE, TABLET, OR OTHER DEVICE.

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If you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the noticing, claims, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>. The Plan Supplement will be filed with the Court no later than [July 21], 2026.

West Marine, Inc. (on behalf of itself and each of the other Debtors) has approved the filing of the Plan and the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan. The Debtors believe that the Plan is in the best interests of their estates and all other parties in interest. Moreover, the Debtors believe that any alternative other than confirmation of the Plan could result in significant delays and increased administrative expenses, which, in turn, likely would result in smaller distributions (or no distributions) or recoveries on account of Claims asserted in these chapter 11 cases.

THE DEBTORS STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PROPERLY AND TIMELY SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT CASTING A VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN. THE VOTING DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON [JULY 31], 2026.

The materials in the Solicitation Package are intended to be self-explanatory. If you should have any questions, however, please feel free to contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the Debtors' Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent, by calling at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). The Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent cannot and will not provide legal advice. If you need legal advice, you should consult an attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/ DRAFT

Paulee Day
Chief Executive Officer
West Marine, Inc.

Exhibit 6

Combined Hearing Notice

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
WEST MARINE, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	)	Chapter 11
Debtors.	)	Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER
(I) FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
(II) CONFIRMATION OF THE DEBTORS' JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO OPT OUT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE TO AVOID BEING BOUND BY THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IN THE PLAN.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the “Combined Hearing”) will commence on [**August 11, 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time**], before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market St., 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: THE COMBINED HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE COURT OR THE DEBTORS **WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE** OTHER THAN BY SUCH ADJOURNMENT BEING ANNOUNCED IN OPEN COURT OR BY A NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT FILED WITH THE COURT AND SERVED ON ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO NOTICE.

ANY SUCH NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE ON THE DEBTORS' CASE WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.VERITAGLOBAL.NET/WESTMARINE](https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine).

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN

Voting Record Date. The voting record date was [June 22], 2026, which was the date for determining which Holders of Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition ABL Claims), Class 4 (Prepetition FILO Claims), Class 5 (Term Loan Claims), and Class 6 (General Unsecured Claims) are entitled to vote on the Plan.³

Voting Deadline. The deadline for voting on the Plan is **[July 31], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "**Voting Deadline**"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot and intend to vote on the Plan you ***must***: (a) follow the instructions carefully; (b) complete ***all*** of the required information on the ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is ***actually received*** by the Debtors' claims, noticing, and solicitation agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (the "**Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent**") on or before the Voting Deadline. ***A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote.***

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OBJECTING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN AND/OR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline. The deadline for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan and/or final approval of the Disclosure Statement, as applicable, is **[August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "**Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline**"). All such objections ***must***: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan or Disclosure Statement (as applicable) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service) and served upon the following parties so as to be ***actually received*** on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline: (i) the Debtors, West Marine, Inc., 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Attn.: Paulee Day; (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, (x) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Matthew C. Fagen, P.C. (matthew.fagen@kirkland.com) and 830 Brickell Plaza, Miami, Florida 33131, Attn.: Brian J. Nakhaimousa (brian.nakhaimousa@kirkland.com) and Trevor Eck (trevor.eck@kirkland.com); and (y) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Michael R. Nestor (mnestor@ycst.com), Kara Hammond Coyle (kcoyle@ycst.com), Shella Borovinskaya (sborovinskaya@ycst.com), and Kristin L. Cardoza (kcardoza@ycst.com); (iii) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Linda Casey (linda.casey@usdoj.gov); (iv) Milbank LLP, 55 Hudson Yards, New York,

³ The Debtors' claims bar date is **July 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "**General Claims Bar Date**"). Creditors that file a Proof of Claim after the Voting Record Date, but prior to the General Claims Bar Date, shall receive a Solicitation Package as soon as reasonably practicable and shall be entitled to vote to accept or reject.

NY 10001, Attn.: Matthew Brod (mbrod@milbank.com) and Benjamin Schak (bschak@milbank.com); (v) Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169, Attn.: Nicholas Palazzolo (npalazzolo@otterbourg.com); Daniel F. Fiorillo (dfiorillo@otterbourg.com), and Antonio J. Aguilera (aaguilera@otterbourg.com); and (vi) proposed counsel to the Committee (x) Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 3 World Trade Center, New York, NY 10007, Attn.: Jason Adams (jadams@kelleydrye.com), Maeghan McLoughlin (mmcloughlin@kelleydrye.com) and Andres Barajas (abarajas@kelleydrye.com); and (y) Ice Miller LLP, 500 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn.: Christopher Samis (Christopher.Samis@icemiller.com), R. Stephen McNeill (steve.mcneill@icemiller.com), and Sarah R. Gladioux (sarah.gladioux@icemiller.com).

Please be advised that Article VIII of the Plan contains the following release, exculpation, and injunction provisions:⁴

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the “**Debtor Release**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), or their Estates, as applicable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein-after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), their Estates, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable) based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors’ in- or out- of- court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released

⁴ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs.

Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement under the Restructuring Transactions, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtor Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, each Releasing Party is deemed to have, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor (as applicable), and Released Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), and their Estates (as applicable) whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or therein after arising, whether in Law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common Law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic Law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates,

Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (as applicable), the Restructuring Transactions, the Recapitalization Transaction or the Sale Transaction (as applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among the Debtors or between the Debtors and their non-Debtor Affiliates, the RSA, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Confirmation Order, the First Day Pleadings, the Definitive Documents, the Purchase Agreement (if applicable), the Sale Transaction (if applicable), the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the Cash Collateral Orders, the Plan, the Definitive Documents, or the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (i) any post- Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or (ii) any Causes of Action specifically retained by the Debtors pursuant to a schedule of retained Causes of Action to be attached as an exhibit to the Plan Supplement.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (i) consensual; (ii) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims and Causes of Action released by the Third-Party Release; (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (vi) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

Under the Plan, "*Avoidance Actions*" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by, or on behalf of, the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-

bankruptcy Law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes, common Law, including fraudulent transfer Law or other applicable Law.

Under the Plan, “**Related Party**” means, collectively, with respect to any Person or Entity, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, such Person’s or such Entity’s current and former directors, managers, officers, observers, committee members, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, secondees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys (including any other attorneys or professionals retained by any current or former director or manager in his or her capacity as director or manager of an Entity), accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors and any such Person’s or Entity’s respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Under the Plan, “**Released Party**” means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) each Releasing Party; (h) the Consenting Equity Holders; (i) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (h); and (j) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through the preceding clause (i); *provided, however*, that, in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) was provided with an opportunity to (i) opt out of the releases in the Plan by returning an “opt out” form and affirmatively opts out; or (ii) opt into the releases in the Plan by returning an “opt in” form and does not affirmatively opt in; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before the Confirmation Order is entered.

Under the Plan, “**Releasing Party**” means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; (c) each Wind-Down Debtor and the Plan Administrator; (d) the Agents; (e) each Consenting Term Loan Lender and Consenting FILO Lender; (f) each ABL Lender; (g) the Consenting Equity Holders; (h) all Holders of Claims that vote to accept the Plan and are provided with the opportunity to opt out of the releases in the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided for in the Plan; (i) all Holders of Claims or Interests who either (i) abstain from voting on the Plan, (ii) vote to reject the Plan, or (iii) are deemed to accept or reject the Plan and, in the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), affirmatively opts in to the releases provided for in the Plan; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (i) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliate to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law; and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through the preceding clause (j) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable law.

Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the “**Exculpation**”):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from any Claim or Cause of Action arising between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation and pursuit of the RSA, the Definitive Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Facilities Documents, or the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Cash Collateral

Orders, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable Law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

Article VIII.F of the Plan establishes an injunction (the “**Injunction**”):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Actions, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, settled, or are subject to exculpation under the Plan are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities, in each case, on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Causes of Action, liabilities, Claims or Interests released, discharged, subject to exculpation, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim

by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in the Plan.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action released, discharged, settled, or that is subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan, without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (ii) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, Exculpated Party, or Released Party.

The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Obtaining Solicitation Materials. The materials in the Solicitation Package are intended to be self-explanatory. If you should have any questions or if you would like to obtain additional solicitation materials (or paper copies of solicitation materials), please feel free to contact the Debtors' Claims and Noticing Agent, by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 9025; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these Chapter 11 Cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

Please be advised that the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent is authorized to answer questions about, and provide additional copies of, solicitation materials, but may *not* advise you as to whether you should vote to accept or reject the Plan.

The Plan Supplement. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement on or before [July 21], 2026.

BINDING NATURE OF THE PLAN:

IF CONFIRMED, THE PLAN SHALL BIND ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND/OR INTERESTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH HOLDER WILL RECEIVE OR RETAIN ANY PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, HAS FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM OR INTEREST IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES, OR FAILED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN.

Exhibit 7

Form of Plan Supplement Notice

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
WEST MARINE, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	)	Chapter 11
Debtors.	)	Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	

NOTICE OF FILING OF PLAN SUPPLEMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT as contemplated under the Plan and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, the Debtors filed the initial Plan Supplement on [●], 2026 [Docket No. [●]]. The Plan defines “Plan Supplement” to mean the compilation of documents and forms of documents, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan (in each case, as may be altered, amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and the RSA and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) to be Filed by the Debtors prior to the Combined Hearing to the extent available, and any additional documents Filed prior to the Effective Date, including the following, as applicable: (i) in the event of either a Recapitalization or a Sale Transaction: (a) the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; (b) the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum; (c) the Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases List; and (d) any additional documents Filed with the Bankruptcy Court as amendments to the Plan Supplement; (ii) in the event of a Recapitalization Transaction: (a) the New Organizational Documents; (b) the identities of the New Board; (c) the Exit Facilities Documents; and (d) the Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases List; and (iii) in the event of a Sale Transaction: (a) the Purchase Agreement; and (b) the identity of the Plan Administrator and the terms of compensation

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascares, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

of the Plan Administrator. The Debtors shall have the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the documents contained in the Plan Supplement up to the Effective Date as set forth in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan (the “Combined Hearing”) will commence on [**August 11], 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time** before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market St., 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and/or final approval of the Disclosure Statement is [**August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the “Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline”). Any such objections *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline of [August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the applicable Opt-In/Opt-Out Form, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIIL.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE PLAN OR ABOUT ANYTHING STATED HEREIN OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT.

Dated: [●], 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ *DRAFT*

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

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Exhibit 8

Form of Notice of Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Karen B. Owens, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market St., 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT you are receiving this notice because the Debtors' records reflect that you are a party to a contract that is listed on the Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases List. Therefore, you are advised to carefully review the information contained in this notice and the related provisions of the Plan, including the Assumed Contracts and Leases List.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Debtors are proposing to assume or assume and assign the Executory Contract(s) and Unexpired Lease(s) listed in Addendum A attached hereto to which you are a party.³

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires a chapter 11 debtor to cure, or provide adequate assurance that it will promptly cure, any defaults under executory contracts and unexpired leases at the time of assumption. Accordingly, the Debtors have conducted a thorough review of their books and records and have determined the amounts required to cure defaults, if any, under the Executory Contract(s) and Unexpired Lease(s), which amounts are listed in Addendum A. Please note that if no amount is stated for a particular Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, the Debtors believe that there is no cure amount outstanding for such contract or lease.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any monetary defaults under an Assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, as reflected on the Cure Notice and identified in Addendum A, shall be satisfied, pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by payment of the Cure Claim in Cash on or prior to the Effective Date, subject to the limitations described in Article V.C of the Plan, or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases may otherwise agree. In the event of a dispute regarding (a) the amount of any payments to cure such a default, (b) the ability of the Debtors or any assignee, as applicable, to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed, or (c) any other matter pertaining to assumption, the cure payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be made following the entry of a Final Order resolving the dispute and approving the assumption.⁴

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan, any objection by a counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to a proposed assumption, including pursuant to the Plan, or related Cure amount must be Filed, served, and actually received by counsel to the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee by the later of (i) the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline or any other deadline that may be set by the Bankruptcy Court and (ii) fourteen (14) days after actual receipt of this notice; *provided* that, if the Debtors modify the Assumed Contracts and Leases List, any party affected by such modifications shall have fourteen (14) days to object to the proposed modified treatment from the date of their receipt of notice of such modification.

³ Nothing contained in the Plan or the Plan Supplement shall constitute an admission by the Debtors that any contract or lease is in fact an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that any Debtor has any liability thereunder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the Assumed Contracts and Leases List as identified in Article V of the Plan and in the Plan Supplement. The Debtors shall provide notice of any amendments to the Assumed Contracts and Leases List to the parties to the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases affected thereby.

⁴ The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that fails to object timely to the proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or cure amount will be deemed to have assented to such assumption, assumption and assignment, or cure amount.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ASSUMPTION OR ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ANY EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OR OTHERWISE SHALL RESULT IN THE FULL RELEASE AND SATISFACTION OF ANY CLAIMS OR DEFAULTS, WHETHER MONETARY OR NONMONETARY, INCLUDING DEFAULTS OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING THE CHANGE IN CONTROL OR OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMPOSITION OR OTHER BANKRUPTCY-RELATED DEFAULTS, ARISING UNDER ANY ASSUMED OR ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE DATE OF THE DEBTORS OR POST-EFFECTIVE DATE DEBTORS ASSUME OR ASSUME AND ASSIGN SUCH EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE. ANY PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED WITH RESPECT TO AN EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE THAT HAS BEEN ASSUMED OR ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED SHALL BE DEEMED DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO OR ACTION, ORDER, OR APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a physical copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent”), by: (a) writing to West Marine Ballot Processing Center, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300; El Segundo, CA 90245; (b) online inquiry at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine/inquiry>; or (c) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 967-1786 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (310) 751-2686 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <https://www.deb.uscourts.gov> or (ii) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global by accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/westmarine>.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII.D CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

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Dated: [●], 2026
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Exhibit 9

Form of Notice of Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
WEST MARINE, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	)	Chapter 11
Debtors.	)	Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	

**NOTICE OF EXECUTORY
CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES TO BE
REJECTED BY THE DEBTORS PURSUANT TO THE PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the “Conditional Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) to solicit votes on the *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of West Marine, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Debtors filed the *Rejected Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease List* [Docket No. [●]] (the “Rejected Contracts and Leases List”) with the Court as part of the Plan Supplement on [●], 2026, as contemplated under the Plan. The Debtors’ determination to reject the agreements identified on the Rejected Contracts and Leases List is subject to ongoing review, revision, and further negotiation among the Debtors and interested parties with respect thereto.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: West Marine, Inc. (5502); Marine One Holdco, LLC (2231); Marine One Parent, Inc. (0402); Rising Tide Holdings Inc. (2628); Rising Tide Parent Inc. (6153); Seascapes, Inc. (3739); W Marine Management Company, Inc. (4151); and West Marine Products, Inc. (4523). For purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors’ service address is West Marine Headquarters, 1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or Motion, as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE THE DEBTORS' RECORDS REFLECT THAT YOU ARE A PARTY TO AN EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE THAT WILL BE REJECTED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN. THEREFORE, YOU ARE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NOTICE AND THE RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN.³

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on **[August 11], 2026, at [10:00] a.m., prevailing Eastern Time** before the Honorable Judge Karen B. Owens, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market St., 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT unless otherwise provided by a final order of the Court, any Proof of Claim based on the rejection of the Debtors' Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, pursuant to the Plan or otherwise, must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on the Debtors or the Post-Effective Date Debtors, as applicable, no later than 30 days after the later of (i) the date of entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court (including the Confirmation Order) approving such rejection, (ii) the effective date of the rejection of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and (iii) the Effective Date. **Any Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not Filed with the Bankruptcy Court within such time will be automatically disallowed, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors or the Post-Effective Date Debtors, the Estates, or their property without the need for any objection by the Post-Effective Date Debtors or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Proof of Claim to the contrary.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and/or final approval of the Disclosure Statement is **[August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline"). Any such objections *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service upon the applicable notice parties) so to be actually received on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline of [August 3], 2026, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, if certain, but not all, of your Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases are assumed pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order will include a determination that such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that are being rejected pursuant to the Plan are severable agreements that are not integrated with those Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that are being assumed pursuant to the Plan. Parties seeking to contest this finding with respect to their Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases must file a timely objection by the later of (i) the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline and (ii) fourteen (14) days after actual receipt of this notice on

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any objections to the Plan in connection with the rejection of the Executory Contract(s) and Unexpired Lease(s) identified above and/or related rejection damages proposed in connection with the Plan that remain unresolved as of the Combined Hearing will be heard at the Combined Hearing (or such other date as fixed by the Court).

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