IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	)	Chapter 11
WEST MARINE, INC., *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-10794 (KBO)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	**Re: Docket No. 3**

ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the application (the "Section 156(c) Application")[2] of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order"), (a) authorizing the Debtors to retain and appoint Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita") as claims and noticing agent (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f), and Local Rule 2002-1(e), among other things, (a) distribute required notices to parties in interest, (b) receive, maintain, docket, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, (c) provide such other claims and noticing services, and (d) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Section 156(c) Application; and upon the First Day Declaration and the Gershbein Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the

[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 Section 156(c) Application.

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 Section 156(c) Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Section 156(c) Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Section 156(c) Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Section 156(c) Application and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Section 156(c) Application and at the Hearing 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 Section 156(c) Application is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.

2. All objections to the entry of this Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.

3. Notwithstanding the terms of the Engagement Agreement attached to the Section 156(c) Application as Exhibit C, the Section 156(c) Application is approved solely as set forth in this Order and solely with respect to the Claims and Noticing Services set forth in the Engagement Agreement.

4. The Debtors are authorized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Local Rule 2002-1(e) to retain Verita as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, effective as of the Petition Date, under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, and Verita is authorized

and directed to perform the Claims and Noticing Services and to receive, maintain, record, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases, and perform all related tasks, as set forth in the Section 156(c) Application.

5. Verita shall serve as the custodian of court records and shall be designated as the authorized repository for all proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases and is authorized and directed to maintain official claims registers for each of the Debtors, to provide public access to every proof of claim without charge, unless otherwise ordered by this Court, and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon the request of the Clerk.

6. Verita is authorized and directed to provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim.

7. Verita is authorized to take such other actions as required to comply with all duties set forth in the Section 156(c) Application and this Order.

8. Verita shall comply with all requests of the Clerk and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

9. Without further order of this Court, the Debtors are authorized to compensate Verita in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Engagement Agreement upon receipt of reasonably detailed monthly invoices setting forth the services provided by Verita and the rates charged for each, and to reimburse Verita for all reasonable and necessary expenses it may incur, upon the presentation of appropriate documentation, without the need for Verita to file fee applications or otherwise seek Court approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses as the Claims and Noticing Agent.

10. Verita shall maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the U.S.

Trustee, proposed counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases, and any party in interest that specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.

11. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise relating to the Engagement Agreement or monthly invoices, provided that parties may seek resolution of the matter from this Court if resolution is not achieved.

12. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita's fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Claims and Noticing Services shall be an administrative expense of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates.

13. Verita may apply its retainer to all prepetition invoices and, thereafter, have the retainer replenished to the original retainer amount of $50,000.00 and, thereafter, to hold the retainer under the Engagement Agreement during these chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

14. The limitation of liability provision in Section VIII.B. of the Engagement Agreement is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services to be provided pursuant to this Order.

15. The Debtors are authorized to indemnify the Indemnified Parties (as defined in the Engagement Agreement) under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, subject to the following modifications:

(a) The Indemnified Parties shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for services other than the Claims and Noticing Services provided under the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by this Court;

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Parties, or provide contribution or reimbursement to the Indemnified Parties, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from the Indemnified Parties' gross

negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of the Indemnified Parties' contractual obligations if this Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co*., 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which the Claims and Noticing Agent should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified; and

(c) If, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these chapter 11 cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (ii) the entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, the Indemnified Parties believe that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution and/or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified by this Order), including without limitation the advancement of defense costs, the Indemnified Parties must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to the Indemnified Parties before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which this Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by the Indemnified Parties for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Parties. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by the Indemnified Parties for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

16. In the event Verita is unable to provide the Claims and Noticing Services, Verita shall immediately notify the Clerk and Debtors' counsel and cause all original proofs of claim and computer information to be turned over to another claims and noticing agent with the advice and consent of the Clerk and Debtors' counsel.

17. Verita shall not cease providing claims processing services during these chapter 11 cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of this Court authorizing Verita to do so.

18. Verita shall not be entitled to recover attorneys' fees for defending its fees in this Court.

19. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Section 156(c) Application, and this Order, this Order shall govern.

20. Notice of the Section 156(c) Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Section 156(c) Application, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

21. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

22. The Debtors and Verita are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

23. Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Agreement to the contrary, this Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: May 19th, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

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CHIEF JUDGE