

Solid Waste

Harbor Rules

§15-212-112 Littering or polluting of water prohibited. No person shall place, throw, deposit, or discharge, or cause to be placed, thrown, deposited, or discharged into the waters of Kewalo Basin any litter, or other gaseous, liquid or solid materials which render the water unsightly, noxious or otherwise unwholesome so as to be detrimental to the public health and welfare, or a navigational hazard. No person shall discharge oil sludge, oil refuse, fuel oil or molasses either directly or indirectly, or pump bilges or ballast tanks containing other than clean water into the waters of Kewalo Basin.

Disposal of Refuse

No refuse shall be deposited in to the waters of the harbor. For the purpose of this section “Refuse” is defined as any animal, vegetable or mineral matter, such as swill or liquid waste, sewage, cans, bottles, papers, wood or wood shavings, trash, rubbish or garbage.

- All materials used for vessel exterior detailing must not contain any phosphates, ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates or lye. All materials should be biodegradable.
- Boat Maintenance and cleaning shall be performed above the waterline in such a way that no debris enters the water.
- Only minor hull maintenance is permitted while the vessel is in the water any sanding to the hull must be performed using vacuum tools and containment.
- Any major work such as sanding and painting more than 10% of the hull will require the vessel be removed from the water
- Hull cleaning should be conducted in a manner that limits the amount of paint removed from the vessel. At no time shall bottom paint be scraped off while the vessel is in the water.

Solid Waste and Marine Debris

Trash in the water or washed up on a beach is unsightly and can injure or kill birds, fish and marine mammals. Ingestion of plastic waste or entanglement in fishing lines and nets can result in mortalities. Floating debris and solid objects may cause structural boat damage or mechanical failures.

As a boater, you can help keep our waters clean and prevent fish and wildlife injuries by managing and disposing of all solid waste properly.

- Never throw trash overboard.
- Prevent plastic bags, drink cans and loose items from blowing overboard.
- Carry a trash bag and bring whatever you take out back to port for proper disposal.
- Take reusable containers and recycle paper, cans and bottles.
- While on your boat, pick up any litter or marine debris that can be safely reached with a net and dispose of it properly.

Note: Under the Maritime Pollution Act (MARPOL) International Convention to Prevent Pollution From Ships and U.S. federal regulations, it is illegal for any vessel to discharge plastics or garbage containing plastics into U.S. navigable waters.