

# KEWALO HARBOR

## NEWSLETTER



### Scan if found !

Stop by the harbor office to pick up free stickers for your ocean gear! Make it easy for people to return lost gear to you while helping the Coast Guard save lives!

Did you know that any time a kayak, canoe, SUP, dive float, or dinghy is found drifting in the ocean, the Coast Guard immediately launches helicopters or boats to begin searching?

Sometimes, there's a person in the water who gets the help they need, but most of the time, it's a simple case of lost gear. This happens 3 to 4 times per week in Hawaii! If the Coast Guard can reach the owner of the gear, they won't have to launch a helicopter or boat, keeping that helicopter available to launch for true emergencies.

Hawaii Ocean Safety Team and Rec-Safe have created the free "Scan If Found" sticker. If a watercraft is found drifting, these stickers help first responders identify the owner of watercraft and verify that the owner is safe.

<http://www.hosthawaii.org/sticker/>



### Rule of the month

Kewalo Harbor is committed to water conservation. Water is important for our daily lives and a precious resource:

Fix dripping or leaking hose connections and replace broken and leaky hoses. When rinsing dive gear, don't just let the hose run, fill a bucket, rinse the gear and replenish as needed.

Please make sure to reduce water usage and don't let the water just run into the ocean, the ocean doesn't need to be filled with fresh water. Every drop counts. You can make a difference.

Please be aware that if you are found to waste water you may be charged for excessive water usage. Please see harbor rule §15-214-34. Do your part and prevent water from being wasted.

§15-214-34 Excessive water usage service charge. An excessive water usage service charge of \$150 per day for each day or fraction of a day shall be charged for waste of fresh water, through the use of water for the prolonged operation of ejectors to pump water out of vessels or permit hoses to run unattended.

### Parking

Summer is an exciting and busy time at the harbor. As we have more slips than parking spots, it can be hard to find parking for your car. Please try to use other options for transportation to the harbor such as Uber, Biki Bike, Taxi, Rideshare, or the Bus. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Float Plan

A float plan is an overview of a boat excursion that can give authorities a head start in looking for a boater if he or she fails to reach his or her destination. A float plan is equally effective for the owner of a 10ft kayak as it is for a luxury yacht. It's important to let someone know where you are going and when you are planning to return. Leave your float plan with a reliable person.

You can find a template form on the USCG Auxiliary site: <https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org/>

### Stormwater BMP Tip



Clean vessel engines using environmentally friendly methods such as using a brush to loosen engine grime and a rag to wipe it away.

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