

# KEWALO HARBOR

## NEWSLETTER



### Happy New Year !

As we usher in the New Year, please be reminded to prioritize safety with a few simple maintenance checks. To ensure smooth sailing ahead, inspect power cords for any signs of deterioration, as well as check your batteries for age and corrosion. Additionally, hoses and bilge should be thoroughly examined to prevent any unexpected issues.

By taking these precautionary steps now, you can avoid surprises when it's time to hit the water.

### Slip availability

Kewalo Harbor continues to be a top choice for vessel storage, with our facility operating at full capacity for several years now. The demand is especially strong for commercial operations, and many of you are looking to expand your fleets.

While we are thrilled with the growth, it's important to note that even if you've applied early for a slip on the waitlist, there's no guarantee it will be ready when you need it. As such, we encourage all boat owners to consider alternative storage options while waiting for a spot to open up.

### Rule of the month

We receive several complaints each month about certain vessel operators not following the no wake zone regulations. Let's talk about what a no wake zone is and why it is important to not create any wake: A no wake zone is a section of water where boats must slow down to a minimum speed to reduce the wake they create. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) defines no wake speed as the slowest speed at which a boat can still be steered.

Why are no wake zones important?

No wake zones are important for protecting people and property.

If the wake you create causes bodily injury or property damage within a no wake zone you are responsible.

How can you navigate a no wake zone?

Maintain steerage, go as slow as possible, but no faster than 5 mph.

Shift in and out of gear if your boat has a large props.

Please be considerate to others while navigating the harbor. Also, please remember to be considerate to surfers to.

A tight schedule is no excuse for endangering others or damaging property. Plan your schedule accordingly to allow for safe navigation.

**§15-212-83 Maximum speed of vessels.** All vessels over sixty-five feet shall proceed at a rate of speed (except in case of emergency) commensurate with safe navigation and slow enough so as not to cause damage to other vessels and property. Vessels under sixty-five feet may proceed at a rate of speed not to exceed ten nautical miles per hour. From inside the mouth of the channel shall be a no wake zone. Nothing in this section shall preclude the harbormaster from setting a different rate of speed to meet special conditions.

### Stormwater BMP Tip



Pollution Prevention:

Do not leave unattended open containers of paint and other maintenance supplies on the docks. Open cans should be placed inside of a secondary containment that will catch spills, such as a five-gallon bucket or plastic tote.

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