

KEWALO HARBOR

NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou to our Kewalo Harbor 'ohana! As we welcome the new year, we reflect with gratitude on the responsibility of caring for this harbor and the surrounding waters. Kewalo Basin is a special harbor where cooperation, safety, and mālama 'āina support daily operations.

The beginning of the year is an ideal time to review permits, confirm insurance coverage, inspect vessels, and address maintenance items that support safe and efficient harbor operations, especially during Hawai'i's winter season. Taking these steps early helps protect your vessel, neighboring boats, and the harbor as a whole.

Mahalo for your continued kōkua, professionalism, and commitment to keeping Kewalo Basin safe and well maintained. We look forward to another year of strong partnerships, calm seas, and responsible stewardship of our harbor community.



Rule of the month

We are often asked how vessel and slip transfers work. Purchasing a vessel does not guarantee approval of a harbor permit or berth. All permit applications are subject to review and approval, and multiple factors are considered.

§15-212-33 – Review and Acceptance or Rejection of Application for Revocable Permit

The HCDA shall examine each application and may conduct investigations and require additional information as necessary. Applications may be approved or rejected at the Harbor's discretion. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval.

Harbor Reminder:

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted or processed
- Insurance coverage must be continuous and current — lapses are not permitted
- Approval is discretionary and not guaranteed
- If an application is denied, the vessel may not remain in the harbor

Safety Reminder: Shore Power Cords

During Hawai'i's rainy winter months, aging or damaged shore power cords pose an increased fire and electrical hazard. Cracked insulation, loose connections, corrosion, or cords lying in standing water can lead to overheating, arcing, or electrical fires.

To reduce risk, please:

- Inspect power cords regularly for wear, cracks, or exposed wiring.
- Replace cords that are stiff, discolored, frayed, or warm to the touch.
- Ensure connections are tight, dry, and properly supported.
- Keep cords elevated and out of puddles during heavy rain.
- Use only marine-grade shore power cords and fittings.

Routine checks and timely replacement of old cords are key to preventing fires and protecting your vessel and neighboring boats.

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.