

# KEWALO HARBOR



## NEWSLETTER



### Gate Access Policy

Harbor access gates are provided for the safety and security of all harbor users. Only authorized permittees and approved users may access secured areas of the harbor.

#### Harbor Gate Policy Reminder:

Harbor gates and secured areas are restricted to authorized users only. Permittees are responsible for ensuring gates remain secure and that access devices such as keys, cards, or codes are not shared with unauthorized individuals.

#### Please remember:

Do not allow unauthorized individuals to enter through security gates

Do not share gate keys, cards, or access codes

Ensure gates close completely after entering or exiting

Report damaged or malfunctioning gates to the harbor office

Maintaining secure gates helps protect vessels, equipment, and harbor facilities for everyone.



### Rule of the month

HAR §15-212-58- Illegal mooring of any small craft

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has the sole authority to issue regular and temporary mooring permits at Kewalo Basin.

Any vessel occupying a berth without a valid mooring permit issued by HCDA is in violation of harbor rules.

Vessels found illegally moored are subject to:

- Legal action against the owner
- Immediate removal and impoundment by HCDA
- Assessment of mooring fees at twice the normal rate for the period of illegal occupancy

Once notice is given (by certified mail, posting on the vessel, personal service, or other reasonable means), the vessel owner has 72 hours to remove the vessel. Failure to comply may result in removal and impoundment at the sole cost and risk of the owner.

Please ensure your vessel is properly permitted and authorized before occupying any berth.

Mahalo for helping us maintain safe and orderly harbor operations.

### Safety Reminder: Go Slow, Whales Below

Each year from November through April, humpback whales migrate to Hawaiian waters. Harbor users are reminded to operate vessels carefully and remain alert for whales when entering and leaving the harbor.

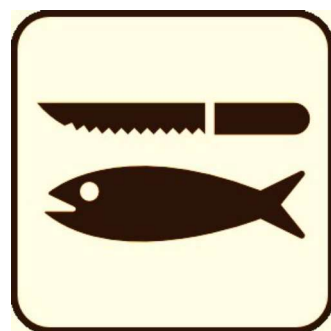
The "Go Slow – Whales Below" program recommends:

Maintain slower speeds where whales may be present

Keep a proper lookout at all times

Maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from whales, as required by law. Reducing speed and staying alert helps protect marine life and improves safety for all vessel operators.

### Stormwater BMP Tip



Clean fish at home or offshore. Fish waste can be bagged and disposed of in the garbage or can be mixed in with peat moss or wood chips and composted to make garden mulch. Fish parts can also be frozen and reused as bait.

When offshore, fish waste may be tossed in open, unrestricted water. Do not throw your fish waste into the harbor !

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