

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

Every once in a while your vessel may be in need of a repair. When working on your vessel in the harbor please make sure to consider the clean water rules and regulations. Any repair that needs heavy machinery will need to be approved and in some cases may not be possible as space to do so has become sparse.

§15-212-55 Small craft repairs, reconstruction or major modification.

Minor repairs to small craft may be made at the assigned berth and shall be completed within thirty days.

If repairs are estimated to, or actually do, require that the vessel be out of service for more than thirty days, prior approval shall be sought from the HCDA to initiate or complete the repairs in the harbor. Prior approval shall be sought from the HCDA for any repairs requiring the use of cranes, lifts, and any similar devices within the harbor.

Repair, reconstruction or major modification that would interfere with the free flow of other vessels, pedestrian, or vehicle traffic shall only be accomplished in an area designated by the HCDA.

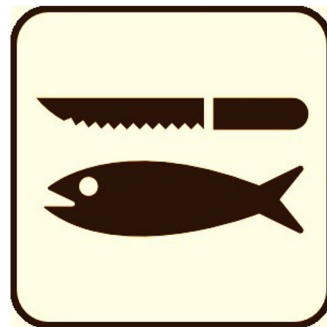
Failure to seek approval as required by this section shall be grounds for the revocation of the revocable permit.

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 planing 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 fish at home or offshore. Fish waste can be bagged and dispose 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 !

NEWSLETTER DATE: September 2025

Kewalo Harbor Office: (808) 594 0849 | Ward Security: (808) 597 1172