

KEWALO HARBOR

NEWSLETTER



Hau'oli Lā Ho'omaika'i

As we welcome the season of mahalo and reflection, we want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to everyone who makes Kewalo Harbor the special place it is. From our fishermen heading out before sunrise, to our boaters, tenants, and community partners your care, cooperation, and aloha help our harbor thrive every day.

This time of year reminds us how fortunate we are to share these waters and work together in the spirit of respect and stewardship. Your efforts to keep the harbor clean, safe, and welcoming do not go unnoticed and we mahalo nui loa for all that you do.

May this Thanksgiving bring you peaceful moments, good company, and plenty of ono food shared with 'ohana and friends. Wishing everyone calm seas, clear skies, and a joyful start to the holiday season.

With gratitude,
Your Kewalo Harbor 'Ohana



Stray Electrical Current Hazards-Rule of the month

Stray electrical current or electrical leakage occurs when electricity unintentionally escapes from a vessel or shore power system into the water. In saltwater harbors like Kewalo Basin, this can quickly corrode metal parts on boats, docks, and underwater fittings, and may create electrical safety hazards. Common causes include faulty wiring, damaged shore power cords, or improper grounding. Because salt water conducts electricity so well, even small leaks can cause serious damage. Boat owners are encouraged to inspect shore power cords, replace zinc anodes regularly, and have electrical systems checked by a qualified marine electrician. Harbor users should report any electrical concerns to harbor staff.

To help ensure safety and compliance, vessel owners are reminded that all electrical equipment and wiring must meet the requirements of Harbor Rule §15-212-118, which outlines proper installation, grounding, and certification standards for onboard electrical systems.

§15-212-118 Appliances and electrical wiring. All cooking or heating appliances or any other machinery, equipment, utensils, or apparatus which are used by small craft and could be the cause of fire shall be so constructed, installed, wired, situated, maintained, and used so as not to constitute a potential fire hazard. The failure to conform to any statute, rule, regulation, standard, or ordinance affecting fire safety may be considered by the HCDA in determining any violation of this section. Particular attention is directed to the applicable provisions of the state boating rules of the department of land and natural resources. In addition, the approval of any machinery, equipment, utensils, or apparatus by Underwriters' Laboratories, Factory Mutual System, Marine Testing Institute, Inc., or any other nationally recognized electrical testing agency, may be considered by the HCDA in determining compliance with this section. All electrical equipment must be properly grounded.

Stormwater BMP Tip



Boaters are reminded that storing oil, fuel, or other petroleum products on docks is prohibited. These materials create fire and environmental hazards, and even small spills can quickly spread on the water. Please store all oil and fuel aboard your vessel or in approved shore-side areas to help keep Kewalo Harbor safe and clean.

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