

Port of Brownsville
Newsletter February 2018



Here is a list of construction projects we have coming up for February:

- A. We are going to replace the deck behind the Yacht club.
 - B. Pressure washing; lots of it.
1. Although I do not have an official date yet. The port is doing its Bi-Annual **CPR and First Aid Training**. This is hosted by the Port and will be open to the first 30 people to sign up. So if anyone is interested in attending stay tuned for the official dates.
 2. ***With all the rain this doesn't hurt to repeat: Safety!*** Start the New Year right! Check out the electrical connections on your boat and / or boathouse. Make sure if you have a portable heater hooked up that it has an automatic shut off switch. That way if it happens to tip over it will not start a fire. Double check that all the electrical connections are tight and not corroded. Look at the shore power cable, not only where it connects to the boat but also where it connects to the electrical box on the dock. Ensure your auto bilge pumps really are working AUTOMATICALLY like they are designed to do. If you don't take the bilge pump issue seriously, we will be glad to put you in touch with a few people that over the years have had phone calls from us telling them their boats on the bottom. And just so you know, or if you had any doubts, that is not where they are supposed to be. Last but not least, take a good look at your mooring lines. If they are frayed, worn or look like they need replacing, then please replace them.
 3. Good news the Capitol Budget passed in the State Capitol this last month. In the next month the state Treasurer will be putting RCO Grant Money in our Boat Launch account. That means the wait is over and we will be rebuilding our boat launch and staging area this summer. We do not have a definite time line of construction yet. The one thing we do know for sure is the "in water" work window is August 1- 31.
 4. If you have problems with your dock pedestal, or anything else you see, please report it. The more eyes looking helps find things that may or may not have been missed. If no one takes the time to talk to the staff, we may not know there is a problem. If the Port is not aware of a problem, we cannot fix it.
 5. Dock carts are starting to pile up around boats and boathouses. Please remember other people need them to; please be courteous and return them to the head of the dock for the next person to use.
 6. There will be a committee meeting, on the old boat launch on February 7 at 5 p.m. in the Yacht Club. Everyone is invited.
 7. Commissioners' Meeting: The regularly scheduled meeting **has not changed** and is **February 14** and will be held at **6:00 P.M. New Business:** None; **Old Business:** Boathouse Compliance, Boat Launch and Boat compliance list.