

Port of Brownsville
Newsletter March 2019



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

- A. Pressure washing; lots of it.
- B. Piling repair
- C. Pier repair
- D. General Maintenance

1. As most of you know we had a boat fire in the marina a week ago. It's a scary situation that could have been much worse than it was. Luckily only 2 boats were total losses with minor damage to the surrounding boats. No one was hurt in the incident which is amazing.

2. This next section is taken from the Rules and Regulations Section IV Boat Owners/ Operators Regulations. If your boat does not fit any of the criteria below you will be getting a call from me to bring your boat or boathouse into compliance.

B. SEAWORTHINESS

- 1. Vessels moored in the Marina must normally be completely seaworthy and ready for immediate relocation in case of emergencies.
- 1. If a boat is to be non-operational in excess of 14 days, boat owners are required to inform the Port office and provide an estimated time that the boat will be out of commission.
- 2. If the Port Manager has cause to believe that a vessel moored in the marina is non-operational, he can upon written notice to the owner request that said owner demonstrate the boats capability to get underway. This demonstration will be at a time agreed upon by the Port Manager and the owner, but will not exceed 30 days from the time of notification.

F. VESSEL CONDITION

- 1. Vessel owners are required to check their vessels regularly, especially after heavy rain or winds. Canvas covers, dock lines and bilge pumping are the boat owner's responsibility.
- 2. In an emergent or emergency situation, for any vessel that port staff considers to pose a threat to itself, other vessels or the marina, port staff will take immediate corrective action. The vessel owner will be charged for time and material in accordance with the ports published tariff. If the vessel requires repairs to correct a problem the owner will be given 30 days to correct the problem. If after 30 days the vessel owner has not correct the identified problem, the port may at its option terminate the moorage agreement.
- 3. Vessels moored in the marina must be seaworthy and be capable of moving under their own power. No vessel shall create a fire hazard, a sinking hazard, or an unsightly condition. All vessels shall be properly moored using minimum 3/8" diameter lines fore and aft as well as spring lines.
- 4. The vessel owner must maintain the vessel in good condition, neat in appearance and esthetically pleasing to the eye.

3. Commissioners' Meeting: The regularly scheduled meeting **has not changed** and is **March 13 at 6:00 P.M. New Business:** None; **Old Business:** Boat compliance list, RFQ CPA.