



# October 2021

## Port of Brownsville Newsletter

### SUNSET

The Port has updated the moorage agreement which replaces previous agreements. We request that the new agreement be signed no later than, Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Failure to comply will be accepted as your thirty-day notice to vacate.



### AN OUNCE OF PREPARATION

With winter weather coming boaters like to have heaters to keep their cabins from freezing. Here are a few things you can do to prevent catastrophic issues over the winter!

- \* Check your electrical cord and connections. Loose fitting plugs and corroded connectors make for extra amperage draw that can create overheating and arcing conditions. Make sure your shore power cord is in good repair and is a marine grade cord with weatherproof connections.
- \* Check the back of the thru hull power inlet on your boat. These can (and do) work loose and a loose or arcing connection can start a fire in your boat!
- \* Make sure the heater or other appliance that you are using is a marine grade appliance that does not share a ground with your AC neutral. This will lead to dangerous stray current issues.
- \* Check to see that the heater is in good working order and not drawing excessive amperage.

### SEAWORTHINESS

Seaworthiness checks are still underway.

The checks will include but are not limited to:

- Current registration sticker
- General condition of the vessel including appearance of regular maintenance
- Appearance of excessive bottom growth that would impair the vessel from reasonable control and power function
- The vessel's propulsion system (engine, outdrive or sail) in condition that lends to reasonable use
- Condition & compliance of the ship to shore power cable
- AC stray current check
- Completed New Moorage Agreement

Depending on these visual inspections, the Port Staff may ask the owner to navigate the vessel from the moorage slip, navigate outside the port approximately 500 yards and return safely to moorage.

### NO MORE, NO LESS

Please pay the exact amount due on your account, no more, no less. Your statement should arrive by the first of the month which provides ample time to adjust your payment accordingly. However, if you are issuing your payment prior to receiving your statement please call the Port office to verify amount due.

#### Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be October 13, 2021\* at 6:00pm**

The meeting will be held in the Yacht Club room with the option of using Zoom.

Meeting ID: 856 7178 6393      PW: 879704

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting.