

Port of Brownsville



Newsletter March 2022

March Madness

February ended with some rollercoaster weather, a brief false spring and then a cold snap. High north winds and freezing temps brought some uncomfortable climate for a few days to lead us into March.

Walk the line(s)

Recently during a strong North wind, one of our regulars' boat suffered a failed line that allowed it to swing from its lateral tie and out into the fairway. Fortunately, the bow line held and some helpful marine goers were able to work together and restore the vessel back to its side tie on a cold windy early morning. Luckily no damage was done to the vessel or surrounding vessels. This is a good reminder to check all your boats lines for condition. Salt water, freeze, wind, sun, and time take a slow but steady toll on your boat's exterior accessories including ropes! Please take a few minutes to inspect your lines and their attachments for signs of wear. This simple task can save a lot of heartache for the future!

For those of you who do use the linear moorage arrangement, please consider tying to the bull rail rather than to a cleat. Cleats can be great for quick mooring, but if you have a large vessel, please consider the size of your boat and alternate methods of attachment. Don't be shy about using an extra line (or two) and make sure they are of adequate size and condition for the worst-case scenario.

Incoming

February had two visiting yacht clubs on two weekends. Thanks for stopping in!

Management Musings

I had the pleasure of meeting the RCO's Outdoor Grant Manager Henry Smith. He came to visit our marina and make acquaintance. Henry was excited to get the chance to become familiar with our Port. We had a great chat about our current project and the possibilities for future projects that may qualify for the RCO program. Thank you, Henry, for stopping by!

Projects

A list of a few of the Current substantial projects being pursued for port improvement:

Redistricting – This is required by the County Auditor following Census

Camera system for the parking lot to help with security and theft

Electronic payment kiosk at high traffic areas

Repair / Replacement of anchor chains on the north breakwater

Polishing of the Port's fuel tanks

Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting will be **March 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM***

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

Meeting ID: **814 9985 8331** PW: **398924**

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