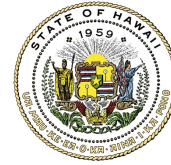




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What's Happening at Maunalua Bay?



6 diagonal Washdown Stations replace the 3 Washdown Stations that required boats to parallel park.

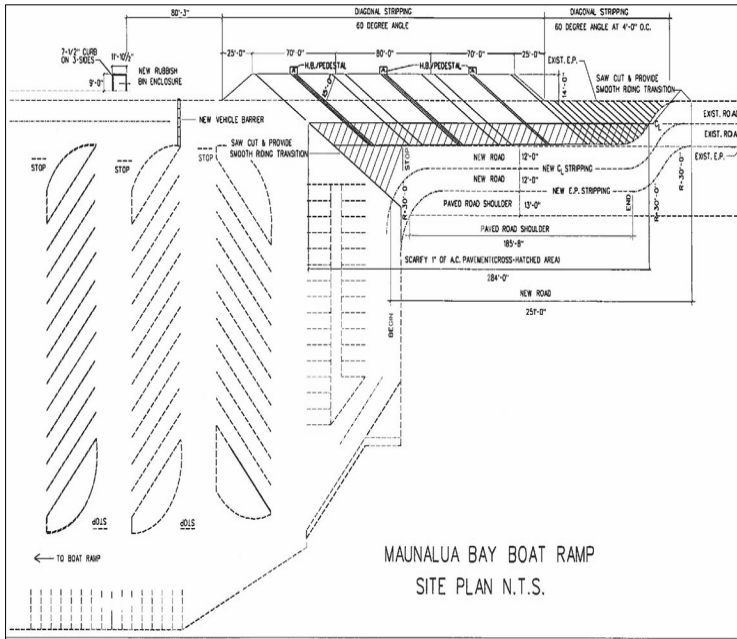
A 3-phase renovation of Maunalua Bay is underway. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) is well into the launch of the bay's long awaited renovation plan. **The plan is the result of former DLNR Director Bill Aila's commitment to renovate and repair the Bay for safety and environmental purposes, and was reinforced at one of Rep. Ward's Beer Summits wherein 40 fishermen showed up to strongly encourage if not challenge, Mr. Aila to keep his word.. We're pleased that he and new DLNR Director Susan Case, have kept their word to our Hawaii Kai fishermen, boaters and all bay-users, and the legislature has provided the funds!**

Completion of **Phase I** of the plan went largely unnoticed a few weeks ago with the installation of all new channel markers in the bay for much needed safety and navigational purposes.

Now just completed is **Phase II** that is primarily the redesign of the washdown stations and modifications of traffic patterns for safety and environmental/drainage improvements. Under the old configuration, boaters had to parallel park to get into the third stall! Now with a diagonal reconfiguration, six boats, instead of just 3 boats can use the wash-down stalls with ease.

Much needed safety changes have also been included in the reconstruction of the wash-down stations. The Maunalua Bay parking lot runs parallel to Kalaniana'ole Hwy, so a few kokohead-bound drivers always try to beat the red light at Kalaniana'ole Highway and Hawaii Kai Drive by speeding by the washdown stations just a few feet from the boaters, (continued on page 2).

Maunalua Bay Design Plans



thereby endangering the safety of those enjoying the facilities.

The new design includes an **“S” turn and a speed bump** to slow down drivers in the area and **deter people from using the Maunalua Bay parking lot as a bypass road**. Also, the new plans (pictured above) will permanently block vehicle access along the access road to the Diamond Head side exit and the **large trash bins have been removed due to the vast amounts of illegal over dumping**. The project will cost=\$121,804 in total.

In **Phase III** of the plan, improvements and **repairs made to the boat launching ramps and docking facilities**. Legislative appropriations for these improvements are **\$300,000 for the fiscal year of 2016 and \$950,000 for the fiscal year of 2017**.

GREAT LAWN & HK HOMELESS



As of **July 20, 2016**, no movement has been made by KS/BE regarding development of the Great Lawn,. **Our office is receiving increasing numbers of calls reporting homelessness** in Hawaii Kai and we are monitoring the situation so it does not grow out of hand, especially the **large and growing homeless population located along the secluded areas of the marina**. Please call Tyler at 586-6420 with information and **PLEASE** send him photos.

ALL AUGUST SUMMITS CANCELED- President Obama's sister to speak in Sept.



BEER SUMMIT
Thursday,
Sept 1, 2016
5:30 PM.

Kona Brewing Company

FEATURING:

Maya Soetoro-Ng,
Faculty Specialist,
University of Hawaii Manoa

NEED TO TALK TO YOUR REP. FACE TO FACE?



COFFEE SUMMIT- Come meet with Rep. Ward on Tues, Sept 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Zippys Koko Marina.

Should Maunalua Bay be Used as a Cemetery?

Hawaii Memorial Reefs LLC has **proposed a 7 acre artificial reef memorial offshore from Maunalua Bay**. The company will **take cremated ashes, mix them with cement and create an artificial reef** that enables coral growth, an object for fish to congregate around and possibly become a destination for diving and fishing. **Hawaii Memorial is looking to establish two of these reefs in Maunalua Bay and Ko Olina in West Oahu** and is already taking advanced reservations online. Hawaii Memorial has not received any approval to proceed with their projects and has just started creating public awareness regarding their endeavors **AND URGENTLY SEEK YOUR OPINION ON THE MATTER**.

(Parenthetically, I personally feel that this burial concept may fit mainland burial protocols, but it does not fit in the culture and mores and respect for the deceased we have in Hawaii, and we certainly don't want our bay to become a popular international burial grounds. **The purpose of the survey below is to seek your opinion of this proposal that will be heard and likely voted on during the Tuesday, July 26, Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting at Hahaione Elementary. Please vote below and come to the meeting. Mahalo!**)

CLICK BELOW TO TAKE SURVEY:

1) Do you approve of permitting a commercial business to put cremated ashes into cement balls to build a 7 acre artificial reef offshore from Maunalua Bay?
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oceancemetery>