

BOOT KEY HARBOR UPDATE 10/25/2017

Hi Rebecca,

We are open for business. As we rebuild, more and more marina services will come online and expand. The moorings have not been inspected yet, so all systems are for use at your own risk until repairs and replacements have been completed. The outer dinghy dock was completely destroyed so the old floating dock along the canal is serving as the dinghy dock until we can rebuild the outer one. It will likely take a year or more due to environmental permitting timetables. We are in the process of replacing washers and dryers so some work and some don't for now. The FL FWC is currently set up on our peninsula by the gravel parking lot and are working to remove the sunken vessels from the harbor. Parking is quite limited due to that endeavor so cruisers are not encouraged to bring vehicles at this time. We sometimes have phone and internet, and sometimes we don't. The lines are constantly getting damaged with cleanup efforts throughout the islands. Work in progress. It's not the same place as last year but we are open and things are improving at a decent pace, though if you didn't see things a month ago it might not seem it. We welcome all who support our community and harbor to come be a part of the rebuilding...especially those who enjoyed cultivating the cruisers' garden!! It was completely destroyed and needs more love than staff and locals can help with since we're all buried trying to address infrastructure and personal needs still. It would be lovely to see that come back to life, though! As far as timeframes for normalcy, none of us really have any. Several places on the gulfside of the island were unscathed so there are places that are "normal," just not the Keys as a whole yet. We are all doing everything we can every day, and that's all we can do or expect for a while. We hope to see some cruisers come through this year...it would be a joy to see boats that haven't been damaged or destroyed (breaks your heart to see so much destruction day after day), and we could sure use the extra hands around here from people who aren't exhausted from fighting for their survival! So please tell all who ask to come with all this in mind. It's not great by any means but the community is strong and getting stronger every day. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to rebuild! You can also follow the Boot Key Harbor Cruisers Facebook page for more updates and progress both of City Marina and the harbor itself. ☺

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