

From: [Eron Berg](#)
To: [Joanna Sanders](#)
Subject: FW: BH Trash
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 9:33:39 AM

From: Sharon Sahm <sharonsahm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 8:05 AM
To: Eron Berg <Eron@portofpt.com>; infor@portofpt.com
Subject: BH Trash

We are very concerned and upset about the proposed changes to the trash services at the Boat Haven. We are long-term tenants of D dock and live out of state. We accumulate relatively small amounts of garbage but we do rely on having easily accessible trash disposal and a place to take our recyclables. We understand there are issues with unauthorized dumping but believe it is wrong to try and correct this by restricting access to tenants. This is a failure on your part to come up with an acceptable solution. With the technology available today there must be many options. At the very least you can post large signs stating that illegal dumpers will be prosecuted and since tenants often see this taking place you can set up a process where tenants can photograph and report this action.

As stated we accumulate little trash, perhaps 15 gallons a week. We don't have a place to store trash onboard so as we generate larger trash such as pizza boxes or empty oil containers we take them to the environmental center. This is also true of recyclables which we carry up as we acquire them. We are grateful to have responsible options to handle recyclables because this is good for the community and the planet.

While it is very inconvenient to take garbage to a location further away, It is completely unacceptable to limit the hours we can deposit trash. I imagine you would be outraged if the city required you to personally hand off your home garbage at appointed times. As cruisers the most critical times we need to get rid of our garbage is when we depart and arrive at the dock. We usually leave to go cruising by 0800 and our return is typically after 1600. Additionally, the last thing we do when we head back to Texas is drop off our garbage around 1000.

On the subject of recycling, I would like to tell you I am pleased to see signs detailing what is accepted and what is not. I have had questions for years. I am not sure when these signs went up as I didn't see them until last week when my husband opened the door for me because my hands were full. Placing these signs on the inside of the door is equivalent to placing them on the inside of a closet door. It is highly unlikely anyone will see them. They will be much more effective if you move them to the outside.

The above issues are my personal concerns. I am also concerned for transients and people using the travel lift. Most people take their trash to the environmental center before putting their boat on the hard. Being on D dock we see folks come in after hours all the time. They also need a convenient way to dispose of trash. I predict we will have much more trash on the docks and in the water if these changes go into effect.

Please find other options to rectify these issues and ask the tenants for help.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sahm & Gary Cook
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From: [CHRIS YOB](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: boat haven garbage proposal
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10:08:20 AM

Dear Commissioners, Directors, and Port Staff -

We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed changes to garbage management at Boat Haven. The proposal to decommission all of the Enviro-Centers and staff the 30-yard dumpster 2 hours a day is a significant and disruptive change. This inconvenience to tenants may have an unintended consequence of increased inappropriate dumping.

Commissioner Hasse's idea to send a letter to tenants outlining the challenges and requesting compliance with existing rules is a good place to start. Give tenants a chance to modify behaviors before closing all of the Enviro-Centers.

Locking the large doors may deter the most egregious abuse. If port staff are already having to clean up before garbage can be collected, perhaps they can unlock the doors prior to garbage collection.

Are cameras placed optimally to capture drive-ups dumping larger loads? We believe consequences for dumping and the inevitable subsequent chatter would effectively deter future abuse.

Finally, if you determine you must close Enviro-Centers, please consider shuttering a portion and focusing port staff's time on managing a smaller number.

We urge you to consider less disruptive changes to manage abuse of Enviro-Centers in Boat Haven. Thank you for your time.

Chris Yob and Julia Smith,
Moorage Tenants

From: [Lynne Cassella-Blackburn](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 11:06:41 AM

This is in reference to the new process for handling the garbage in the environmental centers of the port. I believe that the live aboards generate a very small amount of garbage. It appears to be a problem with the transient renters, the local renters who bring all of their garbage from their homes, and the fisherman. An alternative solution may be to give all of the live aboards a key fob for 24 hour access. Also, please do not get rid of the recycling areas in the environmental centers. This is a very important service and well used at the port.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Lynne Cassella-Blackburn

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelsey Palmer](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Port meeting 10/14/2026
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10:51:33 AM

Hello Commissioners and Port of PT,

I appreciate the want to put a stop to orphan trash and the abuse of our dumpsters here in the marina but the threat of this new policy is very upsetting.

As liveboards and long-term tenants we have both picked up orphan trash that gets scattered around the grounds and water along with full bags left by the dumpers. We also see many of the other liveboards constantly doing the same thing. "Boat people" create very little trash throughout the week but more importantly we help to clean up what gets left around. This is our home and we want to keep it clean and happy. Along with protecting the water and it's creatures.

That being said, as liveboards we should have 24-hour access to our dumpsters. The new suggested policy puts an extreme strain on the ability to throw our garbage away.

The easiest solution that myself and others have come up with would be to have only our liveboard key fob access to our head of dock dumpsters and get rid of the keypad entirely. Transients could be directed to the main dumper in the yard.

Thank you for taking the time to consider ways of making this work for all who are involved and affected.

Warm regards,

Kelsey Palmer

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