



Ko Olina Boat Ramp Frequently Asked Questions



The privately owned and operated Ko Olina Boat Ramp opened for non-commercial public use on July 20, 2015. Designed by Arnold Okubo, Hawaii's premier ramp design engineer, ramp features include:

- 12% slope and 30-foot wide double bay with herringbone surface grooves
- 30 parking stalls for vehicles with trailers, including two ADA-accessible stalls
- Stainless steel guard and hand rails on the ramp for ADA accessibility
- Fiber glass non-slip deck grating on loading dock
- Boat tie-up cleats and angled fender bumper strips along each side of the loading dock
- Three wash down bays, including one with ADA accessibility
- Portable lavatory and trash and recycling receptacles

Who can use Ko Olina's boat ramp?

Boaters interested in utilizing Ko Olina's boat ramp can find more information and boat ramp rules at: www.koolina.com/experience/KoOlinaMarina. For easy reference, an information sheet for use of the Ko Olina boat ramp and parking is enclosed.

Where is the boat ramp located?

The boat ramp is located at the mauka end of Ko Olina Marina with direct entry via Kekai Place.

How do I get to the ramp with my boat?

Vehicles with trailered boats must enter and exit Ko Olina's front gate via the right lane. Travel to/from the boat ramp is restricted to the resort's main road, Ali'inui Drive, and Kekai Place.

What are the hours of operation for the boat ramp?

Similar to some State and City parks and facilities and Ko Olina's lagoons and beaches, the Ko Olina Boat Ramp and vehicle/trailer parking area are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Registered boaters may make launch reservations by calling the resort's Aloha Team at 808-676-4853. For recreational boaters interested in 24-hour ramp access, the Phoenician Launch Ramp Facility built by Ko Olina and located at nearby Kalaeloa Harbor is also open from sunrise to sunset and can accommodate overnight vehicle and trailer parking for two or more nights. For more information on the Phoenician facility visit: www.thephoenician.net.

What are the requirements to use Ko Olina's boat ramp?

Ko Olina leases an access easement over the deep draft channel for Kalaeloa Harbor from the State of Hawaii. Ko Olina boat ramp procedures and requirements are closely aligned with state rules, including the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) Harbors Division rules, Coast Guard regulations and other guidelines required to promote boater safety and safeguard Ko Olina's private property interests. Ramp users are required to meet and adhere to the terms and conditions contained in Ko Olina's Boat Ramp and Parking Agreement. Boaters interested in utilizing Ko Olina's boat ramp can find more information and boat ramp rules at: www.koolina.com/experience/KoOlinaMarina.



How do I register?

Please visit: www.koolina.com/koca for registration information.

How long is the registration term?

Ko Olina vehicle, trailer and boat registrations are valid for one year.

Why do I need to provide watercraft liability insurance with minimum limits of \$500,000?

Watercraft liability coverage with minimum insurance limits of \$500,000 is the same as the insurance limits required by the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) when leasing a slip in state-owned marinas. Boaters utilizing Ko Olina's boat ramp will be navigating through a fully functioning private marina occupied by privately owned vessels including commercial boats and luxury yachts. This exposes the marina to substantial liability risks. Watercraft liability insurance requirements are necessary to cover collisions with marina-berthed vessels, salvage costs for grounded and sunken boats, damage to docks, pollution containment, wreck removals, and other mishaps.

Why must I have a NASBLA operators certificate?

A certificate of completion from a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)-approved course is required by Hawaii Administrative Rules 13-244-15.5. Per DLNR, DOBOR: to improve on-the-water safety for all ocean users, all individuals who operate a motorized vessel in Hawai'i's waters must have taken a boating safety course and show proof of certification.

Is there a fee to use Ko Olina's boat ramp?

There is a daily launch fee of \$15 and a parking fee of \$10.

Is there parking at the boat ramp for my vehicle and trailer?

Yes. The boat ramp parking area has a total of 30 parking stalls for vehicles/trailers, including two ADA-accessible stalls. The parking fee for registered vehicles/trailers is \$10 per day. The 40' boat ramp parking stalls are limited to vehicles with trailers only. Beach parking is prohibited.

Why is there a fee for the boat ramp parking area?

Parking fees assist in offsetting daily operating and maintenance costs and were determined to be reasonable based on the anticipated use of the facility. This fee structure allows boaters an option to pay a lesser fee should they not need to park their vehicle and trailer while out on the water or if they plan to motor to another boat ramp for pull-out.

Why is the total length of vehicle and trailer limited to 40 feet?

Ko Olina's boat ramp parking stalls comply with standards prescribed by the City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). The turning radiuses of the parking lot's circulation pattern were designed to accommodate the prescribed 40-foot vehicle/trailer boat length without encroaching into the safe access lane between stalls. Ko Olina was also required by the Conditional Use Permit for this project to replace what was removed from the first Ko Olina boat ramp located on the makai side of the marina. Those parking stalls were 40 feet in length. The Phoenician launch ramp at nearby Kalaeloa Harbor is available to accommodate longer vehicle/trailer boat lengths.

**Will boaters have access to Ko Olina Marina's fuel pump, retail and F&B facilities?**

Yes. Boaters may utilize Ko Olina Marina's fuel dock for fuel and/or supply purchases. The Ko Olina Marina Store is currently open daily from 6 am – 6 pm. Vehicles with trailered boats may not enter Ko Olina Marina or Ulua Lagoon 4 parking lots via Waipaha Place for supply purchases.

Is the Phoenician ramp still open?

Yes. The Phoenician Launch Ramp Facility built by Ko Olina and located at nearby Kalaeloa Harbor is open from sunrise to sunset and can accommodate overnight vehicle and trailer parking for two or more nights.

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Is there a wash down area for my boat?

Yes, there are three wash down bays, including one ADA--accessible bay, available for exterior boat and trailer rinsing only. No draining is allowed in the boat ramp parking area or on resort roads.

Why do I need an appointment to launch my boat? How long in advance?

Appointments ensure accessibility for registered boaters. We encourage scheduling launch appointments by 4 pm the day prior. Based upon the availability of parking stalls, we will accommodate requests up to one hour prior to intended launch times.

Can thrillcraft launch from the boat ramp?

No thrillcraft (as defined by Section 200--23, Hawaii Revised Statutes), including, but not limited to jet skis, are permitted to be launched at the boat ramp or used within the Marina.