



## May 2022 HMS Newsletter

### President's Message

Shed Members,

We have had some difficulties in the past several weeks.

Someone wrote to the Harbor Division stating that we were violating the Harbor Administrative rules. This email was sent by someone who must have a grudge with our shed and was not honest enough to even sign his name. The email was anonymous.

The Harbor Division sent us a letter telling us that our permit to operate in the warehouse was being revoked and we had 5 days to shut down and 30 days to vacate the premise.

We had many communications and meetings with the Harbor Division and with the help of State Senator Sharon Moriwaki, State Senator Chris Lee, and State Senator Karl Rhodes, the Harbor Division has changed their mind and is allowing the Shed to remain in the building.

The Harbor Division has stressed that we need to follow all the Harbor Administrative Rules, including Section 19-42-114 - no open flames, no smoking on Harbor property. Section 19-42-140 – Alcohol is not permitted on State Piers and waterfront properties,

As well as all other rules:

[Chapter 19-41](#) – Rules Relating To General Provision

[Chapter 19-42](#) – Vessel and Harbor Controls

[Chapter 19-43](#) – Motor Vehicles

[Chapter 19-44](#) – Rules Relating To Services and Procedures, Charges, Tolls and Fees

We have committed to be compliant with all these rules. Many of which are not relevant to what we do.

The board wishes to thank Senator Sharon Moriwaki, State Senator Chris Lee, and State Senator Karl Rhodes for their help in this matter. They have supported us in the Shed, please support them.

Because of these difficulties, we have delayed the election for the next board. We will now plan to have the election and Annual Meeting in September.

We have also had to cancel the Sizzle due to the concerns of the Harbor Division. We will be working to find a solution to the issue.

Here is the State of Hawaii Covid policy:

- Hawaii's indoor mask mandate ended on March 25, 2022. Masks are still strongly recommended for people over age 65, those with compromised immune systems or who care for people at risk of severe illness, and those unvaccinated for COVID-19.

In the Shed, we ask that if you have not been vaccinated that you wear a mask if you are within 6 feet of another person.

Timothy O'Donnell

President – Honolulu Men's Shed

## Ongoing Activities

**Bikes wanted** - Keep spreading the word around town with the bike flyer. The latest version of the flyer is on the wall in the talk story area. It is paying off with many donations coming into the shed. The flyer can also be found at:

[Bikes Wanted! | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)



The Picnic Table Crew is still at it. They have finished another Picnic Table for Jefferson Elementary School. This table is multicolored.



Randy Wong is working on the Stanchions for Iolani Palace



Tay Perry, Corey Janiss Glenn Perry, Loy Kuo, Ryan Olivares, Carrie and Cindy Mahoney from our Shed, staffed the aid station at a recent Century Metric Ride. There were about 800 bike riders in this event, and our crew handed out water, Gatorade, and snacks.



# Call for volunteers!

Part of our mission is to provide community service to our Honolulu area. We have received several requests to build projects for the community.

Fancy Potting Shed



Compost Bin for Makiki Community Garden



Raised Planter Box



Potting table for Waikiki Community Center

This is good opportunity for you to spend time with your fellow shedders and learn some new skills. It will also make you feel good to support the community. We would like to ask all members of the Shed to spend some time on Shed projects in addition to your own projects.

Please contact the board with your availability.

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