

January 7, 2019

RE: SPPA Update

To: SPPA Customers,

The much-anticipated enhancements to the A Dock area will start this month and weather permitting should be completed by the end of March.

The A Dock project will be a significant upgrade for our port / marina that will better meet the needs of our customers, increase revenue potential and lower our operational cost. This project involves the following improvements:

1. Paving the A Dock area so that customers will be able to park in front of their boat stall
2. Installation of a swale ditch that will allow for positive drainage of the area and that will be designed for customers to drive over to access their boat stall
3. Replacing all of the existing wood structures and hardware with treated wood and stainless-steel hardware
4. Adding finger piers to the pilings on each side of the boat stalls. All finger piers will be decked with composite deck boards
5. Widening the top plate transition boards from the new cement parking area to the boat stall. The top plate will be decked with composite deck boards

During the construction of the project I know there will be some inconveniences to our customers and I apologize for this temporary situation but we think you will be very satisfied with the end result.

The A Dock project will be one of the primary projects for us in 2019 but we have other plans for improvements in 2019 that include:

- Construction of a wall in front of the gazebo area to prevent further erosion of that area
- Placement of secondary wall in front of the bulk fueling for use by large heavier vessels fueling at site
- Landscaping area near bait / concession building and placement of picnic tables
- Development of the SPPA property at S 1st Avenue and Mechanic Street to possible include dry boat storage and boat washing facility
- Construction of a new bathroom facility on the D Dock side
- Landscaping and grounds improvements

We had a very busy 2018 particularly for our Capital Improvement Plan. For 2018 we completed these value-added projects:

1. D Dock paving and parking area
2. D Dock improvements to all boat stalls including all new finger piers and adding more finger piers
3. Erosion barriers from A to D Dock and the full length of D Dock
4. Metal cover for all of B Dock and the common walkway for B/C Dock
5. All new wood and hardware for boats stalls in B and C Dock
6. Additional finger piers for C Dock
7. All composite decking for B, C Dock and the common walkway for B/C Dock
8. Upgrade the electrical facilities for B Dock
9. Paving of the area from A Dock to D Dock for customer parking
10. Building of a wood cap the full length of the port water front with rub pilings for mooring of large vessels
11. A fully functional live bait and concession business on site
12. Installation of 10 new 6000Lb Boat lifts on B Dock
13. New flooring and ADA facilities for existing bathroom facility
14. Placing all electric utility overhead powerlines underground
15. Installation of new 1000-watt flood lights
16. Placement of safety related equipment such as fire extinguishers, ladders, life rings and signs
17. Electronic gate card reader for easy customer 24-hour access

Wow, after listing all of the projects we completed in 2018, we did have a busy year! It was an ambitious plan for 2018 but with the Commissioners support and our employees working as a team, we were able to successfully make some very major improvements to our port/marina that will add value for many years.

I do have one thing to ask each of you, if you feel we are headed in the right direction and providing you a high level of customer service and a facility that is top notch, if you would to go our web site and or face-book page and place a comment about the positive things we are doing, that would be greatly appreciated.

Our mission is to grow the business in such a way that not only does the SPPA prosper but so does the Sabine Pass Community. In doing so it is one of the best ways for SPPA to keep our rates as low as we have is by adding new customers. Your positive support of our port/marina will help attract new business for us.

Please feel free to call me at 409-971-2411 or email me at mic@sabinepassportauthority.com if you have any feedback you would like to give me.

Thank you for being our customer and wishing you well in 2019.

Sincerely,



Mic Cowart
SPPA Manager

The mission of the Sabine Pass Port Authority is to operate for profit a full service marine center with exceptional customer services in a safe and friendly environment that reflects the character of the Sabine Pass community.