



## *Cameron County Parks & Recreation*

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### NOTICE REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE ISLA BLANCA PARK BOAT RAMP

The Cameron County Parks and Recreation Department would like to announce the temporary closure of the Isla Blanca Park Boat Ramp facility beginning March 1, 2018. This includes the parking lot and restrooms directly associated with this area. The decision to close this amenity is due to the ongoing construction of the Amphitheater and Multi-purpose building. The daily presence of ongoing construction activity, use of heavy equipment and the soon to be removed paved entrance road is a cause for concern regarding the safety of our campers and park visitors. For this reason all public access in the boat ramp area will be prohibited until it can be reopened.

The Parks Department will work with the contractor on reopening the boat ramp facility no later than May 31, 2018, just in time for the summer. The Parks Department understands how much of an inconvenience this can be for those who rely on the boat ramp week-in and week-out. We sincerely hope boaters can understand the decision for the temporary closure.

To help inform those looking for an alternate place to launch during this time, we have included a list of public boat ramps located in the proximity of the Laguna Madre Area. Below are the addresses for each individual boat ramp. We thank you for your patience and your patronage.

#### Public Boat Ramps in the General Vicinity:

Polaris Street Public Boat Ramp, located on the bay at the end of Polaris Street on South Padre Island

Palm Street Public Boat Ramp, located on the bay at the end of Palm Street on South Padre Island

Pompano Park Public Boat Ramp, located at 1 Pompano Ave, in Port Isabel

Jaime J. Zapata Memorial County Boat Ramp located at 44270 State Highway 48