



CITIZENS FOR FLORIDA'S WATERWAYS

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Citizens For Florida's Waterways promotes the need for responsible use of Florida's waterways. Our primary objective is to encourage coexistence among recreational and commercial boaters, the marine industry, property owners and the environment. Citizens For Florida's Waterways advocates education in the safe and considerate use of watercraft with respect for our marine environment and conservation.

President's Message

I can't say enough about the effort and success that Aaron Dumont and Kaleb Rennemann put in when they volunteered to take over the planning and execution of the Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade. This traditional family favorite was in danger of ending due to lack of leadership. The complete opposite occurred. This year's parade was a bigger success than ever starting with their idea to change the Captain's Meeting to a PARTY. And what a party it was at Fishlips, with great attendance and lots of give-aways. But the parade topped it. The boaters showed up in mass and the residents partied in their back yards. Parade Saved!

Seems like this has been a bit colder winter than those of late, but watching the conditions to the north, we can hardly complain. Warmer weather is just around the corner. So it's time to start thinking about and doing some of those pre-season boating preparation tasks and have them behind when that first day screams – Let's Go Boating!

Many of you have boat-lifts and trailers that are an absolute requirement to enjoy your boat. Have you been putting off a necessary upgrade, repair or just some timely maintenance? Now's a good time to get those items in ship shape. Of course it's time to get the annual maintenance done on your boat too.

While your getting ready for the season, is this the year you plan to explore a new venue or return to one you've missed lately. The opportunities for boating outings in Florida are limitless. There are countless lakes, rivers and coastal areas to explore. We are in a perfect location here in Brevard to reach so many boating destinations for a day-trip or a nice weekend overnight.

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Please Mark Your Calendars!



- » **February 5, 2018 CFFW Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 pm Location TBD.
- » **February 7, 2018 District 2 Dredging Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm Karen Rood Bldg (near the boat ramp) at Kiwanis Island, Merritt Island. Open to the public.
- » **February 15, 2018 Brevard Marine Advisory Council Meeting** 6:00 pm 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Building C, 2nd Floor, Florida Rm., Viera, FL 32940
- » **March 5, 2018 CFFW Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 pm Location TBD.
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- » **March 15, 2018 Brevard Marine Advisory Council Meeting** 6:00 pm. 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Building C, 2nd Floor, Florida Rm., Viera, FL 32940
- » **March 24-25, 2018 CFFW Marine Flea Market at Harbor Town Marina** 8-4 Saturday and Sunday

Stay tuned to CFFW.org for more information

Newsletter Delivery Mode

E-Newsletters Now Available

CFFW is offering all members the option to receive all future newsletters by email instead of a hard copy by mail. The Board of Directors have reviewed the expense logs for the past few years to determine where we could save money and this is the biggest expense we have.

If you wish to save your club money on printing and postage, please reply to info@cffw.org and we will add you to the email list for your newsletters! You will receive an email stating your E-Newsletter is ready for viewing. If at any time you wish to receive the hardcopy again, just send us a note at the same email and you will again receive the hardcopy.

You can view the same exact version online at CFFW.org and click on "newsletters" tab and the issue you would like to view. ❖

When Does Your Membership Expire?
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President's Message

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The St Johns and the Suwanee Rivers lead to many springs and spring runs. The lakes of the Lake County chain, the chain in Winter Haven, the Kissimmee Waterway, The Okeechobee Waterway, the Oklawaha and Silver Rivers are within easy reach. And don't overlook the West Coast with clear water and white sand beaches. There are many accommodations on the water with space for your boat in all these areas. It's amazing just how inexpensive and rejuvenating an overnight boating adventure can be. Maybe a trip to a marina in Ft. Pierce or farther south or to the area around Ponce Inlet or St Augustine fits your boating style.

The internet provides an abundance of tools for planning an outing. FWC maintains a nice listing of boat ramps around the state on their boating page. (myfwc.com/boating). A little work with Google Earth can help you explore the ramp and help in your search of accommodations too.

The best thing we can do with our boats is to enjoy them. Our kids and grandkids will never forget their outings with us on the water. Happy New Year and Happy Boating! ❖



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BEST PARADE EVER!

This year the Merritt Island Boat Parade was in danger of extinction and 2 guys really stepped up to the plate and took over to host the BEST PARADE EVER!

A great big “Thank You” goes out to Kaleb Rennemann and Sarah from Blue Marlin Real Estate and Aaron Dumont from Stingray Boats, without them the parade would have sailed off into extinction...

Kaleb, Sarah and Aaron say “that is how much the community means to them and they were grateful Merritt Island got together for such a great event.”



And the winners are:

Best house party - Karen and Scott Rait

Large Boat Class - John Malphurs with Penguins Paradise

Medium Boat Class - Liz Iapicco with Pirates Pontoon

Small Boat Class - Hunter Haskins with Santa Hat Skiff

Each Class winner won \$500.00. Best house party won a sponsored party for next year.

***We hope that they continue this Merritt Island Christmas Tradition
for many years to come!***

2018 Florida Lionfish Removal Incentive Program with \$5,000 Check

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A new lionfish removal incentive program in Florida that's scheduled to start in May 2018 has support from Boat Owners Association of The United States with a \$5,000 donation made during a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) meeting in December. The goal of the 2018 tagged-lionfish removal incentive program will be to offer cash and other prizes to anglers who harvest non-native lionfish that have been tagged by FWC staff.

The removal program coincides with the state's annual summer-long Lionfish Challenge, which will run May 19 through Sept. 3, 2018. This event rewards recreational and commercial lionfish harvesters for their efforts. Rarely caught on hook-and-line, the most common methods of removal are spearing and using a hand-held net. In 2016, more than 110,000 lionfish were removed from Florida waters.

Native to the Indo-Pacific and believed to have entered Florida waters from an aquarium release, lionfish are now established along the southeast coast of the U.S., Caribbean, and across the Gulf of Mexico. Due to its venomous spines, the invasive species has

few predators and can negatively impact native fish and reef habitats.

In 2018, approximately six to eight lionfish will be tagged by FWC at each of the 50 randomly selected public artificial reef sites throughout the Atlantic and Gulf between the depths of 80 and 120 feet. Reef locations can be found at www.ReefRangers.com, and additional information on the removal program will be announced by FWC in early next year.

Support for the tagged-lionfish removal incentive program also came from the American Sportfishing Association, Yamaha, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Coastal Conservation Association of Florida, and the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County.

Visit myfwc.com/lionfish for more information. ❖





CFFW 21st Annual Marine Flea Market

Harbortown Marina
Sea Ray Drive (SR528) Merritt Island

March 24th & 25th, 2018
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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More Than 40 Million Kidde Fire Extinguishers Recalled *Includes those used for PWCs*

November 6, 2017 – More than 40 million Kidde fire extinguishers equipped with plastic handles, some on the market for more than 40 years, have been recalled. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), “The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard. Please check your boats for the recalled extinguishers and get a free metal-handled replacement by going to the CPSC recall website.

The recall affects both plastic-handle and push-button Pindicator Kidde fire extinguishers, including 134, ABC- or BC-rated models manufactured between January 1, 1973, and August 15, 2017. The extinguishers are red, white or silver and were sold in the US and Canada through a wide range of retailers from Montgomery Ward to Amazon. The CPSC recall website shows how to easily identify the affected extinguishers.

In the recall, Kidde also acknowledged the free replacement push-button extinguisher being sent to personal watercraft owners is similar in size to the recalled model but may not fit in the same location as the old fire extinguisher.

“This may require a slightly different mounting orientation or location.

CPSC says there have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including one fatality; approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns; and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

Kidde may also be contacted toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. The company offers additional recall information online at kidde.com by selecting “Product Safety Recall.” ❖



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2018 CFFW FLEAT MARKET

It's time for the 21st Annual CFFW Marine Flea Market on March 24 and 25 and CFFW needs your help.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help set-up, tear-down or work the event, please contact Kelly Haugh at 321-543-6970. Please leave a message with your name and phone number and she will contact you.

Volunteer for at least 4 hours and receive a full year extension on your CFFW Membership!

CFFW welcomes your input to the annual fundraising event! This event has become known around the state for it's great vendor participation and shopping opportunity. CFFW has been making it happen for 21 years and we could really use some additional help with this event. A few hours of your time during this weekend event would be greatly appreciated, and you might even meet some new friends or see old ones that you have been missing.

If you have a business or you have marine related items for sale and would like to have a booth at the Flea Market, please contact Kelly Haugh at 321-543-6970 or go to the CFFW website at www.cffw.org/fleamarket and you can download the information necessary.

We also have posters available. If you have a business and would like one for display, please call Sandy Reynolds at 321-543-7532 to arrange for pick up.❖

You Asked for Less Ethanol With Your Gas; EPA Adds More

This summer, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asked the public how much ethanol it wanted to be added to the nation's gasoline supply, and recreational boaters as well as many other owners of gasoline engines and vehicles spoke up against increasing ethanol volumes under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). On Friday, the EPA set the 2018 RFS at 19.29 billion gallons, a 0.05 percent increase over the 2017 standard. Signed into law in 2005, the RFS requires an increasing amount of biofuels, such as corn ethanol, to be blended into the gasoline supply.

“In August, the EPA originally proposed a slight lowering of the overall ethanol mandate. However, bowing to pressure from the ethanol backers, the agency actually notched the mandate higher,” said BoatUS Government Affairs Manager David Kennedy. “We think the EPA’s decision unfairly supports the ethanol industry over protecting consumers, recreational boaters, and the environment. If ethanol is as good for America’s fuel supply as Big Ethanol would like you to believe, then why do we have a law that forces more ethanol each year into the market? The RFS no longer works for Americans.”

When it was written, RFS assumed that America’s use of gasoline would continue to grow. Since 2005, however, gasoline usage has not increased as forecasted, which today forces more ethanol into each gallon of gas. To keep up with the RFS mandate, in 2010 the EPA granted a waiver to allow E15 (15 percent ethanol) into the marketplace. However, only fuels containing up to 10 percent ethanol (E10) are permitted for use in recreational boats. As higher blends enter the gas supply, the chance of misfueling increases.

Ethanol has been demonstrated to cause harm to many gasoline engines at the present 10 percent ethanol level, especially legacy outboard motors, it also decreases fuel efficiency, increases fuel costs for consumers, and has questionable environmental benefits.❖

8 Telltale Signs That the Used Boat You're Buying Could be a Storm-Damaged Lemon

While many of the more than 63,000 boats damaged as a result of 2017 hurricanes will be repaired and have more years of life on the water, some used boat buyers in 2018 could end up with storm-damaged lemons. Used boat buyers need to be aware that some boats affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are beginning to hit the market, and that getting a pre-purchase survey (called a Condition and Value survey) is very important.

It's not that you don't want to buy a boat that's been repaired, but you should have full knowledge of the repairs and know they were done correctly. It's a transparency issue that will help you negotiate a fair price. Here are eight tips to help you spot a boat that might have been badly damaged in a storm:

1. Trace the history.

When a car is totaled, the title is branded as salvaged or rebuilt, and buyers know up front that there was major damage at some point in the car's history. But only a few states brand salvaged boats – Florida and Texas do not – and some states don't require titles for boats. Anyone wishing to obscure a boat's history need only cross state lines to avoid detection, which can be a tipoff. Look for recent gaps in the boat's ownership, which may mean that it was at an auction or in a repair yard for a long time.

2. Look for recent hull repairs. Especially on older boats, matching gelcoat is very difficult. Mismatched colors around a

repaired area are often a giveaway and may signal nothing more than filler under the gelcoat, rather than a proper fiberglass repair.

3. Look for new repairs or sealant at the hull-to-deck joint.

Boats that bang against a dock during a storm often suffer damage there.

4. Evidence of sinking.

Check for consistent corrosion on interior hardware, such as rust on all hinges and drawer pulls. You might be able to spot an interior waterline inside a locker or an area hidden behind an interior structure.

5. Corrosion in the electrical system.

Corrosion on electrical items, such as lamps, connectors and behind breaker panels might mean the boat sank recently. Does the boat have all new electronics? Why?

6. Look for evidence of major interior repairs.

Fresh paint or gelcoat work on the inside of the hull and engine room is usually obvious. All new cushions and curtains may be a tipoff, too.

7. Look for fresh paint on the engine.

It may be covering exterior rust as well as interior damage.

8. Ask the seller. In some states, a seller isn't required to disclose if a boat was badly damaged unless you ask. If the seller hems and haws, keep looking.❖

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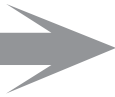
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