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From Your President/Secretary by Kelly Haugh

The 15th Annual CFFW Flea Market is just around the corner and we are gearing up for the busy weekend!

If you haven't come out to volunteer or even just walk around the marina during the event, you are missing a great time!

Mr. David Heffelbower has generously donated Harbor Town Marina for the last several years for our event, and it has made a wonderful location to do such a big event!

We hope to see you out there during the event!

There have been a lot of changes in our meeting attendance in the past couple of years, and it's getting harder to entice people to come out and mingle and listen to our guest speakers.

I'm not sure if it has something to do with the economy, the lack of "the sky is falling" i.e. new slow speed zones, or whatever else may be keeping you from attending our meetings, but the Board of Directors has decided at this point to use the newsletter and emails as our communication for the time being. Our events will serve as our meetings and if there should be something of great importance that we need to get out there, we can send out postcards and/or emails.

We will continue to have our annual meeting in October and have our elections at that time.

Our newsletters will have the schedule of events listed each issue and all events will also be listed on our website at www.cffw.org

If you currently do not receive emails from CFFW, please send an email to info@cffw.org and give your name and email address so that we can add you to the email list!

Practice safe boating and we will see you on the water! ❖

DEP's Clean Marina Program Reaches 250th Designation by the DEP Press Office

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Clean Marina Program yesterday evening designated Sarasota Yacht Club as Florida's 250th Clean Marina.

"We want to congratulate the Sarasota Yacht Club on becoming the 250th designated Clean Marina in the state," said DEP's Director of Sustainable Initiatives Brad Stombeck. "The dedication and hard work in becoming a
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at Sarasota Yacht Club.**

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Please call Kelly Haugh at 321-449-0827 for more information.



March 24th-25th - 15th Annual Marine Flea Market at HarborTown Marina

April 2nd - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

April 30th - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

May 5th - Turkey Creek Waterfest at Goode Park and Castaway Point Park in Palm Bay from 11am to 4pm.

May 16th-20th - Super Boat Races at Cocoa Beach and Port Canaveral

May 19th - Kiwanis Island Waterfest 9-1

May 26th - CFFW 17th Annual Poker Run starting at Kelly Park

May 29th - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

July 2nd - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

July 20th-22nd - Sebastian/Hiram's Boat Trip

July 30th - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

August 27th - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

September 16th - CFFW Picnic at Kelly Park Lagoon Pavilion

October 1st - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

October 24th - CFFW Annual meeting with elections

October 29th - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

December 3rd - CFFW Board of Directors meeting at Kiwanis Island 6 pm. At the Community Bldg. at the boat ramp.

*When Does Your
Membership Expire?*
(See Back Cover)

Citizens For Florida's Waterways Boat Safe Reimbursement Program

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CFFW advocates education in the safe and considerate use of watercraft with respect for our marine environment and conservation. If you would like to receive reimbursement for the class fees charged by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, you can attend a CFFW meeting, present your certificate of completion, and receive your reimbursement.

CFFW funds are limited, and we do have a finite amount of money in our scholarship fund, so it is on a first come, first served basis.

You can visit our website at www.cffw.org or www.savefamilyboating.com for the location of our events and meetings.

You may also contact Kelly Haugh CFFW President at 321-449-0827 for more information.

Enjoy safe boating! ❖

Save the date!

**Join the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County,
the Bayfront Community Redevelopment Agency
and the Friends of Turkey Creek
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Waterfest

May 5, 2012
from 11 a.m. - 4p.m.

Goode Park
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Details and exhibitor information will follow

For further information, contact:
Kaylene Wheeler at wheelk@palmbayflorida.org

Citizens For Florida's Waterways



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Saturday, May 26, 2012

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Review of Manatee Mortality

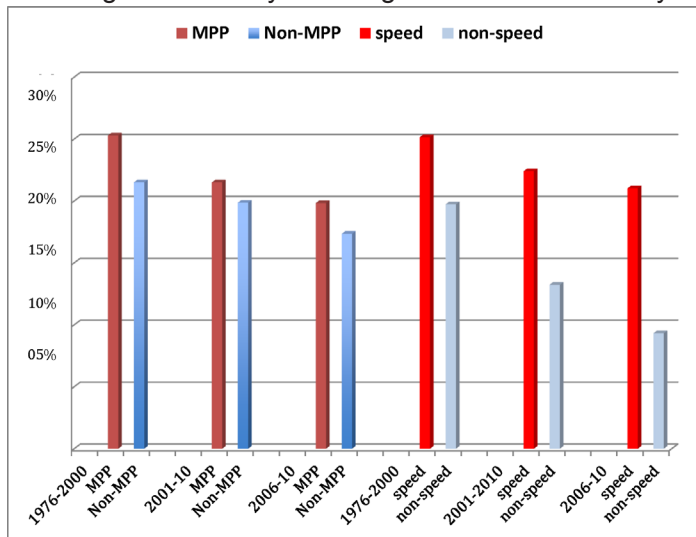
by Steven Webster

The proportion of manatee mortality caused by boats is twice as high in counties with FWC speed zones compared to counties without FWC speed zones.

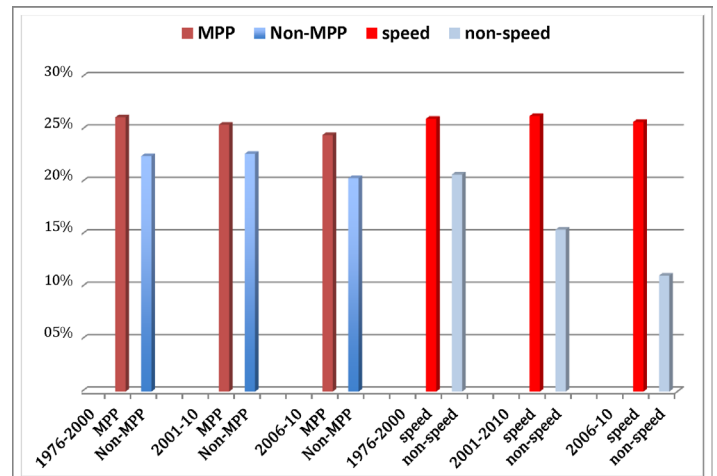
Mortality rate (the percent of manatees killed by boat strikes) is lower in counties without Manatee Protection Plans (MPPs), or without Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) speed zones.

There is a distinct difference between counties with “protection” and those without FWC protection (either MPPs or speed zones). FWC speed zones are also seeing watercraft mortality rates decline – while the rate is staying steady in counties with speed zones.

In the charts below, the vertical axis shows the percent (%) of total mortality caused by watercraft for three time periods: 1976-2000 (predating most speed zones and MPPs); 2001-2010 (implementation of zones and plans); and 2006-10, the most recent five-year period for which data is available. The mortality rate is generated by dividing watercraft mortality by total mortality.



Boat Strike Mortality Rate as a Percentage of Total Mortality



Boat Strike Mortality Rate With Cold Stress Deaths Excluded From Total Deaths

Interestingly, much of the decline in mortality rates is likely due to a dramatic increase in cold stress deaths, a relatively recent phenomenon.

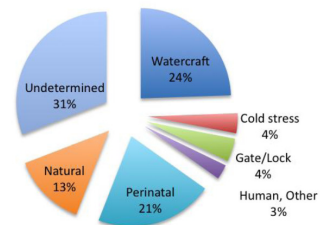
Cold stress deaths have risen from 4% of total mortality from 1976-2000 to 15% in 2006-10.

Because cold stress deaths are now a bigger piece of the whole pie, they reduce the size of the other pieces. When the data are corrected by removing cold stress deaths, a more accurate picture emerges, showing less of a reduction in watercraft mortality rates.

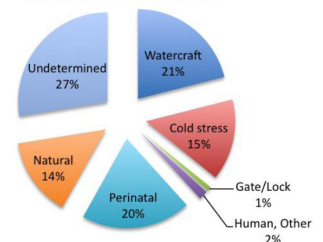
These findings are startling for two reasons.

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Death Rates 1976-2000



Death Rates 2001-10



Sebastian/Hiram's Boat Trip 2012

Friday – July 20th thru Sunday – July 22

Please join us this year in our annual Sebastian/Hiram's boat trip.
Stay tuned to the website for more information as it becomes available.

Please call 772-388-8588 with your reservation and mention Group Code CFFW. There are 5 poolside rooms available with one upgrade room in the poolside row, the Jacuzzi room. This is the only room 1st floor poolside that will incur the upgrade \$139 rate. There are 15 rooms blocked and more will be available until 06/21/12 at these rates.

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- **ROOM BLOCK RELEASE:** Must have reservations by 06/21/12, when the block will release.
- A reservation made after room block release 06/21/12, will be subject to availability and the group rate may not apply.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY:** For individual reservations within a group, there is a **48 hour cancellation policy**. 2 days prior to arrival. After this date will result in a cancellation fee equivalent to one room night charged to the name on the individual reservation.
- A credit card or deposit will be needed at time of check-in for each room for incidentals.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m.
- Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

For Dockage reservations please call the Dock master, at 772-589-4345, extension 4 with your Length, Beam and Draw.

The rates are \$2 per foot with a 25% group discount. Please mention you are coming in with CFFW.

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CFFW 15th Annual Marine Flea Market

**March 24 & 25, 2012
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DEP's Clean Marina Program Reaches 250th Designation

by DEP Press Office (Continued from Page 1)

Clean Marina is an accomplishment this facility should be proud of, and we're excited to welcome it to our growing Clean Marina family."

The Clean Marina program recognizes marinas and boatyards for their commitment to the protection of Florida's waterways and natural resources. In addition to Clean Marinas, the program consists of 37 Clean Boatyards and 16 Clean Retailers as of Jan. 10, 2012.

The Sarasota Yacht Club demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship by starting a recycling program, offering pumpout service and adding a pet sanitation area with signage and waste collection bags.

Also, the Club installed a trench drain at its boat ramp, which captures runoff water from boats before it enters the water body. Manatee signs and hurricane preparation have been added to the lease agreement. The marina continues to educate staff on clean marina safety.

"The Sarasota Yacht Club takes an active role in protecting Florida's natural resources by hosting annual fundraisers to support oyster reef restoration projects in Sarasota Bay," said DEP Southwest District Director Gary Colecchio.

There are seven steps to designation, which are verified in a confirmation visit from team of Florida Clean Marina Program and Clean Boating Partnership representatives once criteria have been met. A DEP representative also visits the facility to verify the marina's Action Plan.

"We are pleased to receive this important certification," said Bernhard G. Kloppenburg, the general manager of Sarasota Yacht Club. "Our members share our interest in engaging in environmentally sound practices and we all recognize the role we play in protecting Florida's waterways."

Other designated marinas in Sarasota County include: Crow's Nest Marina, Gulf Harbor Marina, Hyatt Regency Sarasota Marina, Marina Jack and Venice Yacht Club. Established in 2000, the Florida Clean Marina Program is a voluntary, non-regulatory designation program that acknowledges and rewards environmentally conscious marine facilities. ❖

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Review of Manatee Mortality

by Steven Webster (Continued from Page 4)

First is that proponents of speed zones have long argued that, without zones, the proportion of manatee mortality caused by boats would be rising, as there are more boats on the water (or at least registered) today than in the past, thereby increasing the risk of a manatee being struck by a boat.

The numbers say exactly the opposite. In counties without speed zones, the rate of watercraft mortality is dropping, not increasing.

The second observation is surprising: no one has examined the available data in this manner before. As has often been the case, current science about manatees originated not with regulatory agencies, but with boaters:

- Manatee acoustics (how well they hear boats), conducted by Dr Ed Gerstein and funded in part by Citizens For Florida's Waterways
- Forensic pathology (analyzing propeller marks to determine the size of a striking vessel), by James Wood, funded in part by Citizens For Florida's Waterways
- Correlating manatee abundance to visual surveys and modeling, by Tom Fraser, funded by Coastal Conservation Association, and by Tom McGill, supported by Citizens For Florida's Waterways

- This analysis of vessel mortality, by Steven Webster (the author) and supported by Citizens For Florida's Waterways

After years of struggle to have his work recognized, Dr Gerstein finally received permission from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to test the alarm he created that warns manatees of approaching boats.

FWC once flatly rejected Woods' premise, but a version of his method is now used by FWC's pathology lab, and revealed (as many had suspected) that large vessels traveling at slow speed are responsible for many manatee boat deaths.

Manatee abundance modeling has been heavily revised, and now shows that manatee population is growing throughout in Florida.

Next steps: There is a clear need to finally determine whether or not speed zones work – and if they do, in what configuration.

All records used in this review are from the online FWC manatee mortality database. ❖



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CFFW members are entitled to a full Membership in BoatUS for only \$15 - that's 50% off the regular \$30 annual dues!



BoatUS and BoatUS ANGLER Member benefits include Member Rewards at West Marine stores, discounts at marinas nationwide on fuel, repairs, and overnight slips, on-the-water Towing Services, highly-respected Marine Insurance, a subscription to BoatUS Magazine or BoatUS ANGLER.

“Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report” Television Show

Capt. Jim has joined a host of other top professional guides across the State of Florida on a new television show called the “Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report.” The TV show is on the SunSports network on Thursday evenings from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Reporting expert, Capt. Jim will bring you an up-to-date fishing report from our offshore and inshore local waters.

Capt. Jim also provides daily reports Sunday through Wednesday on the TV shows web-site:

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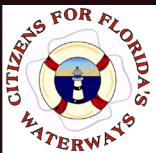
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If you're not a member... please join.
Your membership dues provide the financial support
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Please join online at cffw.org
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