



# CITIZENS FOR FLORIDA'S WATERWAYS

Vol. 17 - Issue 4

July/August 2011

*Citizens For Florida's Waterways promotes public access to and the responsible use of Florida waterways, coexistence among recreational and commercial boaters, marine industry, property owners and the marine environment. CFFW advocates education in the safe use of watercraft with consideration of our environment.*

## Tips For Preparing For Summer Lightning Storms



For recreational boaters, summer thunderstorms bring danger not only with wind and waves, but also with lightning strikes. BoatUS' *Seaworthy Magazine* recently took a look at how to protect yourself from this hazard while boating, sailing and fishing on the open water and has these tips:

Don't wait until it's too late: Get off the water early: Getting to safe harbor is the safest bet. If you're in a powerboat and can't get in, you may be able to get around the storm. Don't wait until it's too late.

✱ **Inside is best:** If you can't get off the water in time, the best place to be on a boat is inside any cabin, but avoid being near mast or chainplates (sailboats), or large metal appliances like refrigerators.

✱ **Keep away from metal:** If there is no "down below" and you're stuck out on deck, stay away from metal railings, wheels, the mast and mast stays (both on sailboats), or any other metal fittings. A boater was killed in North Carolina when lightning jumped from his sailboat's backstay to his head and then the metal steering wheel he was holding.

✱ **Don't be a lightning rod:** If you're on an open boat, stay low and in the center. Depending on the severity of your situation, it's also a good idea to remove jewelry. The US Coast Guard reports a case a few years ago in which lightning struck a man who was standing up wearing a large medallion.

✱ **Stay out of the water:** Don't fish during a thunderstorm or dangle toes overboard.

✱ **Disconnect the power and antenna leads to your electronics:** Many strikes just damage electronics so disconnecting them goes a long way in preventing equipment damage.

✱ **Lower antenna:** Unless they serve as part of a lightning protection system, lower any antennas.

✱ **Stay silent:** Don't use the VHF unless absolutely necessary.

✱ **Lightning grounding protection systems:** Grounding systems, which provide a path for the lightning to enter and safely exit the boat, must be free of corrosion if they are going to provide any protection.

✱ **Dissipater dilemma:** As for mast-top lightning dissipaters, there is no agreement by the experts on how well or if they work at all. It should be noted that BoatUS insurance claims files show that boats with "brush-like" dissipaters mounted at the top of the mast have been struck by lightning.



**IF YOU DO GET HIT:** 1) Check people first; 2) then check the bilge as strikes can rupture through-hull fittings and punch holes in hulls; 3) check electronics and compass, and if all is good up to this point, 4), you may want to consider a short haul to check the bottom thoroughly (trailerboats can be inspected when you get back home). The challenge with lightning strikes is that they sometimes leave hard to find traces of damage that may only be seen when the boat is out of the water. ♦

## CFFW Officers

### President

Kelly Haugh  
321-449-0827

### Vice President

Peggy Wehrman  
pwehrman@cffw.org

### Secretary

Kelly Haugh  
321-449-0827

### Treasurer

Karen Dignan  
321-449-0473



## Board of Directors

Gary Haugh

Bob Atkins  
(ratkins@cffw.org)

Sandy Reynolds  
(sreynolds@cffw.org)

Doug Jaren  
321-452-8622

Jen Rivera  
407-739-3996  
(jrivera@cffw.org)

**Sales Marketing  
and Membership**  
Sandy Reynolds  
(sreynolds@cffw.org)

**Government Liason**  
Steven Webster  
(swebster@cffw.org)

**Newsletter Editor**  
Daniel Dvorak  
(ddvorak@cffw.org)

## From Your President/Secretary by Kelly Haugh

**May Dinner Meeting...**On Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, FWC Lt. Darrin Riley gave an informative talk on derelict vessels at Citizens for Florida's Waterways meeting. Included in the discussion were answers to some frequently asked questions:

**What is a derelict vessel?** A vessel that is left, stored, or abandoned on the public waters of the state in a wrecked junked or substantially dismantled condition.

**Where do derelict vessels come from?** Derelict vessels come from hurricanes in great numbers and from an owner or lien holder's negligence or inability to maintain the vessel.

**How are derelict vessels investigated and removed?** An officer identifies the vessel as derelict under state law and photographs it. Officer makes a reasonable effort to find the last known owner. A certified letter is sent to the last known owner and a notice is placed on the vessel for a minimum of five days before vessel can be removed from the water.

**How do derelict vessels affect the state of Florida?** Derelict vessels negatively impact the safety of other boaters, the environment, and the state's finances.

**Where do funds for derelict vessel removal come from?** When derelict vessels are the result a named storm/ hurricane, money from the federal government is used to clean up the mess. Other times, the state legislature must budget funds for removal. Also the affected county may use county vessel registration fees.

**What are the goals of the derelict vessel program?** Statewide consistency, prevention, public awareness, officer knowledge, and disaster readiness.

**How is the state improving efforts to prevent derelict vessels?** Efforts include an at-risk vessel program, public education, MBA studies through the university, pilot mooring fields, and training. Providing a statewide derelict vessel database to capture all current derelict vessels currently active on Florida's waters. Providing the public with a map of all active derelict vessels on the public waters of the state. Discussion about a post hurricane derelict vessel response team. A plan that is in the works, to pro-actively address the increased number of derelict vessels caused by a named storm (hurricane). ♦

---

## Thanks.....Doug Jaren

The Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation to Doug Jaren for his generous donation of boat cushions and child and youth sized life vests for the fundraising raffle at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Flea Market on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

CFFW sold some of these items at the fundraiser and then donated the remaining items to the *Brevard County Safe Boating Month-Kids Fishing Clinic* for distribution to participants at the Annual event on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

With the continued support of friends like Doug, our organization can continue to promote "... a reasonable co-existence between man and the marine environment." ♦

---

### General Meetings

July 27th  
September 28th  
October 26th

### Board Meetings

July 27th      September 28th  
August 1st      October 3rd  
August 29th      October 31st  
December 5th

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

# Measuring Speed Zone Effectiveness by Steven Webster

Last month the Florida Wildlife Commission rejected proposed rules for Flagler County that its own staff was – frankly – trying to stuff down the yaws of Flagler County officialdom, much as FWC staff stuffed manatee protection plans down the yaws of so many other counties in recent years.



“Put in a plan or we will withhold permits” was a threat made many times, including recently to Flagler County. But there, the County Commission held firm and unanimously opposed the FWC plan, especially after the FWC rejected many of the compromise positions suggested by the Local Review Committee. (That’s right, after hours, even months, of volunteer work, FWC staff can – and usually does – oppose the review committee findings. That’s gotta change!)

The Commission told staff to go back to the drawing board and work with the county to find an acceptable solution. It’s the first time any of us can remember the FWC turning down its own staff’s recommendations. Moreover, Flagler Commissioners have are poised to advise FWC not to bother coming back until FWC can show that speed zones are effective!

As CFFW’s Bob Atkins put it: “Wooooohoooo!” While I won’t claim to have played a major role in all this, I can honestly say that a lot of the information the Flagler folks used to fight back came from one or another of the buckets of data we’ve gathered over the years, and shared with CFFW friends and members who live and work up that away.

So, given the opportunity to show whether or not speed zones are effective: how do we do it?

Many readers no doubt saw the surprising article In Florida Today a few months back questioning whether or not manatee speed zones are effective. The article

concluded what CFFW has been saying for years: there’s no proof zones are effective.

Of course, as with all things manatee, the devil – and the delay in righting the wrongs done to so many Florida counties and boaters – is in the details.

I submit to you that some speed zones may reduce manatee mortality caused by smaller, fast boats. I’m thinking of the areas (mostly areas around power plants and in several spring-fed rivers) specifically named in the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act by the Legislature where there are so many manatees you can almost use them for stepping stones to walk across the water on some days. But beyond that I don’t buy it, and here are some reasons why.

FWC says it can’t tell if a zone is effective because, if a manatee is struck by a boat, it can travel a long way before succumbing to injuries, or even being found. Therefore FWC can’t say whether a death occurred in a zone or not. That’s true, but it’s also not relevant. Zones are supposed to be in those areas where boats are especially likely to put manatees at risk. Therefore, if a boat-struck manatee turns up, it means either the zones in that area are in the wrong places, or boaters aren’t being compliant, or the zone just plain isn’t effective. Or all three!

FWC counters by saying it recognizes zones won’t prevent all mortality. If that’s the case, then how many mortalities is too many? What is the goal? They don’t have one, and hide behind laws written in the 1970s whenever they don’t have the science to support their position.

Does one boat-strike death per year in Flagler County have any impact on species survival? Is the manatee population in Flagler declining because of boat strikes?

Heck, does the six to 22 killed in big ol’ Brevard County each year threaten species survival, or population? FWC used to say that zones were needed because manatees were in decline except in the Upper St Johns region; then, later, except in the Upper St Johns and Northwest Region; then, even later, except in the Upper St Johns, Northwest Region and Atlantic region; and now.... They finally recognize manatee populations are growing, and have been growing, everywhere in the state.

So we still need more speed zones? What’s the problem with population growth or species survival that more speed zones – or, for that matter, the zones already in place – is supposed to be resolving?

*(continued, please turn to page 10)*



# In a Victory for Flagler Boaters, FWC Rejects Its Staff's Proposed Manatee Speed Zones by *FlaglerLive.com*

Flagler County has no manatee-protection plan. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission has been looking to develop one. That usually means speed zones on the Intracoastal Waterway. Boaters don't like speed zones. But some sort of plan looked inevitable once the commission started working on a protection plan. A local advisory committee was named in accordance with law to react to the state's plan.



Fish and Wildlife's initial proposal would have created speed zones along 6.7 miles of the Intracoastal's 18-mile Flagler portion. Facing stiff opposition from local politicians, including the full weight of the Flagler County Commission—whose staff made no bones about whose sides it was on: the boaters—and a majority of the members of the local rules review committee, Fish and Wildlife compromised down to 3.8 miles of speed zones, and a much narrower manatee season when the speed zones are in effect.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission board heard the compromise today at its meeting in St. Augustine—and rejected it. The seven-member board directed its staff to go back to the negotiating table (or the drawing board) and compromise again with boating advocates.

"This is not uncommon, that's why we have these meetings," Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Joy Hill said. "They want our folks to go back out and work more with the county, with the stakeholders."

The outcome is unexpected, however. The commission staff's recommendations were expected to hold sway at today's meeting, particularly in light of the compromises the recommendations represented. Had the commission accepted the recommendations, they would have triggered public hearings and final approval at the commission's November meeting in Naples. Instead, the commission now expects to have a

reworked plan, presumably more in favor of Flagler County's position than the commission's own staff, to be presented at that November meeting.

For Flagler, it is only the latest in an impressive string of victories against state projects (or presumptions) planned for the county. In April, the county's joint governments beat back a State Department of Transportation plan to build a sea wall in Flagler Beach. Earlier this year, a similar joint government effort beat back a DOT plan to build a sizeable weigh station on U.S. 1, near Royal Palm Parkway in Palm Coast. On Tuesday, the Palm Coast City Council celebrated beating back objections by the Department of Community Affairs to two massive new developments on the west side of the city. The county had not expected to prevail over Fish and Wildlife. County commissioners spoke openly of the commission's likelihood of doing what its staff would recommend.

The Flagler County administration tried to win over the Flagler Beach Commission to its case, hurriedly asking for—and being granted—a special meeting of the city commission on Monday to win approval of a resolution supporting the county's position. The county didn't get it. Commissioners resented the last-minute tactic and tabled the matter, though as it turned out, the county got much of its way with the wildlife commission anyway.

Manatee advocates saw Wednesday's action as a clear setback. "It's really preposterous the level that FWC was willing to go to to try to accommodate the county," Katie Tripp, the Save the Manatee Club's director of science and conservation, said. "I'm pretty disappointed in the FWCV commissioners." Tripp pointed to a sharp reversal during the meeting when, earlier, on another issue, commissioners made a point of standing by staff recommendations, only to reverse course on the manatee matter.

*(continued, please turn to page 9)*

## REAL ESTATE NEEDS?

Call **ROBIN TURNER**

*The Boater's Realtor*

**Beach & Waterfront  
Property Specialist**

**321-749-7826**

**Robin@SaveFamilyBoating.org**

*"Call Robin & Start Packing"*



**Housing Market Realty**

**2715 N. Cocoa Blvd.**

**Cocoa, FL 32922**

**HousingMarketRealty.com**

## CFFW Sebastian/Hiram's 2011 Annual Boat Trip



Please join us this year in our annual Sebastian/Hiram's boat trip Friday, August 12th, thru Sunday - August 14th. 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 201 rooms in our block. There are 5 pool-side rooms available with one upgrade room in the pool-side row, the Jacuzzi room. This is the only room 1<sup>st</sup> floor pool-side that will incur the upgrade \$139 rate.

Contracted room rates are \$99 plus tax, Standard and Pool view Rooms . Upgrades available: \$139.00 plus tax for River-front and Marina Rooms. Tax rate is 11%.

Complimentary Hot Continental Breakfast served from 6:00 to 10:00am daily.

Room block release: Must have reservations by 07/12/11, when the block will release. A reservation made after room block release 07/09/10, 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. 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 is 4 p.m. We cannot guarantee rooms will be ready by 4 p.m. If you require an early check-in, the room must be reserved for the night before. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

For Dockage reservations please call the Dock master, Michael 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. They have 7 open slips for boats 21 ft and smaller, and 11 open slips for boats 22-50 ft. Please make your reservation as soon as possible because they have such limited dockage available. If you are staying on-board, there is a \$10 power hook-up fee. ♦

## County Sides with Crystal River on Proposed Federal Manatee Protection Rule

*by Robby Douglas for The Citrus Daily*

The Citrus County commission today threw its weight behind the city of Crystal River in opposition to a new proposed manatee rule by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for King's Bay in Crystal River.

The commission voted unanimously to pass a resolution of support of opposing the USFWS' proposals at the July 7 public hearing in Lecanto hosted by the Fish & Wildlife Service. The commissioners also agreed that the county should produce a white paper outlining the impact of the proposed rules on the local economy, businesses and sportsmen.

The county is drawing on all of its political influences in the process. Commissioner Joe Meek said he has contacted the offices of Congressmen Richard Nugent, Marco Rubio, Bill Nelson and State Representatives Charlie Dean and Jimmie Smith.

"It is vital that the recreation component be allowed in Kings Bay," Meek said. "The proposed rule would eliminate that. The Sportsmen's Zone has gotten smaller and smaller over time, and the rule would eliminate that."

The commission's vote came after a hot exchange on Thursday during a meeting of the Crystal River City Council in which a USF&WS representative opened discussion about the proposed rule and outlining the Service's plans.

Crystal River Mayor Andy Houston and Chamber of Commerce President Josh Wooten added their endorsement to the commission's move.

"This will require a united effort," Houston said. He added that there would be a significant economic impact if the rule were adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Service. "There is no scientific evidence (that) there is a need to put into place (this) strict manatee protection rule."

Wooten agreed. "We' (the Chamber) have had a good working relationship with the Fish & Wildlife Service. However, we feel this is overstepping the bounds and the proposed rule is an extreme measure." Wooten added that the USF&WS had not calculated the impact of the rule. They didn't give us proof that manatees have been harmed, or killed, in the Sportsmen's Zone."

The commission unanimously voted to send the proclamation, letter and white paper to the USFWS and to individually appear during the Service's July 7 public hearing. ♦

## Combatting Nonsense *by Chuck Frazier*

There was an interesting article in the Florida Today (page 4D), Saturday, June 25th. The title was "Volunteers Doing Dirty Work for the Environment". The author was Keith Winston who is the executive director of our Brevard Zoo. It was a good article until that pesky subject of boat wakes reared its ugly head. While the main part of the article was praising the volunteers who are weaving oyster beds for our lagoon, Mr. Winston just had to mention how boat wakes "doom any oyster spat that tries to colonize the area". Here's my response to the director:

Dear Mr. Winston,

I would like to thank you for your efforts to restore some oyster beds to the Indian River Lagoon. The article was interesting and promoted the benefits of volunteerism.

Why did you specifically and exclusively attribute "constant movement of shells" to "boat wakes" alone? I recently sent an e-mail to a Florida Today editor asking him something similar. He mistakenly stated that the majority of erosion in the Indian River Lagoon was caused by boat wakes. An official with FWC also said something along those lines recently.

Please notice what happens on a windy day and especially during storms. Our shorelines are continuously bombarded with waves much higher than boat wakes. Eight hours of a good, stiff wind would equate to hundreds if not thousands of boats continually throwing out huge wakes 100 feet from shore. I don't need a study for this, all I have to do is look. Erosion is a natural process that has almost nothing to do with boat wakes. Our beaches vanish from wind and wave action. The same occurs in the lagoon on a milder scale.

Almost all of the Indian River Lagoon has "Slow Speed Minimum Wake" 1500 feet from shore. It is almost impossible to put out a wake in Brevard County unless you are in the channels. The wakes are almost non-existent when they reach the shoreline if they even do.

I noticed that you arrived at the site by boat. Inaccurate comments such as yours, even if it was unintentional, cast a bad light on recreational and other boaters. Please be more careful when you make comments like this. There are some people in our area who would prefer that you walk to your restoration site. They use statements like this and other junk science to limit use of public resources.

Thank you for your time,

Chuck Frazier  
440 Poi Court  
Merritt Island, FL 32953  
3214549811



## 400 Channel Dredge Operations Have Started in Cocoa Beach

The Dredge Project for the 400 Channel has begun. It measures approximately 2,200 feet in length, 50 feet wide (at the bottom) and nearly 5.5 feet deep. This Channel provides local area boaters ready access to the Banana River



Dredged materials are being pumper nearly 6,500 linear feet via a 12-inch pipe to a designated spoil site.

The spoil site, which receives the dredged materials from the 400 Channel is located north of and adjacent to the city's tennis court complex on Tom Warriner Boulevard in Cocoa Beach.



# Miss GEICO Racing, Locals, Fans and Tourists All Win During Season Opener Teams Converge on Cocoa Beach for Spectacular Offshore Powerboat Race

by Kerry Bartlett, Space Coast Super Boat, LLC



The Season opener for the 2011 Super Boat International Racing Series was held in Cocoa Beach, Fla. with the World's fastest boats racing in perfect conditions on the Atlantic Coast, and Miss GEICO Racing taking the top spot. Fans were treated to a spectacular day of racing during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brighthouse Networks Space Coast Super Boat Grand Prix. Twenty-seven teams competed during the Sunday event and race teams treated fans to amazing speeds along with lead changes and near photo finishes.

"This was one of, if not, the best season opener we have had in the past 20 years of Superboat racing. Today's race had some of the closest head to head racing and is like a new era for powerboat racing," commented SBI President, John Carbonell. "We continue to tweak the race courses to make them shorter in distance and closer to the race fans along the beach. It has proven to be quite exciting for everyone including the teams." In the earlier years of Super Boat Racing, teams would race off 50 miles and return. Now, with the more rectangle shaped stadium style racing, it brings fans up close to the action.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event brought out some unbelievable head to head battles with a near photo finish as Loriblu Fastboats.com edged out Team Stihl for a win in the Super Cat class. "It was just incredible. We had fuel pick-up or some equipment issues that would slow us down in the corners, so we pulled off the course, and then pulled back on, as our boat came back to us. When we saw Loriblu had issues, we just had to stay in it. I think we both had the same problems and coming into the last turn, we were both off the pace. Then almost at the same time, we both picked up speed for the finish and they beat us by a boat length. It was a heart breaker," commented J.R. Noble, owner and driver of Team Stihl.

Water and weather conditions were perfect, not only for the race teams, but also for the fans. This year's event appeared to have record crowds lining the beach from Cocoa Beach Pier to Lori Wilson Park. And for those unfortunate fans who could not attend, Super Boat International and Space Coast Sports TV streamed the event live.

Other Super Boat winners included WHM Motorsports (Superboat Unlimited), GEICO Caveman (Superboat Vee Extreme), Absolutely Not (Super Vee Limited), Talbot Excavating (Superboat Stock), Twisted Metal Motorsports (P1), Zipp Express (P2) and Team Velocity (P4).

Local favorite Superboat Unlimited Team CMS (owned by Bob Bull) encountered mechanical problems early, but it wasn't without a thrilling blow-by the Pier. Unlimited competitor, Billy Mauff comments, "I wish CMS could have lasted the race and we could have raced each other. This race and location is great. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it last year but I'm glad I made it this year."

Marc Granet, Driver of Miss GEICO comments, "Cocoa Beach could be the event of the year. This place is awesome and the crowds were lined up the entire length of the beach. It was absolutely incredible."

With the support of Cocoa Beach and all the volunteers that made this possible, the weekend turned out to be a marquee event on the Super Boat International circuit. ♦

## MARINEMAX

**BREVARD**

**DELIVERING THE BOATING DREAM**

**CFFW Diamond  
Business Member**





**MERIDIAN**  
YACHTS



**BOSTON  
WHALES**





**ALWAYS OPEN AT MARINEMAX.COM**

**1410 King St., Cocoa, FL 32922**

# 636-3142





## Victory for Flagler Boaters

(continued from page 4)

"Then manatee staff get up and present this proposal and they completely disrespect them," Tripp said.

Tripp was one of nine people who spoke in favor of the commission staff's recommendations (though at least two had favored adopting the staff's original recommendation, for 6.7 miles of speed zones, not the latter, watered down version). Others included Palm Coast's Jane Culpepper and Don White of the Environmental Council of Volusia and Flagler counties. The county countered with its attorney (Al Hadeed), Palm Coast Mayor Jon Netts, himself a boater, Doug Baxter, who heads the local chamber of commerce, and Richard McCleery, also a boater. The Flagler portion of the meeting took place in the middle of the afternoon, lasting about an hour.

(The manatee rule presentation is available here. The two-day meeting is being held at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village in St. Augustine.)

Netts welcomed the outcome. "It's a compromise, so that's probably a good thing," he said, though he stressed that he was by no means opposed to speed zones. "I'm not so much interested in whittling down" the proposed speed zones further, he said, "but I really like what we call the split channel." The county is proposing to split various segments of the Intracoastal into slow zones on one side and 25 to 30 miles per hour zones in the other, essentially halving any risk to manatees.

The county has been arguing all along that one manatee death per year (the average recorded by Fish and Wildlife data) does not warrant drastic action on the Intracoastal, especially in light of a manatee population that's returned to much healthier levels than where it was 20 years ago. Netts doesn't credit the speed zones for that. "Coincidence is not cause and effect," he said. "The manatee population could have increased totally independent of the speed zone." ♦

## Sea Tow® Port Canaveral Launches Automatic Radio Check Service

**VHF channel 26/27 will be home to an important boating safety service**

**Port Canaveral, FL May 26, 2011** – Sea Tow Port Canaveral is pleased to announce a first of its kind, a public service for the safety of boaters in the Brevard County area. Boaters are now able to conduct 24/7, automated radio checks on VHF channel 26 in northern Brevard and channel 27 in southern Brevard. The service is unique in that it does not require the response of other boaters or watch-standers in order to work, nor does it require special equipment. This free service is available through Sea Tow's ongoing partnership with MariTEL.

To conduct an automated radio check, turn a VHF radio to channel 26 or 27, key the mic, and ask for a radio check, just as you would on channel 16. The system will respond with an automated reply and replay your original radio transmission, letting you know exactly how well your radio is working.

Most boaters do radio checks on channel 16 – the hailing and distress channel – which leads to reminders from the Coast Guard that the checks are improper use of the channel. By offering the automated radio check service, we hope to help reduce unnecessary traffic on VHF 16 and encourage safe boating in the Brevard area. The antenna hosting this service is located at Port Canaveral Marine in Port Canaveral and Captain Butcher's in Sebastian.

**About Sea Tow:** Sea Tow Services International, Inc. is the nation's leading marine assistance provider. Founded in 1983 by Chairman and CEO Capt. Joe Frohnhofer, Sea Tow now serves over 160,000 members in approximately 106 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. For a full list of membership benefits, or to inquire about becoming a Sea Tow franchisee, please visit [www.seatow.com](http://www.seatow.com).

**About Sea Tow Port Canaveral:** Established in April 2000. Their office is located at 133 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953. 321-868-4900 [www.facebook.com/seatowportcanaveral](http://www.facebook.com/seatowportcanaveral) ♦



A Division of Johnsen Amphibious

# WATERFRONT SOLUTIONS

Quality You Expect - Service You Deserve

Docks Seawalls Lifts Repairs

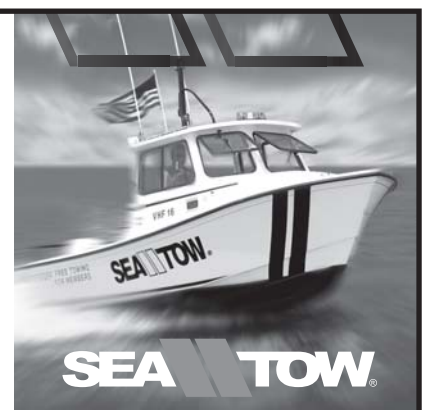
**DON NESBITT**  
**321.454.9100**

615 Azalea Avenue  
Merritt Island, FL 32952  
P:453-3582 F:454-9102

CBC 1251647  
[docks@cfl.rr.com](mailto:docks@cfl.rr.com)

**Sea Tow  
Port Canaveral**  
Serving Port Canaveral,  
Indian & Banana Rivers  
321.868.4900

800-4-SEATOW  
[seatow.com](http://seatow.com)



## Measuring Speed Zone Effectiveness

by Steven Webster (continued from page 3)



So we still need more speed zones? What's the problem with population growth or species survival that more speed zones – or, for that matter, the zones already in place – is supposed to be resolving?

In the meantime, the US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) announced it wants more speed zones in Citrus County. FWS even stated stating the new zones will definitely reduce manatee mortalities, an overly bold statement that caught my attention. No surprise, I questioned that hubris, as well as the underlying dogma that boating is always to be sacrificed for even the possibility that a manatee might not be struck at some unknown point in the future.

So, the forces of government continue to pound more signs into the waterways and send out officers to enforce and issue tickets, all without being able to say whether or why a zone will work, how they plan to measure effectiveness, or even what the goal is. And all this continues to go on even with \$14 trillion in Federal debt; pay and benefits cuts for law enforcement and firefighters; and a marine industry that's shed thousands of jobs.

Does anyone else think our government's priorities are seriously out of whack? ♦

**THIS SPACE FOR RENT**  
**GREAT LOCATION**  
**PETS WELCOME**  
**CALL KELLY**  
**321.449.0827**

## “Catch A Memory” Radio Show

The radio show will again be an hour long on WMEL 1300-AM, Saturday mornings at 8:00AM – 9:00AM. The program will be covering the fishing action on Florida's East Coast. Anglers can tune in to hear Jim and his co-hosts provide you the latest fishing and new product information. ♦

## 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 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: [www.floridainsiderfishingreport.com](http://www.floridainsiderfishingreport.com)

If you would like to contact Capt. Jim, his phone number is 321-636-3728 and his web-site is [www.finelinefishingcharters.com](http://www.finelinefishingcharters.com). ♦



**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.

# CFFW Member Recognition \_\_\_\_\_

## Diamond Level (\$100 per year)

Robert Behm	Paul & Tammarra Mycoskie
Don Nesbitt	David & Irene Nelson
Ron & Lois Dixon	Tony & Debby Pappas
Don & Linda Ewers	Ron & Karen Presley
Col. & Mrs. J.C. Farley	Richard & Patricia Rehm
Florida Sport Fishing Assoc.	Scorpion's Port Canaveral Marine
Oliver & Sherry Follweiler	Jamie Seymour/New England Mfg. Co.
Charles & Susan Frazier	Dalton & Connie Tucker/C.O.D. Outboard Marine
Jeff Haggard & Anita Bromberg	Robin & Kathy Turner
Alston & Kelli Hammons	Willie Wehrman & Peggy Cairns
Keith & Tamasine Houston	Bill & Eileen Wetzel
Doug Jaren	Robert Wille
Scott & Sue Kee	Gerd Zeiler
Troy & Lisa Lotane	

## Gold Level (\$50 per year)

Bob & Sherry Atkins	John & Diane Kendrick	Bill & Kim Rouse
Dr. & Mrs. Barry R. Barnhart	Mike & Bev Kennedy	Sheldon Rutherford
Skip & Ruth Bateman	Chyung M. Kim, MD	Alan & Joanne Russo
Gregory & Patricia Bean	Joseph & Faith Kroto	Gary & Debra Sawicki
Rick & Merry Cleveland	Troy & Genese Launay	Chuck & Tricia Sheridan
D&D Marine at the Port, Inc.	Nicholas F. Mancini	Anthony Sidor
David DeSouza	Peggy Mathews	Christine Smith
Don & Annette Doerr	Dentis McDaniel	Richard Sproc
David & Nancy Duncan	Gordon & Anita Millar	Fred Stasio
Clark & Becky Fischer	David & Alicia Musalo	Orson Tarver
Dan & Terri Friedlander	Chuck & Gale Nelson	Sam & Anne Thorpe
Joe Fust	CDR Albert J. Pappas	Ted & Linda Trainor
Gus & Bobbie Gostel	Dave & Patricia Pasley	Bob & Cookie Tubielewicz
Charle & Myrl Gunter	John & Elizabeth Picardi	Robert Veschi
Terry & Patricia Hammond	Paul & Francesca Ragusa	Thumper & Iva Volkmer
Henry & Dolores Happel	Chuck Reed	Steven Webster
Bruce & Carol Hess	Luis & Jen Rivera	David & Anne Wentworth
Lonnie & Carla Hughes	Michael & Jeanette Roberts	Westland Marina/Titusville
Frank Jones	James & Carol Rosasco	Jess H. Yates, DMD

## Business Recognition Diamond Level

# MarineMax of Cocoa

This business supports  
Citizens For Florida's Waterways  
by donating a CFFW membership with  
each boat purchased from their store.

Mandatory Equipment  
For Your Boat:

## A CFFW Family Membership!

**If you own a boat or live by the water,  
you can't afford not to join  
Citizens For Florida's Waterways!**

- ☐ \$25 Silver Family   ☐ \$100 Diamond Family  
☐ \$50 Gold Family   ☐ \$500 Platinum Family  
☐ Donation (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

**Join by Check OR Credit Card!**

**Clip and mail to:**

**Citizens For Florida's Waterways  
PO Box 541712  
Merritt Island, FL  
32954-1712  
info@cffw.org**

**Or join with your  
credit card on our  
secure web site at cffw.org**

CFFW is a 501(c)4 organization. Donations and  
membership dues are not tax-deductible.







## CFFW Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, July 27th  
Merritt Island Olive Garden (SR 520)

**Happy Hour/Socializing 6-6:30 pm**

**Dinner 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

**Meeting Begins 7:15 pm**

Our Guest Speaker will be **Russell Jamison** with **Atlas Insurance**, speaking on boat-related insurance issues.

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Kelly Haugh at 321-449-0827 before July 24th.



**Citizens For Florida's Waterways**  
Post Office Box 541712  
Merritt Island, FL 32954-1712



## ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN CFFW



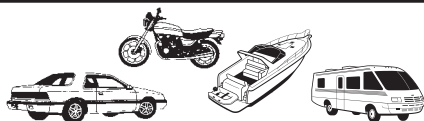
Here's a Hint

# When Does Your Membership Expire?

If you're not a member...please join.

Your membership dues provide the financial support needed to save family boating from the million-dollar enviro-businesses.

Please join online at [cffw.org](http://cffw.org)  
or by mailing the enclosed membership form.



Call Today For Accurate Quotes and Fast, Friendly Service!  
Immediate Issue of Binder and Insurance Cards

*We Only Write with A+ Rated Companies to Cover  
All of Your Insurance Needs*

**RVs, Motorhomes, Travel Trailers**  
**Personal and Commercial Auto Coverage**  
**Custom and Standard Motorcycles**  
**Homeowners and Condo Packages**  
**Power Boats, Sail Boats and Charter Vessels**  
**Boat Dealers, Marinas and Yacht Club Programs**

**26 Oleander St. - Cocoa, FL 32922**



**321-459-9905**



We Provide Service for All Lines of Insurance  
on the World Wide Web: [www.goatlasinsurance.com](http://www.goatlasinsurance.com)