



# CITIZENS FOR FLORIDA'S WATERWAYS

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## President's Message

Hey it's time for baseball's championship season and football but that doesn't mean it's Fall. Here in Florida, Fall and Spring merge and occur during the Winter months right after and prior to the next Summer. I get a kick out of hearing folks wish for cooler weather. Be patient and don't blink or you'll miss it. For me . . . well . . . some like it hot.

When I sat down to write my message for this edition, three events have dominated my thoughts the last couple of months and seemed worthy of reflection. Other than the subject of the Poker Run, I offer my thoughts as encouragement to take a moment away from the everyday tasks and reflect on your own situation now, while you are calm. In the heat of the moment, anxiety and apprehension can make critical thinking and decisions more difficult. Truth is, I am probably talking to myself more than any one else. Read on with that in mind. My message - Be prepared. Stay alert. Stay safe.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Almost Annual CFFW Poker Run**

The Annual CFFW Poker Run was very successful. We had a good turnout and gave away a lot of fun, cash and prizes. It takes a bit of effort to plan, setup and execute these events, so it is nice when they are appreciated as much as all the participants indicated. After a day on the water visiting businesses and collecting poker chips, we celebrated the activities of the day, dealt cards, awarded cash and prizes at Squid Lips, Melbourne. We thank all of our waterfront business participants waterfront businesses:

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Captain Katanna's Dockside Restaurant  
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Squid Lips Overwater Grill, Melbourne

And special thanks to our sponsorship support from local boat dealerships:

MarineMax Cocoa  
Boaters Exchange  
Stingray Boats

We had over 17 participating boats this year and over 45 hands played.

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## Please Mark Your Calendars!



- » **September 19: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm  
Viera Government Center, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor. Open to the public.
- » **September 30: Board of Directors Meeting-Election of Officers** 6:30 pm  
Lighthouse Christian Church on N. Banana River Dr. Open to the public
- » **October 2: District 2 Dredging Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm Karen Rood  
Bldg (near the boat ramp) at Kiwanis Island, Merritt Island. Open to the public.
- » **October 17: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm Viera Government  
Center, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor. Open to the public.
- » **October 28: Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 pm Lighthouse Christian  
Church on N. Banana River Dr. Open to the public
- » **November 6: District 2 Dredging Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm Karen Rood  
Bldg (near the boat ramp) at Kiwanis Island, Merritt Island. Open to the public.
- » **November 21: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm Viera Government  
Center, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor. Open to the public.
- » **December 4: District 2 Dredging Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm Karen Rood  
Bldg (near the boat ramp) at Kiwanis Island, Merritt Island. Open to the public.
- » **December 7: Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade** hosted by Stingray  
Boats and Blue Marlin Realty. Stay tuned to Merritt Island Christmas Boat  
Parade FB page or CFFW.org for more info.
- » **December 14: Cocoa Beach Christmas Boat Parade.** Stay tuned to CFFW.  
org for more info.
- » **December 19: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm Viera Government  
Center, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor. Open to the public.

## 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.

If you wish to save your club money on printing and postage, please reply to [info@cffw.org](mailto:info@cffw.org) and we will add you to the email list for your newsletters!.

You can view the same exact version online at [CFFW.org](http://CFFW.org) and click on "newsletters" tab and the issue you would like to view. ❖

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

## President's Message

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Our winners of the day are:

Best hand-Patrick Mulligan-\$250

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Hand-Mindy Mosquera -\$175

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Hand-Gary Haugh-\$100

Lady's Most Queens-Jayne Enneking-\$50

Man Most Kings-Eddy Norman-\$50

50/50 -Angela O'Neal-\$175

If you participated we thank you and know you had a great day. If you were not able to make it this year, make plans to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Almost Annual CFFW Poker Run next summer.

**Sometimes – It Takes a Storm. We were very fortunate.**

I think we all were watching with much more than a casual interest as Dorian built, stalled, built strength again, and created ultimate tragedy and total

devastation in the Abaco Cays and Grand Bahama Islands. I know that many of us have fond memories of visits to our nearby neighbors off South Florida. I am also confident that almost all of you have found one way or another to contribute to the recovery efforts of the thousands whose lives were forever altered in those few LONG days.

Almost everyone I know was ready to move farther inland as the path of Dorian remained just a little too undetermined and with just not enough margin between predicted path and our barrier islands. We evacuated on Monday afternoon as the margin decreased too far for comfort only to return Tuesday morning as the storm tracked just enough farther east to feel comfortable in our own home. In the end, Dorian was almost a non-event here in Brevard.

We all watched as it wreaked havoc on the Outer Banks. Once again, the lesson is that in many cases,

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surge is a bigger threat to life and property than wind. We need to bear that in mind. Clearly the beaches are at risk to storm surge, but do not be fooled by thinking that storm surge cannot breach the beach and raise the Banana River to levels that threaten property and life. Bear in mind that there are waves on top of the higher water levels.

So it is of utmost importance that we are aware and cognizant of the best information possible on which to make the decision to hunker down or evacuate. The source of ALL broadcast TV weather is from the National Hurricane Center. During storm season, I keep a tab in my homepage assigned to [nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov). Take a minute and look the site over if you have not been using it already. The information on the site is updated at least every six hours and includes more than just prediction cones and max wind speeds. Here you can find current and predicted eye diameter, max winds, distance from center for hurricane force and tropical storm winds, best predictions latitude and longitude positions for the next several days.

So, the experience of Dorian is at worst a good "dry run" of our individual emergency preparations and planning. Now is the time to make any corrections from the "lessons learned" from our fortunate circumstances.

There are no opportunities to make corrections to insurance coverage after storm threats have been announced. If you had second thoughts about your coverage, make those changes. Also, there are a couple of personalized checklists you might consider creating/editing based on your experience.

If you evacuate, what should/can you pack up and take with you. One of the primary reasons you might be considering evacuating is the threat of rising water. Of the items you must leave behind, what are the high places in your house and what should you put up there? Are there items so irreplaceable that they should be "waterproofed" (for example tightly bagged)? One

of the lessons from other impacted areas is that long power outages may cause items in your refrigerator to spoil and actually ruin your appliance. Gallon jugs of frozen water might be something you want to accumulate and place in your refrigerator before you leave. You might consider packing a cooler. Frozen and refrigerated meat should go with you.

If you stay to ride it out, what supplies should you have on hand at all times? What items should you get/replace when the threat of an approaching storm places our area at risk. Don't forget prescriptions and pet supplies.

I know in my immediate neighborhood, we helped each other out. We shared information and plans by visiting on the sidewalk and through neighborhood group eMail. We had an idea of who was staying, who was leaving and where they were going. Those who were leaving had contact information with those who were staying to get updates on post storm conditions. The certain sense of community is one of the positive aspects of the experience.

## Tragedy Off Port Canaveral

Plenty has been written about the tragic loss of two of our boating family while fishing out of Port Canaveral. Many of our members, our families and friends enjoy off shore outings for a variety of reasons including recreation, fishing and cruising to an offshore destination.

For the past several years, I have written a springtime article about the importance of our boat and equipment maintenance. The events of last month made me think beyond maintenance and evaluate and re-evaluate my own precautions and preparations for my off-shore fishing trips. It's a big ocean and there is always the potential for unexpected problems to turn pleasure into challenge. We spend a bundle on the equipment that facilitates the purpose

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of our boating outings. In my case, there is an abundance of valuable fishing equipment on-board.

Take a minute to ask how well you are prepared for the unexpected. Do you have emergency equipment and is it in good operational condition. Are there some additional items that you should budget for and have on board even though you never plan to use them? If so, make those necessary purchases, learn how to operate the equipment and stow it properly on board so that it is accessible in emergency. Working VHF radios(s), GPS, EPRIB, PLB are invaluable when you need them. PFDs and a ditchbag with survival essentials that you can quickly grab are no good as an afterthought. Whenever you leave home, make sure someone knows approximately where you are going and when you expect to be back.

We may not be able to predict or avoid an emergency, but we can make every effort to be as prepared as we can to react and increase our chances to be found, rescued and survive.

Godspeed Brian and Justin. ❖

## Dredging Update Needs Fine Tuning

### Derelict Vessels

CFFW would like to report that Derelict Vessel removal operations continue countywide. Brevard County has removed 15 vessels in the last couple of months with a total of \$450,000 in funding and will continue with vessels near Port Canaveral and the Palm Bay area amongst others.

### Dredging

Muck dredging projects continue moving forward with the Grand Canal dredging project ready to start pre-dredging site work and the Mims dredging project



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nearing closure. The Milford Point (Merritt Island) maintenance dredging project is expected to go out to bid next month.

### Working Waterfronts

Blue Crab Cove Phase II is moving forward into the land acquisition phase with a \$1.5 Million Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant. The State will be purchasing Sutton's Pool location and the 2 lots adjacent to it, and then turn over to Brevard County for management.

### Artificial Reef

The Artificial Reef deployment, scheduled through funding awarded in 2018, was deployed in July placing an additional 23 modules in the area 15 miles east of Port Canaveral. Brevard County Natural Resources office has received a letter confirming that a 2019 Artificial Reef grant application has been tentatively funded, so we should keep that going for another year.

### Ramps

It seems that all ramps are now open and functioning with the exception of Ballard Park. ❖

## 2020 CFFW Board of Directors Slate

All CFFW Members are eligible and encouraged to vote. Please turn in your ballot at the 2020 CFFW annual meeting in October or mail in before October 15, 2019.

You may mail this ballot:

**CFFW**  
**P.O. Box 541712**  
**Merritt Island, FL 32954-1712**

Write-ins are encouraged.

Nominations from the floor during the October meeting are encouraged.

**YOUR INVOLVEMENT ON THE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED!**

Standing For Re-Election:

Check the ☐ next to the candidates

### **2020 BALLOT**

The ballot includes 8 Candidates. You may vote for up to 11 Candidates, which means you are encouraged to write-in at least one name.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Atkins	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Haugh	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Wehrman	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Dignan	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Haugh	Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimmerman	Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandy Reynolds	Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robin Turner	Director

Write-Ins: You may write in as many candidates as you wish. Please include their name and phone number. If elected, write-ins may decline the honor.

Name	Phone

## Boat Safe Reimbursement Program

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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 contact a CFFW Board member and present your certificate of completion, and receive your reimbursement. CFFW funds are limited, but at this time we should be able to accommodate a relatively large class.

Because we do have a finite amount of money, it is on a first come, first served basis.

You can visit our website at [www.cffw.org](http://www.cffw.org) for more info. You may also contact Kelly Haugh CFFW V.P. at 321-543-6970 for more information.

Enjoy safe boating!

# CFFW Member Recognition

## Diamond Level (\$100 per year)

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Gary & Kelly Haugh	Robin & Kathy Turner
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Keith & Tamasine Houston	Thumper Volkmer
Russell Jamieson/Atlass Insurance	Debra Warner
Doug Jaren	Willie & Peggy Wehrman
Troy & Genese Launay	Bill & Eileen Wetzel
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Don Nesbitt/Waterfront Solutions	Dave & Bonnie Zimmerman

## Gold Level (\$50 per year):

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Scott Ellis	Thomas Raftican
William Eells	Robert Rusk
David Falabella	Gary & Debra Sawicki
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Derek Ferguson	Sea Tow/Port Canaveral
Ed French	Wayne & Pat Stratford
Joe Fust	Jim & Pam Urick
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## New Member:

Angela O'Neil – Merritt Island

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