



Freedom of Our Waterways for All

WHY WE ARE HERE

- We are active cruisers, users of Florida waterways.
- Concern on reoccurring attempts to restrict anchoring through legislative action. .
- Access to safe anchoring is critical fanchoring spots are critical when transiting the public waterways.
- Many cruise on to Bahamas and to Florida Keys locations and anchorages for weather window waits are under constant threat of restrictions
- We support the good legislation that was established in 2021-2022 with Sec. 327.4108 (2) (a) F.S.

STATE LAW ON ANCHORING

- State owns navigable waterways in trust for public (just like beaches).
- 2021 legislation established Anchor Limitation Areas (ALA), with a 45-day maximum.
- County/municipalities can establish ALA without adding additional legislation or restrictions.
- Long-term anchoring and derelict boats can be controlled through enforcing existing laws and ALA.
- Currently, ALA implemented in Hollywood, North and South Lake with great success.
- Brevard and Pinellas counties are currently considering ALAs.

WHO WE ARE: COALITION OF BOATER'S ASSOCIATIONS

- America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association (AGLCA)
- DeFever Cruisers (DF)
- Marine Trawler Owners Association (MTOA)
- Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA)
- Together we represent the interests of tens of thousands of cruisers.

WHO REPRESENT: CRUISERS AND TRANSIENT BOATERS

- Most are slow boats, cruising at 7- to 12-miles per hour.
- Anchoring spots critical as we transit Florida.
- Many cruise on to Bahamas and key anchorages to wait weather are under constant threat.
- Not enough marina space for all transient boats.
- Waterway stewardship matters to us - we are protective of the need for clean, navigable, and safe waterways.

BOATING IS GOOD FOR FLORIDA

- More than 1 million registered boats in Florida.
- Over \$100 million in annual registration fees.
- Over \$30 billion annual economic impact per National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA).
- Over 100,000 jobs supported by the marine industry.

DERELICT BOATS - WE DON'T LIKE THEM EITHER

- Many long term stored vessels become at risk or derelict and sink, resulting in pollution, hazard to navigation, limited space in anchorages, insurance risks, and more.
- Anchor Limitation Areas provide a method to control, without adding more legislation, nor putting an unreasonable burden on boaters like our members.
- FWC has means to report, address, and remove derelict and at risk vessels.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS ALREADY ENACTED

- There is money already designated to do the work needed to make our waterways cleaner and safer (FWC VTIP, Clean Marinas, Designated Mooring Fields, ALA legislation, and more).
- Established law enforcement agencies at every level (state, counties, and municipalities) can enforce existing laws.
- New programs and legislation put in place since 2021 should be given the time to work and show efficacy.

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