



Requirements for Manatee Protection Educational Program June 2019

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Boat facilities, such as marinas and boat ramps, are frequently located in areas of high manatee use. In order to reduce the likelihood of boat and manatee collisions, educational materials are sometimes required as a condition of permit or lease. The information below includes possible requirements for a boat facility, depending on the facility's location and potential to adversely affect manatees. If you have questions, please contact FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section at ImperiledSpecies@myfwc.com or (850) 922-4330.

Name of Facility: _____
Permit or Lease Number: _____

Manatee Educational Signs:

When requesting manatee educational signs, please include an attached aerial map depicting where and how many of each sign you think would be appropriate for your facility. Signs should be placed facing away from the water and be in areas with high foot traffic.

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| _____ Florida Friendly Boating Sign | _____ Caution: Boaters Sign* |
| _____ Entanglement Sign | _____ Caution: Shut Down Sign* |

For more information on size requirements for signs or known vendors, please visit the [Manatee Educational Plans and Signs](#) page on FWC's website.

*These signs can also be used as temporary signs during in-water construction, as part of the standard manatee construction conditions.

Other Signs and Kiosk Materials:

Other signs and kiosk materials may be downloaded as PDFs.

- Kiosks with [Manatee Protection Speed Zone maps](#)
- Kiosks with [Manatee GIS Data](#) (such as Aerial Survey or Mortality)
- [Right Whale Signs](#) Source: NOAA Fisheries

Boating and Angling Guides, and other County Specific Information:

Boating and Angling Guides may be ordered from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

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| Apalachee Bay | Lake Worth Lagoon |
| Apalachicola Bay | Lower Florida Keys |
| Bay County | Middle Florida Keys |
| Biscayne Bay | Nassau and Duval County |
| Brevard County | Nature Coast |
| Charlotte Harbor | Sarasota County |
| Choctawhatchee Bay | St. Joseph Bay |
| Citrus County | Tampa Bay |
| Collier County | Treasure Coast South |
| Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties | Upper Florida Keys |
| Flagler and St. Johns Counties | Volusia County |
| Hernando and Pasco Counties | Hillsborough Bay Boater's Guide* |
- Source: Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Brochures:

Brochures may be downloaded as a PDF from the Manatee – Brochures page on FWC's website.

- [A Boater's Guide to Living with Florida Manatees](#)
- [Guidelines for Protecting Native Wildlife: Florida Manatees](#)
- [Where are Florida's manatees?](#)
- [The Florida Manatee](#) Source: Florida Power & Light

For Kids:

Activity books may be downloaded as a PDF from the Manatee – Brochures page on FWC's website.

- [Manatee Coloring Book](#)