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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Boating & Waterways Section Field Access Crew

300+ Boat Ramps throughout the State of Florida



Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)

Provides funding through competitive grants for boating access projects and other boating-related activities benefitting motorized vessels in Florida. Eligible program participants include county governments, municipalities and other governmental entities of the state of Florida.

Eligible uses of program funds include:

- ·Boat ramps; lifts and hoists; marine railways; and other public launching facilities
- •Piers, docks and other mooring facilities
- •Recreational channel marking and other uniform waterway markers
- •Derelict vessel removal
- Boating education
- •Economic development initiatives that promote boating
- •Other local boating-related activities that enhance boating access for recreational boaters

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP)

- The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) provides funding through competitive grants for tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats 26 feet or longer (non-trailerable)
- https://myfwc.com/boating/grants-programs/
- <u>Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program</u>
- Boating Safety and Education Program
- Boating Safety Grants BoatUS Foundation



Capacity Limits: Signs indicating the maximum number of boats allowed on the ramp at a given time can help prevent overcrowding and maintain safety

Emergency Contact Information: Display signs with contact numbers for local authorities, so that boaters can quickly report any hazards that may occur at the ramp.

End of Ramp Markings



Create an Inspection Plan

- Get an Idea of What is Going on in the Water Using a Round Survey Rod
- Use The Dock If You Can
- Get in the Water If You Can't
- Always Perform Inspections in Pairs
- Wear A Life Vest With Waders

Road Ends in Water





- In order to operate a motorboat of ten (10) horsepower or greater, Florida law requires anyone who was born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 to successfully complete an approved boating safety course and obtain a Boating Safety Education Identification Card issued by the FWC.
- Florida does not have a "boating license." The Boating Safety Education Identification Card is proof of successful completion of the educational requirements and is valid for life.







https://www.boatingsafety.com/page/life-jacket-loaner-program

https://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/courses/

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