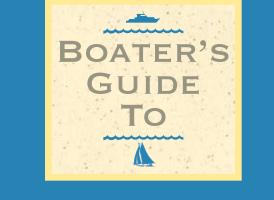
ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Manatee County Boater's Guide contains maps and information specific to the waterways of Manatee County, emphasizing newly-posted manatee protection and boating safety speed zones. Many features of interest to boaters and anglers are displayed: locations of boat ramps, marinas, piers, parks and preserves accessible by water, aquatic preserves, watersport recreational areas, artificial reefs, navigational channels, and speed zones. A Resource Directory along with information on marine life and native habitats, boating and angling safety, and ways in which boaters can help protect our local waterways, are also included. This guide should not be used for navigational purposes. Instead, use nautical charts #11400 and #11420, which are available through NOAA.



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www.mymanatee.org/conservation.html



Manatee County



Welcome to Manatee County



Manatee County is located along the west coast of Florida, south of Tampa Bay, with over 150 miles of coastline and 27 miles of white sand beaches. Mangrove forests, seagrass beds, salt marshes and mud flats are among a few of the important coastal habitats which serve the abundant bird and marine animal populations of the County. Manatee County waters provide excellent recreational boating, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

Fishing has been a major industry in Manatee County for centuries. Today, both commercial and recreational fishing are important economic elements of the region. Whether visiting or living in Manatee County,

you too can make a difference by doing your part in protecting our waterways, through safe and responsible boating and enhanced awareness of the region's precious natural resources.

Birds of the Bay Area

Some common birds to this region that you might see include the Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Great Egret, White Ibis, Brown Pelican, Osprey, Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, and the endangered Florida Scrub Jay. The maps included in this guide highlight bird viewing opportunities such as bird hot spots, bird rookeries, and bird sanctuaries.

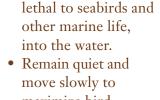
Loss and fragmentation of habitat is a threat to all birds and to all species of animals that inhabit the Gulf Coast Region.

Birding Tips

• Enjoy viewing bird rookeries from at least 100 yards away. These rookeries harbor nesting colonies and flocks of feeding birds. Boaters and operators of personal watercraft should slow down in order to reduce wakes in these birding areas. Large wakes resulting from higher speeds are responsible for the erosion of bird islands and mangrove areas, and the noise generated from higher speeds are disruptive to wildlife.

- Report injured seabirds that need assistance. Consult the Resource Directory of this guide for contact information.
- Pick up marine debris if you find it and don't discard any fishing line or other trash, which can be

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maximize bird viewing opportunities.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Audubon Coastal Islands Sanctuaries 813-623-6826 FDEP Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve 941-721-2068 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement 888-404-3922 Manatee and marine turtle collision hotline; rescue and recovery. Also to report oil spills, fishing violations, boating accidents, and marine mammal injuries or strandings. Information also available on saltwater fishing and shellfish harvesting. Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Aquaculture 850-488-5471 For more information on shellfish harvesting. www.floridaaguaculture.com Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute 727-896-8626 Florida Fishing Licenses 888-347-4356 WWW. elicense.con Florida Sea Grant Extension 941-722-4524 Manatee County: Marine Rescue 941-749-3500 **Sheriff's Office** (Emergency) (Report crime or incident) 941-747-3011 **Conservation Lands Mgmt. Dept.** 941-745-3723 Parks & Recreation Dept. 941-742-5923 Lake Manatee Dam/Water Treatment 941-746-3020

941-388-4441 Mote Marine Laboratory For assistance with injured marine mammals or sea turtles.

National Marine Fisheries Service 727-570-5301 Southwest Regional Office, responsible for managing marine fisheries in federal waters

NOAA Weather Service Broadcas 24-hour weather and marine forec	
Sarasota Bay Estuary Program	941-955-8085
Tampa Bay Estuary Program	813-893-2765
Sea Tow Marine Towing Service	800-473-2869
U.S. Coast Guard Rescue (Non- For search and rescue assistance VHF	(Emergency) 911 -emergency) 941-794-1261 Channel 16; Emergency Cell *CG.
West Coast Inland Navigation Distr For information on the Gulf Intraco	
Wildlife Inc. For assistance with injured birds.	941-778-6324

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Manbirtee Key Security Zone No entry unless a permit is obtained from Port Manatee Security. The security zone extends out	MANBIRTEE KEY	
1500´ from Manbirtee Key. For permit information call 941-722-6455.		
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Maxi	Bishop Harbor	<i>(</i> 41)

	BOAT RAMPS			Address					Open 24 Hours	Useable at all Tides	Boats Over 15	Restrooms	
1	Bishop Harbor		Bishop Ha	rbor Rd., Pa	Imetto					—	—	—	lĿ
2	US Hwy 19 (limited parking)	Off of US I	Hwy 19, Palr	netto				•	- 1	_	_	1 1
3	63rd St. Memorial Park		East end c	East end of 63rd St., Holmes Beach				_	—	—	—		
4	Kingfish		Manatee A	Manatee Ave. W. (west of Intracoastal), Holmes Beach				•	•	•	•		
5	59th St. W./Warners Bayou		5800 River	5800 Riverview Blvd., Bradenton				•	•	•	•	!!!	
6	Palmetto		801 Rivers	801 Riverside Dr. on Manatee River, Palmetto				•	•	•	•	(
7	Highland Shores		353 Shore	353 Shore Drive on Manatee River, Ellenton				•	•	—	•		
8	State Rd. 64/Braden River		Manatee A	Manatee Ave. E. (SR 64) on Braden River, Bradenton				•	•	_	•] [8	
9	Coquina North		Gulf Dr. S.	Gulf Dr. S. (SR 789), on Anna Maria Island, Bradenton Beach					•	—	•	•	
10	Coquina South		Gulf Dr. S.	Gulf Dr. S. (SR 789), on Anna Maria Island, Bradenton Beach					•	•	•	•] [-
Clean Marina Designation is given by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to marinas that meet federal and state environmental regulations as well as provide environmental education and services to boaters. For more information visit the Clean Marina website: www.floridadep.org/law													
	MARINAS	Clean Marina	Fuel Gas/Diesel	Pumpout	Bait	Marker No.	Contact		Address				
1	Palm View Marina		_	_	—	—	941-729-8384	6817	7 Bayshore Rd., Palmetto				
2	Catcher's Marina		• G	_	•	53	941-778-1977	5501	501 Marina Dr., Holmes Beach				

ns		ARTIFICIAL REEFS	Depth	Latitude	Longitude	
	1	Bulkhead Reef	15′	27° 33.19′N	82° 42.37 W	
	2	Southeast Tampa Bay Reef	1 4′	27° 32 .90′N	82° 40.30′W	
	3	Seven Mile North Reef	40´-41´	27° 32 .39′N	82° 52.70′W	
	4	Emerson Point Reef	12′-16′	27° 31.84′N	82° 38.77′W	
	5	Three Mile North Reef	30´	27° 29.99′N	82° 47.00 W	
	6	One Mile Reef	20´	27° 29.41′N	82° 44.99 W	
	7	Bradenton Beach Pier Reef	4´-10´	27° 27.99′N	82° 41.65 W	
	8	Coquina Near Shore Reef	8´-15´	27° 26.99′N	82° 41.83′W	
	9	Seven Mile South Reef	40´-42´	27° 26.59′N	82° 49.20 W	
	10	Three Mile South Reef	30´-31´	27° 26.56´N	82° 44.85 W	
	11	Bayshore North Reef	10′	27° 24.50′N	82° 36.10 W	
	12	Bayshore South Reef	10-11´	27° 23.90′N	82° 35.60 W	
	13	Whale Key Reef	10′	27° 23.50′N	82° 36.25′W	

