



Legend

 RESUME NORMAL SAFE OPERATION	 IDLE SPEED NO WAKE	 SLOW SPEED MINIMUM WAKE	 Sports Area 35 MPH	 25 MPH	 NO ENTRY
Normal Safe Operation	Idle Speed No Wake	Slow Speed Minimum Wake	Sports Area 35 mph	25 mph	No entry

- No person shall operate any watercraft in excess of IDLE SPEED within 300 feet of any land fronting on the Gulf of Mexico, in Sarasota County.
- Vessel mooring within 150 feet of a residential waterfront property for longer than 24 hours is prohibited (unless you have permission from the property owner).
- No person shall operate any watercraft within a swimming area, which has been marked with buoys, nor within 500 feet of any guarded public beach on the Gulf of Mexico.
- To report violators call the County Tip Line at 941.861.SINK (7465) or call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement at 888.404.3922.



Myakka River Boat Speed Zones

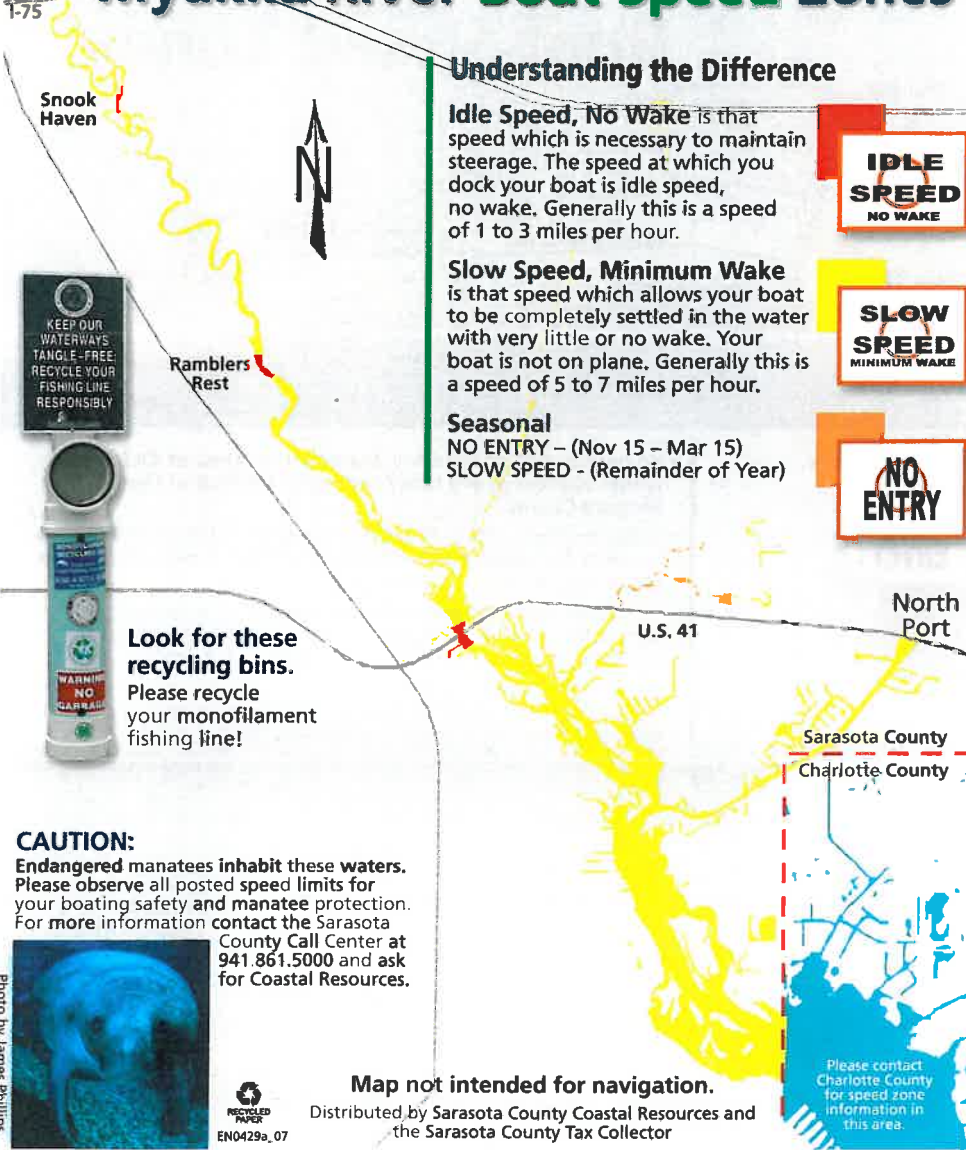


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Sarasota County Boat Speed Zones, Fishing Licenses & Boating Safety

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Fishing Licenses & Boating Safety

Fishing Licenses

- Fishing licenses may be purchased online or by phone.
- Visit the Sarasota County's Tax Collectors Web site at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com
 - Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000
 - Visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Web site at www.myfwc.com
 - Call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-347-4356

Exceptions:

- Anglers under 16 years of age
 - Florida residents age 65 or older
 - Florida residents fishing from land or a fixed structure (such as a pier, bridge, etc.)
- A freshwater fishing license is required for all anglers age 16 or older. All non-resident anglers over age 16 are required to purchase non-resident licenses. Freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses are available at the Tax Collector's offices and at various subagents in Sarasota County (see subagent list below).

Subagents authorized to sell fishing licenses and permits (as of November 2007)

Nokomis North Jetty Fish Camp Inc.	941-488-2408
Osprey Wal-Mart	941-918-1247
Sarasota Sarasota Tax Collector – Tamiami Trail	941-861-5000 941-861-5000
Venice Washington Boulevard (SR 301)	941-955-7288
CB's Saltwater Outfitters	941-349-4400
Economy Tackle	941-922-9671
Harts Landing	941-955-0011
K-Mart	941-957-1460
Sports Authority	941-377-4301
The Bullet Hole	941-957-1996
Wal-Mart	941-379-3550
Venice Cooks Sportland Inc.	941-493-0025
K-Mart	941-493-3213
Wal-Mart	941-497-2523

Note: \$.50 is added for each license purchased from a subagent.

It won't work if you don't wear it.

National Safe Boating Council
 Florida law requires wearable life jackets or personal flotation devices (PFD) be on board for each adult and all children regardless of age. For more information call 703-361-4294.



Safe Boating Classes*

- U. S. POWER SQUADRON:**
 Website – www.usps.org or call: 941-485-7245
 Englewood/North Port/Venice 941-953-7565
 Sarasota/Longboat Key
- U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY:**
 Website – www.nws.cgaux.org or call: 941-475-0127
 Englewood 941-378-5620
 Longboat Key 941-366-5595
 Sarasota

* Mandatory if under 16 years of age.