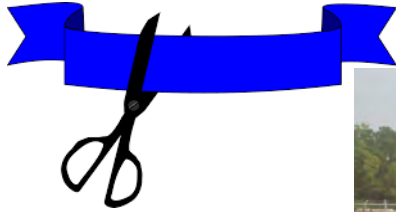


# MIACC

## *At the Helm*



### November Membership Meeting Recap



The November membership meeting was a great night of networking, information sharing, and delicious food! The night kicked off with the Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the Florida Sports Park as the HOME of the Naples Boat Show.

Improvements to the park are coming along nicely! More fill is going in and once all is level and graded with storm pipes for drainage, the field will be hydro-seeded and the final layer of pavement will be put down on the 12' road surrounding the 4-acre exhibition field!

We appreciate all our cheerleaders for trusting the hard work and attempts at giving you the best show Naples/Collier County has to offer!

We will still pray for no rain this year... as we don't need another "Under"water Boat Show, but the site is ready for it if it does!

Space is selling and many of you are re-signing for your same space as last year... don't miss out! Everyone had a GREAT selling show last year... it will only get better!



**Speaker: Phil Jones**

*Keys To Creating a High Performance Work Environment*

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#### *Welcome Aboard New Members:*

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### From Your Board of Directors

#### **2015 Naples Boat Show January 29th-February 1st @ Florida Sports Park**

- ◆ Applications are available at MIACC.org. Space is selling fast!!
- ◆ Board of Director Voter Ballots will be emailed this week for your 2015 MIACC Board of Directors. Please email your votes before **Friday, December 19th** Director@miacc.org
- ◆ The MIACC Foundation will participate in the City of Naples

Christmas Parade downtown. Come preview the lighted boat of Foundation VP, Steve Sprigg & Galati Yacht Sales **Tuesday, December 9th @ 3rd Street/5th Avenue**

- ◆ The **2014 Christmas Boat Parade** will be held **December 13th** from 6:15-8:30. The Naples City Dock will host the Parade Judges and VIP guests. Entry forms and sponsor information are available at [www.MIACC.org](http://www.MIACC.org). The parade theme is "Silver

Bells" to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the parade. All proceeds will benefit the Ricky King Foundation.

- ◆ MIACC Artificial Reef Deployment Flotilla is scheduled for **January 9, 2015**. If you have a vessel available to transport MIACC members, public officials or the media please let Tiffany know Email: [director@miacc.org](mailto:director@miacc.org)

**25th Annual Christmas Boat Parade**



In 1995 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County Foundation was established. Charitable recognition (501c (3)) was awarded in 1996 by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Foundation was organized to develop, produce, and support programs related to recreational boating and our marine environment. The Foundation will not participate in lobbying activities but will concentrate on programs of education and safety for local boaters and those for the enhancement of our marine environment. Many of these programs will be conducted directly through the MIACC Foundation, programs for boating safety in local schools, donation of equipment to defend the marine environment, and production and free distribution of charts of local waters indicating speed zones and areas of marine conservation. The Foundation will also support other community based programs/projects that are consistent with the goals of the Foundation.

In 1997 the Foundation partnered with the City of Naples to apply for a grant for a pump-out boat to service area boaters, in an effort to improve and support the National Clean Waters Act.

Annually, the Foundation produces the Kids Fishing Clinic at the Naples Pier, as well as the Christmas Boat Parade on Naples Bay, the proceeds of which are donated to a local charity.

The Foundation is working with local environmental organizations to decrease pollution of our waterways, improve protection of the marine habitat, and improve boating safety

Please send donations, which are tax deductible to MIACC Foundation, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101

**The MIACC Foundation Supports these Local Charities:**

- CCSO Build-A-Boat Program
- Freedom Waters Foundation
- Friends of Rookery Bay
- Junior Deputy
- Keep Collier Beautiful
- Naples Community Sailing
- Ricky King Fund

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARINE INDUSTRIES

*Christmas*

# BOAT PARADE

ON NAPLES BAY

Sponsored By

**December 13, 2014**  
6:15-8:30pm from Bayview Park to Tin City

Over \$3,000 in Awards and Prizes sponsored by:

- Aldes Ristorante
- The Boathouse Restaurant
- Coastal Marine Fuel
- The Dock
- El Rayfront Cafe
- Kelly's Fish House
- M&M's Cafe
- Outback Steakhouse
- Pincher's Crab Shack
- Pura Naples
- The Riverwalk Restaurant
- Sea/Tow
- Sundine Ace Hardware
- Tacos & Tequila
- Tavern on the Bay
- Tommy Bahamas
- Tow Boat US
- The Wheel Tavern & Glam Bar
- and many more...

*Silver Bells*

**FREE TO ENTER**  
Donations Appreciated

**CATEGORIES**

**Power Boat Entry**  
Up to 25'  
31' - 40'  
41' - 50'  
51' +

**Sail Boat Entry**  
Up to 35'  
36' +

**Commercial**  
Up to 40'

**Pincher's Crab Shack Boat Entry**  
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**Captains Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 10th  
6:30pm  
Pincher's Crab Shack at Tin City

**100% of Proceeds to benefit the Ricky King Children's Fund.**

Over the past decade, the Marine Industries Christmas Boat Parade has provided over \$80,000 in donations to the Ricky King Children's Fund.

Register today at [www.MIACC.org](http://www.MIACC.org) Events or  
Call (239) 682-0900 Email: [Director@MIACC.org](mailto:Director@MIACC.org)

## MIAF Requests Comments: All Aboard Florida



### ALL ABOARD FLORIDA RAIL SERVICE WILL AFFECT BOATING PLEASE COMMENT TODAY

**December 3: Last day to comment to FRA**

You may not be aware of plans to create a high speed rail service between Miami and Orlando. The rail service will very significantly increase bridge closings along the east coast and around Lake Okeechobee.

At first blush, this might not seem of direct concern to boating interests on the west coast. There will, however, be serious impacts on boat traffic along the Caloosahatchee River and there may be long-term precedents set that, in time, can have a direct impact on just about all marine businesses.

Send in your comments!

To submit comments to the FRA, please

(1) Mail: Mr. John Winkle, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE, Room W38-311, Washington, DC 20590

(2) Email: [AAF\\_comments@vhb.com](mailto:AAF_comments@vhb.com) or [John.winkle@dot.gov](mailto:John.winkle@dot.gov)

### RAIL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONFLICTS WITH FLORIDA MARINE INDUSTRIES

**SUMMARY:** Pending proposals including All Aboard Florida, and other freight and commuter train long-range planning are of great concern to the Marine Industries of Florida, particularly in the East coast counties from Miami-Dade to Jacksonville-Duval, and central counties from Martin to Charlotte and Lee. The Association will advocate against rail or other transportation plans which (in keeping with US Coast Guard rule and Federal law) unreasonably obstruct navigation[1] for recreational or commercial marine vessels. In addition to voicing objections to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which issuance timing is uncertain, all concerned marine industries should respond to the US Coast Guards call for public comment, with availability to receive written comments:

**BACKGROUND:** The Marine Industries of Florida is a network and coalition of 7 regional Associations which together have a beneficial economic impact that ranks first among the states in the US – estimated at more than \$10.3 billion [3] in direct economic impact and up to \$18.4 Billion [4] (including indirect jobs and commerce, which is larger than Florida's Cruise and Citrus Industries). Florida's vast network of waterways comprises a marine transportation network rivaled by few other places. The Industry works diligently to improve boating opportunities; improve marine transportation for residents, commercial, and industrial interests; and improve marine ecosystem conditions so vital to tourism and fishing industries.

Like other Floridians, MIAF wants a surface transportation system that operates more smoothly to move people and goods with a minimal of congestion and negative environmental effects. However the Association opposes rail or bridge projects

which inordinately constrain marine traffic, diminish the enjoyment of boat owners and waterfront property owners, and cause economic harm. In addition, the obstruction of marine traffic during emergency (hurricane) or other severe storm conditions is unacceptable to the many boat ad business owners on both Florida coasts moving marine vessels to safety.

Obstruction of marine traffic on the waterways is the obvious aspect, whereas additional delays at roadway rail crossings is another that slows the movement of goods for the many manufacturing or commercial members in our Association, not to mention inconveniencing families, visitors and slowing response time for emergency vehicles.

The obvious conflicts occur wherever roads and rail cross east-west waterways which allow marine vessel connection to intracoastal waterways and ocean inlets. However other conflicts occur at bridges which may impede north-south marine vessel travel. In addition, the Okeechobee Waterway provides important strategic and commercial value connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic seaboard- it is contradictory to continue the significant public investment in maintaining this waterway only to have it nullified by conflicting rail or road planning which unreasonably obstructs marine navigation.

Whether or not marine industries are located seaward of rail bridges/ crossings, or inland of rail bridges/ crossings, the marine transportation system in Florida works as a whole. The industry has many facets – from manufacturing, to parts and maintenance and many other supporting businesses- which are not necessarily located on waterfronts or in marinas.

Marine visitors are attracted to Florida since it offers many options for near coastal, intra-coastal, or inland (cross-state) waterborne transit. Those in the marine industries also count on maximum flexibility for moving vessels. So the ability to move in and out of a coastal marina may be as important as the ability to move across state (or inland in the event of storms or hurricanes).

The All Aboard Florida regional fast train has sparked extensive opposition from countless communities and the marine industries alike particularly in South Florida. The blockage and backup of marine traffic will be unacceptable – caused by forecasts of 32+ additional bridge closures per day (daylight hours), with each closing realistically lasting close to 20 minutes and which could add up to an additional 10+ hours of bridge closures per daylight hours.

While current attention regarding All Aboard Florida is on South Florida, the impact extends to: the Okeechobee Waterway connecting the East coast to West Coast and Gulf of Mexico all other counties linked to the Space Coast and All Aboard Florida's connection to Orlando. In addition, this train service is expected to eventually connect northward to Duval County[5] so many boating interests in every eastern seaboard county are of critical interest.

Obstruction to navigation caused just by All Aboard Florida is not the only issue. A rebounding economy and significant seaport investment and retrofitting makes increased freight rail traffic imminent, as is the addition of more local commuter rail in many parts of the State.

Commuter rail expansion throughout the State must be monitored to ensure it will not cause unreasonable navigational impediments. An example is the South Florida "Coastal Link" which includes Counties south of Martin County, but which could eventually be connected northward and therefore would worsen marine navigation impacts at bridge crossings.

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## MIAF Requests Comments: All Aboard Florida

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In the All Aboard Florida debate, many already see the issue as more about freight movement than fast train movement- and rightfully so. Freight trains which are longer and slower than commuter or fast rail pose an event greater threat to bridge operation conflicting with marine traffic.

An extensive statewide "Freight Mobility and Trade" planning effort spearheaded by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Chamber of Commerce is concluding this year. A cornerstone of the Plan is the Freight Mobility & Trade Plan-Investment Element which follows Florida's adopted policy which is to "enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between transportation modes throughout the state." While this planning effort is laudable for industry and business and is designed to

integrate an exhaustive list of other past planning efforts[6], it focuses on moving freight in and out of Florida's seaports but apparently does not capture the marine industry interests represented by MIAF. Florida's vast marine industry interests cannot take a back seat to moving seaport freight.

MIAF's interests are more expansive than recreational boating. Opportunities for moving more commerce by water in Florida are expanding, and must not be impeded by conflicting rail or other transportation planning. The Okeechobee Waterway is central to this opportunity, as is the connection to the America's Marine Highway program initiative (East Coast). [7]

The MIAF therefore adopts the following policies for advocacy:

1. Immediately support the US Coast Guard's investigation and solicitation for public comment to determine negative rail plan impacts to navigation.
2. Dialogue with other interested groups and form beneficial alliances for advocacy to public officials and media outreach.
3. Support viable solutions to the immediate concerns over the unacceptable rail bridge impacts to marine navigation at the St. Lucie River (Martin County), Loxahatchee River (Palm Beach County), and New River (Broward County)
4. Promulgate permanent solutions for reliable bridge maintenance and repair especially to avoid emergency situations; obtain engineering records on the condition of bridges to affect such solutions.
5. Oppose any State or FDOT planning efforts which sacrifice MIAF interests to other freight or road transportation interests.
6. Oppose State of Florida transportation funding which supports rail plans/expansion which negatively affects MIAF interests.
7. Support the investigation of any lease agreements, sovereign lands permitting, or other mechanisms controlled by the State of Florida which govern bridge and rail corridor entitlements, and could potentially block rail expansion if it unreasonably obstructs marine navigation.
8. Actively participate in the Federal regulatory process by expressing objections/concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).



## Red grouper conservation measures approved by FWC

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At its meeting in Key Largo on Nov. 20, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved lowering of the red grouper recreational bag limit from four to two fish per person in Gulf of Mexico state waters, excluding Monroe County.

The Commission hopes that this change will mean an increase in the length of the recreational red grouper season in federal waters, which closed early this year because the recreational catch limit was exceeded in 2013. A two-fish bag limit was initially requested by Florida anglers and for-hire captains to help maximize fishing opportunities for red grouper, especially during late fall.

This change would make state regulations consistent with similar pending regulations in Gulf federal waters. Assuming the two-fish bag limit is finalized in federal waters, the state change will go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2015.

To learn more, visit [MyFWC.com/Commission](http://MyFWC.com/Commission) and click on "Commission Meetings" then find the topic in the agenda. To learn more about red grouper, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Grouper."

## FWC Anchoring Survey regarding potential anchoring regulations on Florida waters

This FWC survey is on potential anchoring regulations on Florida waters. The introductory video by Major Moore asks that it be forwarded to those who have an interest in the topic. If you know of any persons in that category, please forward the survey to them.

"This survey has crucial explanatory language in the form of a video and audio messages (text options are available). To minimize the risk of confusion please listen to the messages in their entirety. Immediately following each video or audio message are questions specifically related to the information contained in that message. It is our desire to obtain the most widespread response possible from all parties with an interest in this subject. Thank you for your time and interest in completing this survey."

The survey may be accessed at this site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AnchoringSurvey>

This survey will be active from 4:00 P.M. EST November 21, 2014, through 11:59 P.M. EST December 7, 2014.

## MIACC Member News & Events



### 2015 MIACC Membership Dues are DUE!

- ◆ PURE FLORIDA ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING & OUTSIDE SALES, MERRY COFFMAN

Pure Florida has hired Merry Coffman as Director of Educational Programming and Outside Sales. In this role, she will coordinate group sales in Lee County for the Pure Florida Group and introduce a new envi-

ronmental learning experience for students in the Southwest Florida area. The program will feature hands-on, minds-on programming, with engineering challenges that develop teamwork, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

"I am excited to bring unique STEM education to Pure Florida, specifically Pure Fort Myers," commented Coffman. Students will be able to learn marine and life science right in southwest Florida's natural environment using hands-on experiments and engineering challenges."

Coffman has nearly 10 years experience in the tourism industry in Lee County, with a history of successful educational programming spanning all ages. She is also the former president of the Southwest Florida Attraction Association, serving five years on the Board, as well as an active member of the STEM Team of Southwest Florida. Coffman will continue to participate in the STEM Tour of Southwest Florida through Pure Florida.

For hotels, attraction partners and schools interested in group sales or hosting an event with Pure Florida or Pure Fort Myers, please contact Merry Coffman at (239) 793-7529 or email her at Merry@PureFortMyers.com. Pure Fort Myers anticipates welcoming school groups beginning spring 2015.

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## BRUNCH WITH SANTA & PHOTOS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014**  
**10am-2pm**



**\$29.95 for Adults**  
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*\* plus tax & gratuity*

**Reservations are required: (239)213-1441**  
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## MIPAC Quarterly Contributions

### Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens

In 2002 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County formed a Political Action Committee named Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC). This action was taken so that we can support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, the MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from

each member. The MIPAC's missions and goals are to act upon problematic issues that must be addressed at the legislative level for the growth and protection of the marine industry. Monies collected from the MIPAC donations are used in supporting political decision makers that will tackle the very issues that affect all members of our industry. As a good steward of our member's donations, MIPAC adheres to uniform contribution criteria when determining how much and

to which candidate assistance is allocated.

MIPAC will educate you about the political landscape and issues facing our organization and will strategize political impact. In addition, the committee is always open to suggestions, questions and comments.

Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101



**4th Quarter Requests just \$50  
 Remember to make checks  
 payable to MIPAC!**

## Upcoming Events

City Christmas Parade- starring the Foundation	December 9th	6:00pm
Boat Parade Captains Meeting	December 10th	6:30pm
MIACC Christmas Boat Parade	December 13th	6:15-8:00pm
Boat Show Program Ads DUE	January 14th	
48th Annual Naples Boat Show	January 29- February 1, 2015	

**DINING HOURS**  
**Jack's River Bar**  
 Dining | Wed. thru Sat. | 11am-9pm  
 Sunday | 11am-8pm  
 Happy Hour | Wed. thru Sat. | 4-6pm  
 Music: Friday & Saturday | 6-9pm  
 Check closed times for [private parties\\*](#)

**Gordon's on the River**  
 Sunday Brunch | 10am-2pm  
 Adults \$19.99 | Children 10 & under \$9.99  
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**December 2014 Naples Harbour**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Gordon's ON THE RIVER</i>	2 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	3 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	4 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	5 11 Jack's & Gordon's Dining Closed at 4pm for private events	6 Music at Jack's 6-9pm Phoenix	7 Jack's Dining Closed at 4pm for private events
8 7 BRUNCH 10am-2pm Music at Jack's 3-6pm - Kootie	9 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	10 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	11 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	12 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	13 Music at Jack's 6-9pm Phoenix	14 Jack's & Gordon's Dining Closed at 4pm for private events
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22 21 BRUNCH 10am-2pm Reservations Required	23 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	24 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	25 24 Clubhouse Open: 11-3pm Marina Open 8am-2pm	26 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS CLUBHOUSE & MARINA CLOSED	27 Music at Jack's 6-9pm Phoenix	28 Music at Jack's 6-9pm Pirate Voodoo
29 28 Gordon's Closed for private party Today's Brunch is at Jack's 10am-2pm	30 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	31 Clubhouse Closed Marina, Fitness & Pool open	1 31 Marina: 8am-4pm Last Launch 3pm NY Eve's PARTY at Jack's 8pm-12:30am	2 Like us on Facebook	3 MIPAC	4 MIPAC

The MIACC represents you, the marine business owner and your business interests to the government and to the public. At a time when government regulations are expanding, the MIACC is striving to work with government - locally, statewide and nationally to protect equally all marine business concerns. Our goal is to inform our members how their business will be affected and how solutions can be reached if new regulations are at odds with marine business interests. In addition, it is equally important to work with the public in preserving their right to safe and fun boating. The MIACC works with educators and safety organizations to educate the public to practice safe boating. The MIACC also encourages members to put in place hands-on environmental business practices that will prevent pollution and damage to our coastal waters thus protecting boaters' enjoyment of healthy waterways and ensuring a sustainable future for the environment and the marine industry.

