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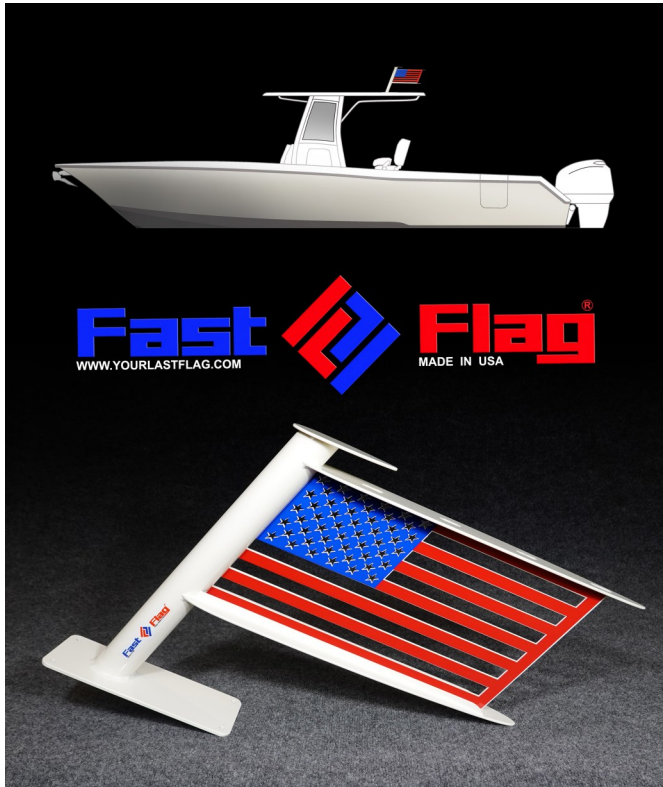
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October 10-12



Member News & Events



- ◆ Attention all boaters, come celebrate Flag Day with us and get a sneak preview of our 2025 line up and take advantage of our first ever Flag Day Flag Sale!

If you own a boat or know someone who does, this is an excellent opportunity to see all our latest Fast-Flag products and get to experience our newly completed display showroom - No more waiting for the next boat show to see our products. Now you can see all the options and features we have to offer without the hustle and bustle of the boat show. Come in and let's design the ultimate flag for your boat and take advantage of amazing Flag Day sale offerings!

When: Saturday June 14th. from 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

Where: Fast-Flag LLC Headquarters at the Clock Tower Building at 3425 Radio Road, Suite 213, Naples, FL 34104

This will be more than just a sale, in true American fashion, there will be complementary hot dogs and burgers as well as activities for the little ones.

Bring in your old worn out and shredded flag and receive an additional discount. And to all Veterans, we honor your service with 15% off on all items.

The simple fact is this: We are blessed to be in America doing what we love and we would love to celebrate it with all our patrons, friends and Fast-Flag family members. Please RSVP by June 6th at info@fast-flag.com.



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Member News



♦ Is Your Seawall Ready for the Next Storm? Here's How to Know

Living on the water in Collier County is about as good as it gets — but it also comes with some responsibility. If you own waterfront property, your seawall is your first line of defense against tides, storms, and erosion.

The problem? Seawalls don't last forever. And if you're not paying close attention, small issues can quietly turn into big (and expensive) problems. Whether you're a homeowner, marina manager, or on a condo board, here's a simple checklist to help you spot trouble early — and protect your investment.

Tiny Cracks, Big Trouble

A few hairline cracks are normal over time. But if you're seeing wider cracks, sections separating, or areas where the wall is pulling apart, it's a sign the seawall is starting to fail. Pro tip: If you can slide a coin into the crack, it's time to call someone out to take a closer look.

Is Your Yard Sinking? It Could Be Your Seawall

Notice low spots in your yard, patio, or walkway near the seawall? That's soil washing out from behind it. It might start small — just a little dip — but left alone, it can cause serious settling and structural damage. Bottom line: If the ground feels soft or looks sunken, it's a red flag you shouldn't ignore.

When a Seawall Starts to Lean, Trouble Isn't Far Behind

A seawall should stand straight up. If panels are leaning toward the water or bowing backward, it usually means the anchors buried deep in the ground have broken, corroded, or shifted. Leaning walls typically only get worse over time — and fast.

Rust Stains Aren't Just Ugly — They're a Serious Warning

Rusty streaks on a concrete seawall usually mean the steel inside (rebar) is corroding. If you can actually see exposed metal, the wall's internal strength is already compromised. And in Naples' salty air, once rust starts, it doesn't take long for damage to spread.

Standing Water? Your Seawall Might Be Under Pressure

Good seawalls allow water to drain naturally without letting soil escape. If you notice standing water behind the wall, muddy leaks, or clogged weep holes (those small drainage holes near the bottom), your seawall isn't handling pressure the way it should. Pressure buildup is one of the top causes of sudden seawall failure — especially during our heavy rainy seasons.

Think It Can Wait? Here's Why It Shouldn't

Ignoring small problems now can turn into major repairs — or even full replacement later.

And with how fast storms can develop in Southwest Florida, you don't want to find out your seawall wasn't ready after it's too late.

An inspection doesn't take long, and it can save you a lot of stress, money, and heartache in the long run.

Protect What Matters Most

Seawalls protect your land, your home, and your peace of mind. Just like you'd check your roof or your boat lift, it's smart to walk your seawall once or twice a year. If anything looks off, it's worth getting a professional opinion.

Stay proactive, stay protected, and enjoy waterfront living the way it's meant to be.

If you ever need a second set of eyes, Gulfshore Marine Construction is here to help — trusted by homeowners, condo associations, and marinas across Naples for quality seawall repairs and new construction.

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Boost Membership & Engagement: Creative Summer Event Ideas for Boat Clubs

Summer events are a powerful way for boat clubs to strengthen member relationships, attract new faces, and create a more connected community. Whether you want to plan memorable on-the-water adventures, engaging social gatherings, or exclusive networking opportunities, the right approach can set your club apart. With thoughtful planning and simple promotional strategies, you can turn this summer into a season of growth and energy for your club. This guide shares ideas to help you create events that leave a lasting impression.



ray as Rear Commodore. Together, these Flag Officers will guide the Club's Board of Directors and uphold the values and vision of the PIYC community.

The official Change of Watch ceremony took place during an evening of tradition and celebration. This long-standing nautical custom began with the formal introduction of the Past Commodores, PIYC Flag Officers, and opening remarks. Following this, outgoing Commodore Jack Kane ceremoniously passed the helm to Kevin McCabe. The event continued into the evening with fine cuisine, laughter, and the camaraderie that defines the Pelican Isle Yacht Club spirit.

"Being entrusted with the role of Commodore is a true honor," said McCabe. "Pelican Isle Yacht Club is more than a Marina—it's a place where friendships are forged, memories are made, and maritime traditions are celebrated."

Pelican Isle Yacht Club offers its Members a rich array of social events, on-the-water adventures, and one-of-a-kind experiences in a relaxed yet refined atmosphere. Located just five minutes from the Gulf at Wiggins Pass, the Club is a premier destination for Southwest Florida boaters and social enthusiasts alike. For more information on Membership or their new Marina, please visit www.piyc.net.



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Freedom Waters Foundation (FWF) is excited and proud to announce that we have three new Board Directors and two new employees – We are growing to serve many more children and adults with disabilities, life threatening illnesses, veterans and their families, through our therapeutic boat outings.

At the FWF Board meeting held on April 17, 2025, Jim Hunt, Dan Lane and Jeff Gage were unanimously welcomed after being voted onto the Freedom Waters Foundation's Board of Directors, joining the outstanding leaders who are bringing FWF into its next growth spurt.

In addition to the above new Board Directors, two additional employees have also been hired: Petula Sankarsingh, as the Executive Director for the southeast coast of Florida and Debbie Hanson, as the Community Outreach Director for the organization.

More about the new Freedom Waters Foundation Board Directors and employees:

Jim Hunt – Board Director - Jim Hunt is both a waterman and cartographer. Born in the UK, he came to America by ship, as his mother wouldn't fly, even though his father was in the Air Force. Jim graduated from George Mason University, in Fairfax, Virginia, with a BS in Biology and minor in Cartography. After graduating, he then spent over 7 years in the US and British Virgin Islands as a full-time captain and professional guide. Working 300+ days a year on the water is when Jim fully became a waterman as scuba, fishing, sailing, and piloting vessels was his lifestyle. Upon returning to the States, he worked for Global Science & Technology as a NASA Research Scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center. Jim has been with MarineMax Naples as both a sales and brokerage consultant for the past 15 years. He is always looking forward to his next ventures in life and welcomes the opportunity to support such a great organization like Freedom Waters Foundation.



Dan Lane - Board Director Almost 20 years of Marketing experience working at big brands such as Mayfair, Staples and most recently Clarks Shoes. At Clarks, Dan spent the past 13 years leading their commercial marketing efforts to help drive their growth within the Americas region. Clarks has roughly 200 owned retail locations and numerous wholesale partners throughout the US, Canada, and Latin America. Originally from Boston MA, Dan has always spent as much time out on the water as possible and looking forward to continue to help support Freedom Waters Foundation journey to make it possible for everyone to be able to the same.



Jeff Gage - Board Director Jeff has been an avid sailor since he was 11 years old and very active in the sailing community in CT and now in SWFL. Jeff attended Union College in Schenectady NY where he studied Electrical Engineering and Business graduating in 1977. He worked in the robotics industry after graduating and then ventured into commercial real estate where he spent the last 40 years closing transactions valued at more than \$3 billion, involving over

9 million sq. ft. In addition to working with Freedom Waters Foundation, Jeff ran the Bennet Cancer Walk Run Ride event for 5 years, elevating the fundraising to over \$1 million, as well as being involved in other fundraising efforts for additional non profits.

Petula Sankarsingh – Executive Director – Southeast Florida – Petula Sankarsingh, comes to Freedom Waters Foundation with over 20 years of expertise in leadership, operations, and business development, specializing in driving transformative changes across both nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Petula has bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in business administration.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Petula is an accomplished author, world traveler, devoted yogi, certified sommelier, and proud dog mom to her beloved fur baby.

She is honored to be part of the Freedom Waters Foundation team and excited to contribute to its powerful mission of healing and connection through meaningful experiences on the water

Debbie Hanson – Community Outreach Director - Originally from West Chicago, Illinois, Debbie Hanson holds a BA in English/Journalism from Western Illinois University and has over two decades of career experience in outdoor media, marketing, and business development roles. Her contagious enthusiasm for introducing newcomers to fishing and boating led her to a volunteer position with the Freedom Waters Foundation's Heels & Reels Girls Fishing Program in 2012 — an experience that left an indelible impression.

Her love and passion for the water has been highlighted on nationally televised shows such as Lunkerville, George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing, and A Fishing Story with Ronnie Green. She was also the live, on-air host of Reel Talk Radio on ESPN SWFL for close to four years, which sharpened her communication and public speaking skills.

Debbie looks forward to uniting, educating, and serving the community while being a part of the Freedom Waters Foundation family.



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Hinckley Yachts has been celebrated for crafting exceptional vessels in Maine for nearly 100 years. With their latest models—the Picnic Boat 39 and the Hinckley 41—new standards have been set for day boating, technology and performance. While Hinckley Yachts often capture the spotlight, many are unaware of the comprehensive services Hinckley offers to all boat owners throughout the Hinckley Yacht Services network on the US eastern seaboard. A prime example of this commitment is our Sweetwater location in Fort Myers, Florida.

Unparalleled Hurricane Protection

Understanding the importance of safeguarding your vessel, especially during hurricane season, Hinckley Sweetwater offers a range of hurricane protection solutions tailored to various needs and vessel sizes. From our Category 5 hurricane-rated indoor storage facility to outdoor storage, Hinckley Sweetwater provides peace of mind when it matters most.

Comprehensive Services for All Boat Owners

The Hinckley Sweetwater location is dedicated to servicing all makes and models. As a Cummins and Mercury authorized Warranty, Service, and Sales dealership they offer specialized care for your engines and all top brands. Beyond this, a full suite of services includes expert paintwork, electrical and electronics installations, and precision carpentry. Their team of skilled technicians ensures that every boat receives the meticulous attention it deserves either in season or otherwise.

Year Round Mobile Service: Bringing Expertise to Your Dock

Recognizing that time is a precious commodity, the Hinckley mobile service team extends their expertise directly to your home or marina. Serving the region from Marco Island to Tampa, these technicians can often be at your dock the same day you call, equipped to handle everything from mechanical repairs to detailing and yacht management. This convenience ensures that your vessel remains in top condition without disrupting your schedule.



State-of-the-Art Storage Solutions and Marina Services

For those seeking storage options, Hinckley Sweetwater offers indoor rack storage accommodating boats up to 45 feet. A zero-clearance forklift ensures gentle and precise launching and retrieval, maintaining the integrity of your vessel. Additionally, we provide outdoor storage solutions, all within a secure and easily accessible facility. Seasonal and transient slips are available in the protected marina. Customers have use of the exclusive Hinckley VIP lounge for relaxing before or after a day on the water.

A Team That Feels Like Family

At the heart of Hinckley Sweetwater is our dedicated team of service technicians and managers. Known for their extensive knowledge, friendly demeanor, and unwavering dependability, they have earned the trust and admiration of our clients. Whether you're seeking routine maintenance or complex repairs, our team is committed to delivering an unparalleled service experience.

More Than a Service Center: A Boat-er's Haven

Situated along the serene Caloosahatchee River, Hinckley Sweetwater transcends the traditional service yard, offering an experience that beckons boaters to linger. The marina is home to The Boathouse Tiki Bar & Grill, a waterfront restaurant known for its relaxed atmosphere, Caribbean-inspired cuisine, and live music. With slips for a variety of boat lengths, stunning sunset views, it's a destination in its own right.

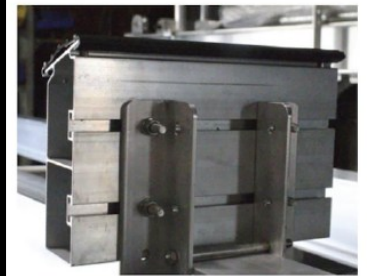
In essence, Hinckley Sweetwater embodies our commitment to excellence, not only in yacht manufacturing but also in providing a holistic boating experience. It's more than a service location—it's a destination where boat owners can find top-tier care, robust protection, and a community that shares their passion for the water.

Adjusting bunks without a drill

Golden Boat Lifts has introduced a patent-pending aluminium drill-less multi-directional adjustable bunk system, an innovative development aimed at improving efficiency and reliability for marinas, marine contractors and boat trailer manufacturers.

Bill Golden, owner and CEO of Golden Boat Lifts & Marine Systems, describes the system as "the most innovative improvement to the boating industry in many years."

The new system addresses a common challenge in the marine and trailer industries: the time-



consuming and often damaging process of drilling holes to install and adjust bunks. By eliminating the need for drilling, the system streamlines installation and reconfiguration, saving time and preserving the structural integrity of materials. Its slotted aluminium design, secured with carriage bolts, enables precise adjustments to accommodate a wide variety of vessels without permanent alterations.

The system has broad applications for marinas managing diverse fleets and for boat trailer manufacturers seeking adaptable and durable bunk systems. Aluminium construction ensures longevity while preventing material degradation common with traditional methods. The drill-free design not only reduces installation time but also provides a clean, professional appearance, free of unnecessary holes or damage.

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MIPAC 2nd Quarter 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 mis-

sions 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

Our Mission: Marine Industries Association of Collier County (MIACC) is a not-for-profit membership-based organization focused on the responsible growth of the marine industry for the benefit of its members, recreational boaters, the community, and the environment.

Our Goal: MIACC represents recreational boating and member interests at the Local, State, and Federal levels; Issues of interest include Water Access, Recreational Boating, Commercial Boating, Free Trade, Advocating for Property Rights, and Legislative or Regulatory initiatives that impact these interests.

Our Members: Members include Dealers & Manufacturers, Boating & Professional Services, Charters, Marine Contractors, Boat Lifts, Shipyards & Storage, and Equipment & Accessories.

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



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Upcoming Events

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Christmas Boat Parade 2025

Naples Boat Show 2026

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October 10-12, 2025

December 13, 2025

January 22-25, 2026

