

# MIACC

## At the Helm



### Naples Boat Show: Beautiful Success

February 2026

The 2026 Naples Boat Show had beautiful weather, awesome vendors, and the best guests!

We are excited to see the industry **SELLING!!**

Save the Date:  
January 21-24, 2027



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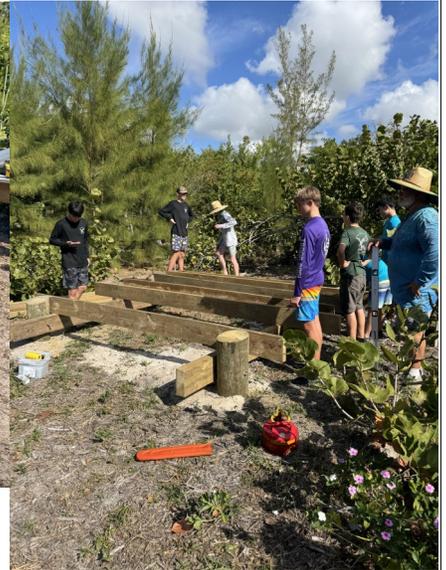
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## Keewaydin Preserve Hosts Camp | Member News



**Keewaydin Preserve** hosted its first youth camp last week-end! Troop 2001 kayaked to the island and worked hard on their service project— building the first camping platform! The Troop earned their badge and had a terrific time doing it! Thank you Jim Kalvin and Calvin & Calvin Marine Construction for providing the materials and instruction.



We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our Fast-Flag family and friends for visiting our booth at this year's Naples Boat Show.

As each day moves us forward, closer and closer into season, we are working frantically behind the scenes to bring to market several fresh, new ideas – all possessing the same attributes you'd come to expect from Fast-Flag LLC: An American Flag that is Solid, Strong, built to last, but most all, all of our flags are proudly made in America (no exceptions).

They do not call it boat show season for nothing. We have our sights set on the Miami International Boat Show (MIBS for short). If you have never been to the Miami Boat Show, you do not know what you are missing. This is a HUGE venue and there is something for everyone from Power and Sail. We will be exhibiting our latest items in the air-conditioned Miami Beach Convention Center on the 2nd floor at booth #MB6075.

Some new items are on the horizon: SSYB-30 This is an American flag set on our very stylish 70-degree aft leaning mast with your burgee of choice below: All solid aluminum and powder coated. Our in-house graphics team will collaborate closely



with you to fine tune the perfect design and create the vinyl graphics to show off your club, boat name or whatever you have in mind. Come in and let us discuss your ideas and make them into reality. Additionally, we will be displaying several dock flags, our DF-Series in both 30" and 20" sizes. As with our boat flags, these flags are also made solid, rigid and all aluminum and built to last – ideally suited for your dock, backyard, or poolside entertainment area. See what we have to offer.

Each year the marine industry surprises us with amazing new and innovative products and MIBS is the perfect place to see it all and Fast-Flag is proud to be a part of it.

Our upcoming Newsletter will include information on our future shows and events for 2026. Spoiler alert.....Carbon Fiber extreme flags.

## Member News & Events



### Sweetheart Sightseeing & Sunset Cruises

This **Valentine's Day**, trade the average date for a sunset cruise through Naples' beautiful waterways, complete with dolphin sightings and gorgeous Gulf views. Romance feels better on the water.

**Get 20% OFF Sightseeing Cruises using code SAVE20**

\*Only available Saturday, Feb. 14 for the 11 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM Cruise Times

Couples aboard our Sunset Cruise will receive **a rose as our gift** to you for choosing to spend your Valentine's evening with Pure Florida.

\*\*Sunset Departs promptly at 5:15 PM. Recommend arriving early. Boarding begins at approximately 4:45 PM.

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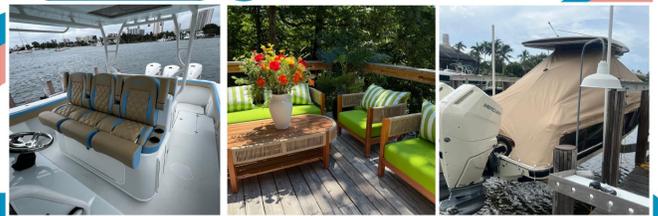
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## Member News & Events

Join us  
for a  
**ROARING GOOD TIME**  
at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Kind  
Mariners  
Ball**  
Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Naples Yacht Club  
**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS**  
Freedom Waters Foundation  
[Tickets - Click Here!](#)

### Freedom Waters Foundation to Celebrate 20 Years of Service at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kind Mariners Ball on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Naples Yacht Club

*Awarding Keith Perfect – Longest Termed Boad Member – almost 20 Years too!*

NAPLES, FL (Jan. 14, 2026) — South Florida’s “best kept secret” non-profit, the Freedom Waters Foundation, is celebrating two decades of transforming lives by providing therapeutic boating experiences for children and adults with disabilities, life-threatening illnesses, youth at-risk youth, and veterans – all in partnership with private and commercial vessels to serve individuals, families, and social service agencies.

To commemorate this milestone, Freedom Waters Foundation is hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Kind Mariners Ball fundraising event, *Roaring 20’s Celebrating 20 Years of Service*, from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM on February 19, 2026, at the Naples Yacht Club. This event will raise awareness regarding the Foundation’s impact and provide support for its programs.

We will also be honoring Keith Perfect, our longest termed Board member who has been with us for almost the full 20 years. Keith is young and committed and has utilize his multiple IT talents to continue to move the organization forward. Please see more [about Keith here](#).

“As we look ahead to our 20th anniversary, we are deeply grateful for the volunteers, vessel owners, donors, and community partners who bring our mission to life,” said Founder Debra Frenkel. “This year’s Kind Mariners Ball will honor our past and drive us forward as we expand our reach into new regions and connect with new participants. Krista Orick of Orick Marine is the event chair, and Krista Fogelsong will be our emcee for this spectacular evening.”

The Kind Mariners Ball will feature a spirited speakeasy-style band, Great Gatsby-inspired attire, and a dazzling atmosphere that will bring the era to life. Ticket prices are \$500 per person and include dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and a heartfelt paddle raise—all in support of Freedom Waters Foundation’s mission.

The event promises an unforgettable night of celebration, philanthropy, and community connection. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Freedom Waters Foundation at 239-263-2377 or by visiting <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Krk/>.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kind Mariners Ball sponsors include: The Dock at Crayton Cove, Best in Boating Marinas, The Wellington Group at Morgan Stanley, N2N Homes, Seminole Hotel & Casino Immokalee, Greg Orick Marine Construction, Naples Boat Yard, Pure Florida, The Dane Group, Hahn Loeser Attorneys at Law, Pampered Pet Resorts, ROFFS, Freedom Boat Club, Bayview Dental Arts, Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales, Naples Princess, and MarineMax Naples.

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## MIPAC 1st Quarter Contributions

A PAC is a Political Action Committee. In simple terms, a PAC is an organization that raises and spends money to influence political elections or public policy.

What a PAC does:

- Collects donations from individuals, companies, unions, or members
- Supports or opposes candidates for public office
- Funds political activities like campaign contributions, ads, or advocacy

Why PACs exist:

- PACs allow groups of people or organizations with shared inter-

ests to combine their money and have a stronger political voice.

- Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC) was formed to support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from each member. MIPAC's mission 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 MIPAC do-

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**95%** of boats are towable boats **SMALLER THAN 26 FT.**<sup>5</sup>

*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.

nations 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.

Please support MIPAC quarterly and follow our lobbyist' success on our website's Legislative Page. Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101



**1st Quarter Contribution requests have been sent!**  
**Please make checks payable to MIPAC**

## Upcoming Events

MIACC Annual Meeting

Arbor Fest/Kids Fishing Clinic

Marco Boat Show

Christmas Boat Parade

Naples Boat Show

May TBD

June 6, 2026

October 16-18, 2026

December 12, 2026

January 21-24, 2027

