

STANDARD MANATEE EDUCATIONAL/AWARENESS SIGN CONDITIONS

(Non-regulatory signs for boat facilities)

July 2005

The permittee shall comply with the following manatee educational sign conditions:

- a. The permittee shall install and display one or more manatee educational and/or awareness signs at least 30 days prior to completion of construction. The number, type, and procedure for installation shall be in accordance with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's attachment "*Permanent Manatee Educational Signs*". Permittee/owners further agree to maintain the signs and their support pilings for the life of the facility, and replace signs that fade or become damaged.
- b. If the facility already exists and has signs posted, the owner must submit for approval prior to commencement of work, documentation that the signs are appropriately placed, in good condition, and display up-to-date information. Documentation should be sent to the Imperiled Species Management Section, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Mail Station 6A, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600 (phone 850/922-4330).

Permanent Manatee Educational/Awareness Signs Attachment

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The permit/lease holder should forward a project sign plan to the Imperiled Species Management Section of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) with the type, number, and location of signs indicated on the plan. The applicant should also include a location map of the facility in relation to waterways, a county location map, and the permit and/or lease number associated with the project. FWC will review the plan and notify the applicant in writing within 60 days of plan receipt, of its full approval or conditional approval with required modifications.

The educational signs must be placed in a prominent location for maximum visibility, such as near walkways, dockmaster offices, restrooms, or foot traffic access points to piers/docks. The signs should be placed on walkways or docks facing land. Permanent manatee signs should not be installed on pilings in the water nor be attached to navigational markers. The signs are not required to be in view of the general boating public. If a facility has multiple docks with separate walkways, signs should be installed near each walkway or dock. These signs should be oriented so that boaters using the facility will be reminded of the presence of manatees. If approved signs and their locations are found to be out of accordance with these guidelines, the permit/lease holder will have to relocate or install additional signs.

Correspondence should be sent to:

Imperiled Species Management Section
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 South Meridian Street, Mail Station 6A
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

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FWC Approved Manatee Educational/Awareness Sign Suppliers

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FWC approved permanent manatee educational and awareness signs are available through the companies listed below or from other local suppliers throughout the state. Permit/lease holders, marinas, and boat docking/launching facilities should contact the sign companies directly to arrange for shipping and billing of the signs.

ASAP Signs & Designs

624-B Pinellas Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: (727) 443-4878
Fax: (727) 442-7573

Wilderness Graphics, Inc.

P. O. Box 1635
Tallahassee, FL 32302
Phone: (850) 224-6414
Fax: (850) 561-3943
www.wildernessgraphics.com

Cape Coral Signs & Designs

1311 Del Prado Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33990
Phone: (239) 772-9992
Fax: (239) 772-3848

Municipal Supply & Sign Co.

1095 Fifth Avenue, North
P. O. Box 1765
Naples, FL 33939-1765
Phone: (800) 329-5366 or
(239) 262-4639
Fax: (239) 262-4645
www.municipalsigns.com

Vital Signs

104615 Overseas Highway
Key Largo, FL 33037
Phone: (305) 451-5133
Fax: (305) 451-5163

Universal Signs & Accessories

2912 Orange Avenue
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947
Phone: (800) 432-0331 or
(772) 461-0665
Fax: (772) 461-0669

New City Signs

1829 28th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: (727) 323-7897
Fax: (727) 323-1897

**United Rentals Highway
Technologies**

309 Angle Road
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947
Phone: (772) 489-8772
or (800) 489-8758 (FL only)
Fax: (772) 489-8757

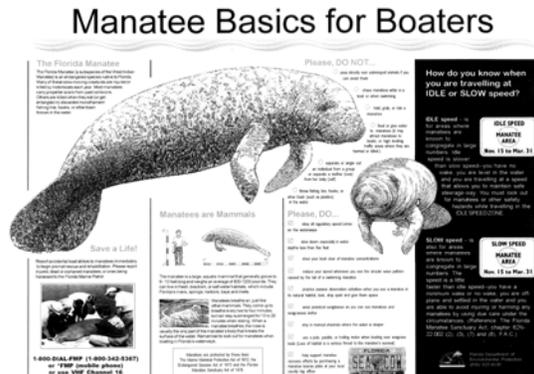
Graphics of FWC-Approved Manatee Educational Signs
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The "**Caution: Manatee Area**" sign is 3' by 4' and is available from all of the companies listed on the sign supplier list. These caution signs are intended to remind boaters using the facility of the presence of manatees. This sign will meet the manatee awareness display condition required by lease/permit, and is also used as a temporary sign during in-water construction/demolition.

The "**Manatee Basics for Boaters**" sign is 3' by 4' and is available from all of the companies listed on the sign supplier list. This educational sign provides information on the characteristics of manatees and the potential threat to this endangered species from boat operation. This sign will meet the manatee educational display required by the lease/permit.



These signs are 2' by 3' and are available only through Wilderness Graphics. "**Protecting the Gentle Giant**" lists the potential threats to manatees and what the public can do to help protect them. "**The Florida Manatee**" provides a general description of manatees and their behavior. These signs will meet the manatee educational display condition required by lease/permit if they are displayed as a pair.

