Know the Speed Zones

Zones are marked with signs and/or buoys that have an “International Orange” circle, which signifies the area is a regulated waterway. It is the boater’s responsibility to read and follow the regulatory messages on these markers.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies enforce these zones. Fines for violations can range from $50 to $80 for a first offense. Please do your part to boat safe and protect Florida’s unique and vulnerable west indian manatee – our state marine mammal. Obey all posted speed limits. Remember... Do your part – Boat Smart.

What Slow Speed Means

• not on a plane
• not plowing
• fully settled in the water
• minimum wake

Slow down whenever you see a posted waterway marker. Make sure you follow the directions on the marker.

Obey Posted Speed Zones

Boat speed zones apply to all powered vessels

For More Information

Boating Laws and Waterway Regulatory Markers
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Law Enforcement
Boating and Waterways Section
(850) 488-5600
MyFWC.com

Manatees
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Imperiled Species Management
(850) 922-4330

Manatee County Sheriff’s Office – Marine Unit
(941) 721-6607

To report a dead or injured manatee call:
1-888-404-FWCC (404-3922), Cell Phone: *FWC

South Manatee River
Manatee County

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
CAUTION!
Only new State Speed Zones shown
Look for and obey all marked speed zone and informational signs

ZONE TYPE
- Slow Speed
- 25 mph in Marked Channel

PLEASE WATCH FOR MANATEES
YOU CAN HELP!
- Stay in marked channels
- Pole, paddle, or go slow over seagrass beds
- Wear polarized sunglasses
- Look for swirls that manatees make

OPERATE WITH CARE