**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
- fully settled in the water
- not plowing
- minimum wake

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

**Obey Posted Speed Zones**

**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

Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office – Marine Unit
(813) 276-2608

City of Tampa Police – Marine Unit
(813) 348-1032

United States Coast Guard
(813) 228-2191

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

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CAUTION!
This brochure is provided as a source of information. It is NOT intended for navigational use. Only new State Manatee Protection Zones are illustrated. Look for and obey all marked speed zone and informational signs.

**Manatee Protection Zone Types**
- No Entry (Nov. 15 - Mar. 31)
- Idle Speed (Nov. 15 - Mar. 31)
- Idle Speed
- Slow Speed
- 25 mph

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

CONFIGURATIONS OF FWC ZONES ACCURATE AS OF JANUARY 2005