

## FINAL

Brevard County Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)  
July 16, 2009  
Space Coast Room, Building C, Government Center, Viera, Florida

### Members Present:

Jerry Butz  
Gene Cate  
Mike Cunningham, Chair  
Jim Mazza  
Rick McCrary  
John Mongioi  
Gary Hanlin, Vice Chair (via teleconference call)

### Members Absent

Doug Jaren  
Joe Penovich

### Staff Present:

Ernie Brown, Director, Natural Resources Management Office (NRMO)  
Matt Culver, NRMO Boating & Waterways Program Coordinator  
Liz McDuffee, Administrative Assistant NRMO

### Public Present:

Joe Hackford  
John Kendrick  
Mark Leslie  
Bob Musser  
Jamie Seymour

### Handouts

(Go to <http://natres.brevardcounty.us/bmac-minutes.cfm> to view the handouts.

- Boating Related Provisions in Chapter 2009-86, Laws of Florida
- Marine Industries of Florida Legislative Report, provided by Stephen R. Haigis, Sebastian Inlet Marina

#### I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Rick McCrary moved to approve the minutes with minor clarification changes; Gene Cate seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### III. Agenda Items

##### 1. New Business

##### a. South County Boat Ramp

Greg Minor, Brevard County Parks & Recreation Department, was scheduled to give an update on the South County Boat Ramp project, but due to unavoidable circumstances was unable to attend. Mr. Minor forwarded the following update to be communicated to the BMAC and the public at the meeting

- Tedder is approximately 90% complete with the Ramps and Bulkheads.
- The dredging part of the work is out for bid and will open on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.
- Anticipate bidding remainder of upland work and FDOT in late August or early September.
- Anticipate substantial completion by December 2009.

Matt Culver added that the required sea grass mitigation work has been completed. The BMAC members expressed an appreciation for the update and moved that Mr. Minor be invited back to answer questions from the Council and the public. Gary Hanlin made the motion. John Mongioi seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Hackford, who is a member of the Grant/Valkaria Town Council, attended the meeting to hear Mr. Minor's report. Mr. Hackford stated that he may ask Mr. Minor to attend a Town council meeting to give an update. John Kendrick wanted to ensure that the Department of Transportation is being monitored so that road changes are being coordinated with the ramp's completion. Gary Hanlin suggested that Mr. Kendrick find out who the DOT project engineer is and schedule a meeting with him or her. Mr. Hanlin also suggested that Mr. Kendrick request a set of plans. It was stated that the State recognized that access to the ramp from the south traffic land had to be in the form of a turning lane to the ramp rather than a u-turn at the traffic light. John Mongioi asked Liz McDuffee to communicate to Mr. Minor that the BMAC is interested in the current status of the DOT project.

b. Titusville Mooring Field Update

Mark Leslie gave an update on the Titusville Mooring Field. The sea grass study is complete. The issue with the clamming areas located north and south of the mooring field area was resolved. Still to be completed is a requirement of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act to evaluate mooring field's possible effect on manatees. Some moorings will be located in a sea grass area as part of a test study and Titusville is currently looking for funding for the study. Matt Culver said that the Florida Improvement Boating Program may have grants to fund the study. The design of the moorings will prevent any dragging across the bottom through the sea grass. The test study will confirm that there is no damage. There are 128 moorings planned in the mooring field; however, the initial implementation will consist of 75 moorings and include setting the boundary markers. The City of Titusville will be able to regulate anchoring within this area. Mr. Leslie stated that the City of Titusville is hoping that one of the HB 1423 pilot programs will be implemented at its mooring field. The five pilot programs (two on the east coast, two on the west coast and one in the Keys) will also allow regulation of anchoring outside of mooring field boundaries. Currently, the City of Titusville is looking at charging \$10-\$14 per night for short-term transient moorings and a smaller amount per night for long-term moorings. Mr. Leslie was asked whether the BMAC members could do anything to help speed the approval process. Mr. Leslie stated that if he has not heard back from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in one month, he may ask BMAC members to contact FDEP Secretary Sole and their Florida legislative representatives.

Mr. Leslie supports streamlining the mooring field permitting process in order to reduce expense and time when the applicant can prove that all required items have been met. In Titusville's case, one third of the cost for establishing the initial 75 moorings was spent on permitting. Mr. Leslie would like municipalities with established or potential mooring field locations to coordinate with each other to pursue legislation for streamlining the mooring field permitting process.

c. Marine Industries of Florida Legislative Report

Chairman Cunningham asked if everyone had received and read the handout from Stephan Haigis, Sebastian Inlet Marina. Mr. Haigis was not present at the meeting.

2. Old Business

a. Next Year's Boating Week

Chairman Cunningham asked the BMAC to consider various venues for next year's boating week. For example, the C-54 canal is used by the Rowing Club and its availability should be considered. Gary Hanlin stated that Ron Morgan has been working on some venues. Chairman Cunningham asked that possible activities and/or venues be discussed at next month's meeting. Jerry Butz called attention to the article in Southwinds about the inaugural Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest.

b. Resolution acknowledging George Reynold's service on the BMAC

A draft resolution prepared by staff was discussed and revised by the BMAC. A motion was made by Gene Cate to accept the resolution with the identified changes. Gary Hanlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Liz McDuffee was asked to contact Mrs. Reynolds to ask what her preference would be with regard to its presentation.

c. Boating Week Thank You Letter

Staff presented a draft letter thanking sponsors and organizers of the inaugural Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest for discussion. Several changes were identified during a discussion of the draft. Jerry Butz moved that the letter be accepted as amended and John Mongioi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. No changes were made to the list of organizations/individuals who will receive the letter.

III. Reports

1. Staff Report – Matt Culver, Natural Resources Management Office (NRMO)

a. *Derelict Vessels*

**I. There is funding to remove eight more derelict vessels.**

b. *Blue Crab Cove*

This project is still moving forward. The State is currently working on obtaining appraisals on the property. Mr. Culver expected the appraisals to be done by the end of August. A management plan will need to be developed before the property's closing. The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) is going to fund the cost for a consultant to develop the management plan.

IV. Public Input

**Christmas Boat Parade**

Mark Leslie asked the BMAC to consider coordinating a Christmas boat parade with the communities up and down the waterways of Brevard. Jerry Butz stated that he would find out the schedules for the boat parades and let the BMAC know.

**Port Canaveral Artificial Reef**

Bob Musser asked the BMAC to consider coordinating a Christmas boat parade with the communities up and down the waterways of Brevard.

V. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.