

Help us keep Brevard's
waterways safe & clean from
Derelict Vessels!



Have you seen one of these in
Brevard County waterways?
If so, please report to:

*Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission Division
of Law Enforcement
at 1-888-404-3922*

For vessels abandoned on land
please report to:

*Brevard County Code Enforcement
at 321-633-2086*

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What is a Derelict Vessel?

A derelict vessel (DV) is a boat, which has been abandoned on or under the water.

Abandoned/derelict vessels of any size become a disposal problem whether on land, at dock, or sunk—causing dangerous conditions for other vessels and contamination to the waterways. Before they can be salvaged, any material that could degrade water quality must be removed including fuel and oil tanks, engines, batteries, old paint and chemicals. If grass beds are present, workers need to take extra caution.

Once a boat has been determined to be derelict by The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement, they begin an investigation, attempting to contact the last known registered owner and have them remove the vessel. When ownership has been determined, legal custody of the vessel must be transferred to a responsible party for disposition. Many other owners will not be able to be located and legal action is necessary at that point.

This is only a partial list of the problems that are involved with abandoned/derelict vessels encountered on our streets or waterways, and the removal process is costly and time consuming. For more information, please contact *The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement* at 1-888-404-3922.

Marine Advisory Council Mission Statement

The Brevard County Marine Advisory Council provides advice and guidance to the Board of County Commissioners. The scope of work includes all marine related issues to insure a well-maintained, safe, healthy and friendly marine environment for the residents and visiting users of our marine resources.

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