

Anchored Vessels

4th Quarter 2025

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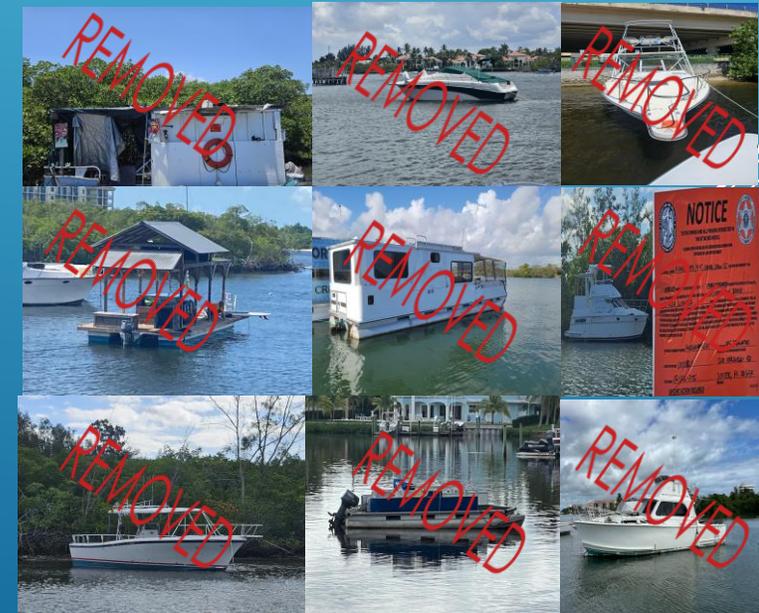
4th Quarter 2025 Marine Unit Activity & Year-End Summary

The Jupiter Police Department Marine Unit issued 32 citations regarding anchored vessels in the 4th quarter of 2025 and 81 total citations regarding various anchored vessel violations this year.

The Marine Unit completed night patrols to enforce anchor light statutes, registration compliance checks, anchor compliance checks, and monthly propulsion compliance checks.

Nine vessels were removed during 2025; three via the derelict vessel process and six were removed by vessel owners.

The Marine Unit is currently monitoring 19 anchored vessels.



Definitions

823.11 Derelict vessels

(b) “Derelict vessel” means a vessel, as defined in s. 327.02, that is:

1. In a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition upon any waters of this state. A vessel is wrecked if it is sunken or sinking; aground without the ability to extricate itself absent mechanical assistance; or remaining after a marine casualty, including, but not limited to, a boating accident, extreme weather, or a fire.

b. A vessel is junked if it has been substantially stripped of vessel components, if vessel components have substantially degraded or been destroyed, or if the vessel has been discarded by the owner or operator. Attaching an outboard motor to a vessel that is otherwise junked will not cause the vessel to no longer be junked if such motor is not an effective means of propulsion as required by s. 327.4107 (2)(e) and associated rules.

c. A vessel is substantially dismantled if at least two of the three following vessel systems or components are missing, compromised, incomplete, inoperable, or broken:

(I) The steering system;

(II) The propulsion system; or

(III) The exterior hull integrity.

FWC has an extensive Standard Operating Procedure that is followed to ensure the owner of a derelict vessel receives due process before removal.

Definitions

Vessels at risk of becoming derelict on waters of this state

(2) An officer of the commission or of a law enforcement agency specified in s. 327.70 may determine that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict if any of the following conditions exist:

- (a) The vessel is taking on or has taken on water without an effective means to dewater.
- (b) Spaces on the vessel that are designed to be enclosed are incapable of being sealed off or remain open to the elements for extended periods of time.
- (c) The vessel has broken loose or is in danger of breaking loose from its anchor.
- (d) The vessel is listing due to water intrusion.
- (e) The vessel does not have an effective means of propulsion for safe navigation within 72 hours after the vessel owner or operator receives telephonic notice, in-person notice recorded on an agency-approved body camera, or written notice, which may be provided by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means, stating such from an officer, and the vessel owner or operator is unable to provide a receipt, proof of purchase, or other documentation of having ordered necessary parts for vessel repair. The commission may adopt rules to implement this paragraph.
- (f) The vessel is tied to an unlawful or unpermitted structure or mooring.

Nuisance vessels

A vessel that is the subject of three or more violations issued pursuant to the same paragraph of s. 327.4107 (2) within an 24-month period which result in dispositions other than acquittal or dismissal shall be declared to be a public nuisance and subject to ss. 705.103 (2) and (4) and 823.11 (3). The commission, an officer of the commission, or a law enforcement agency or officer specified in s. 327.70 may relocate, remove, or cause to be relocated or removed such public nuisance vessels from waters of this state.

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OBJECTIVE:

- To identify vessels at risk of becoming derelict utilizing underwater dive operations through propulsion inspections.
- Warnings and citations are issued to registered owners when violations are identified.
- This is an ongoing operation that will be continually monitored by the members of the Marine Unit.
- Repeat offenders will be issued citations on a monthly basis and may be subject to removal through the derelict removal process, per Florida State Statute.
- To this point, 11 vessels have received citations for propulsion violations. 6 vessels have been issued 2 citations for propulsion violations, and 5 vessels have been issued 1 citation. Six additional vessels complied or left the area after receiving initial warnings.
- Remaining vessels found in violation will continue to be monitored by the Marine Unit, and citations are being tracked through the court system.

Vessels currently anchored in ICW



No Name FL1825MN

Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



Miss Conduct FL0376PD

Location: ICW/Indiantown Road

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Anchoring Violation 327.4109(4)

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

10/23/2025- No Anchor Light 327.50

11/27/2025- Expired Decal 328.48(5)

11/27/2025- FL Number Violation 328.52(2)

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

12/09/2025- Anchoring Violation 327.4107(2)(F)



Easy USCG DO 502881

Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Propulsion 327.4107(2)(E)

12/02/2025- Expired Decal 328.48(5)

12/02/2025- Expired Registration 328.72(13)(B)

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



Pontoon FL5406TH

Location: Dubois Park

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

10/23/2025- No Anchor Light 327.50

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



Peddler FL3736JM

Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



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Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Anchoring Violation 327.4109(4)

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

10/23/2025- No Anchor Light 327.50

11/27/2025- Expired Decal 328.48(5)

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL2547PG

Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)

10/23/2025- No Anchor Light 327.50

11/27/2025- Expired Decal 328.48(5)

11/27/2025- Expired Registration 328.72(13)(B)

12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL5958SM

Location: Burt Reynolds West

Citations This Quarter:

10/21/2025- Anchoring Violation 327.4109(4)

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL3957ME
Location: ICW/Indiantown Road
No Citations This Quarter



Bamboushay FL9604PG
Location: ICW/Indiantown Road
No Citations This Quarter



No Name FL1200SR

Location: ICW/Indiantown Road

Citations This Quarter

10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL1429SZ

Location: Burt Reynolds West

No Citations This Quarter



No Name FL9206BN
Location: Burt Reynolds West
No Citations This Quarter



No Name FL1936GU
Location: Burt Reynolds West
No Citations This Quarter
12/05/2025- Propulsion Violation Warning 327.4107(2)(E)
12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL4784JC
Location: Loxahatchee River
Citations This Quarter:
10/21/2025- Propulsion Violation Warning 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL4976KR
Location: Burt Reynolds West
No Citations This Quarter



No Name FL3221EH
Location: ICW/Indiantown Road
No Citations This Quarter



No Name FL7133NX
Location: Burt Reynolds West
Citations This Quarter:
11/27/2025- Expired Decal 328.48(5)
11/27/2025- Expired Registration 328.72(13)(B)
12/09/2025- Propulsion Violation Warning 327.4107(2)(E)



No Name FL0615GL

Location: Burt Reynolds West

No Citations This Quarter