

# Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)

December 15, 2022

Florida Room, Bldg.C., Florida Room C313

Government Center Viera, Florida

## Members Present:

Member	Present
John Mongioi	Yes
Kelly Haugh	Yes
Patrick Mulligan	No
Jay Woltering	Yes
Nick Sanzone	Yes
Frank Catino	Yes
Monique Miller	Yes
Frank Golan	Yes

## Staff Present:

Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Program Coordinator

Jaculin Watkins, Council Secretary

## Public Present:

See Attendance Sheet for full attendance.

## I. Call to Order

Mr. Sanzone called the December 15, 2022 meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. The attendance review was conducted and a quorum was established.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Catino moved to approve the July 21, 2022 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Woltering. Motion was unanimously approved.

## III. Agenda Items

### a. New Business

#### i. Meeting Calendar 2023

Staff distributed the Meeting Calendar for meeting quarterly in 2023.

Ms. Miller moved to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar. Seconded by Ms. Haugh. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### ii. Presentation by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 17-6

Mr. Gregory Hendricks from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 17-6 presented information on the history of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, boating accident statistics, and safe boating practices. Mr. Hendricks also reviewed

programs available from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for safe boating classes and courtesy boat safety checks.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Hendricks and other members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary responded to the Council's questions.

### **iii. Derelict Vessels**

Mr. Culver reported on the status of derelict vessels post-Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. County-wide, a total of 58 boats have sunk that are attributed to the storms; of those, approximately 15 owners have taken responsibility to remove their boats from the water, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) notified the remaining owners that they have 45 days to take action. Additionally, Mr. Culver reported that Brevard County will be working with FWC to remove 13 vessels, and then to continue with the removal of the remaining vessels under an FWC Grant program, with all remaining vessels removed in the next six to nine months. He also noted that some funding has been made available by the Tourist Development Council to address other derelict vessels. Discussion ensued; Mr. Culver responded to Council's questions.

Mr. Culver then reported that the State of Florida is currently conducting a long-term mooring study with the assistance of a consultant (Atkins). Seven counties have been selected as sampling sites (including Brevard County), and they are looking to determine if boats/vessels that are stored or left unattended for long periods of time are creating derelict vessel problems or navigational problems in our waterways. This study will lead to recommendations to the State Legislature to address any identified problems, Mr. Culver will keep the Council advised of the study's results.

## **b. Old Business**

### **i. Brevard County Boating & Angling Guide – Updates and Revisions**

The *Boating and Angling Guide to Brevard County* is a fold-out map produced by the FWC, and was last printed in 2005. Mr. Culver had previously asked Council members to review the current edition and suggest updates. Mr. Culver received a draft for the Council's review prior to printing. Discussion ensued. Items for correction were noted, and Mr. Culver requested the Council review in more detail and send additional suggestions to him to submit for this printing. Anticipate printing for distribution late Spring of 2023, Guide will be provided free to the public.

### **ii. Dredging Projects Update**

Mr. Culver gave a dredging project update. Projects included: 1) Grand Canal Dredging Project has shut down for the winter for manatee season (December to April). Approximately 260,000 to 280,000 cubic yards of material has been removed (of 400,000 cubic yards total); project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024; 2) Sykes Creek Muck Dredging

Project – Gator Dredging has removed approximately 40,000 cubic yards of the 600,000 cubic yards expected to be removed in this multi-phase/multi-year project.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Culver responded to the Council's questions. Public comments and questions were heard. Mr. Culver responded to the public's questions.

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **a. Council Reports**

Ms. Miller asked if there was any information available about pre-Hurricane Ian dumping of large amounts of vegetation/hydrilla into Turkey Creek, and Mr. Woltering explained that there were equipment issues and that a large harvester is out of service until the first of the year.

Mr. Sanzone gave an update on the Samsons Island Project, Phase 2 is complete and Phase 3 has been funded by the TDC, along with the City of Satellite Beach's "Adopt a Canal" canal enhancement program. Mr. Sanzone invites those interested to come for a tour. Mr. Sanzone also reported on the oysters and clams, and the monitoring of seagrass, which all show positive growth.

##### **b. Staff Report – Natural Resources Management Department**

Mr. Culver introduced Ms. Anda Ray, incoming District 1 Marine Advisory Council member, starting in January 2023.

##### **c. Staff Report- University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Brevard County Extension Office**

None.

#### **V. Public Input**

Public comments were heard under item III.b.ii.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Catino moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mr. Woltering. Motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.