

**NOVEMBER 2018 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND  
LEASEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



P.O. Box 4323  
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32549

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE: Monday, NOV 12, 2018.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW  
YOUR OILA MEMBERSHIP  
FOR 2018-2019.**

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT  
RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP,  
CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT  
850.585.2116 OR BY EMAIL AT:**

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**UNCLE OILA WANTS YOU!**

**GUEST SPEAKER FOR  
NOVEMBER 12, MEETING**

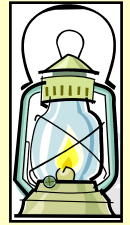


**CAROLYN KETCHEL  
DISTRICT 2 COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER**

**TOPIC: EVERYTHING ABOUT  
THE BEACHES**



# The OIL Lantern



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## NOVEMBER 2018

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### Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Monday, **Nov 12, 2018**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:**  
Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Floor Meeting Room

#### GUEST SPEAKER

**Carolyn Ketchel**, Okaloosa County  
Commissioner, Dist 2

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### II. ROLL

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you speak, please state your  
name, address and if you are a  
member.

#### IV. MINUTES (Draft)

October 8, 2018 Draft Meeting  
Minutes(Printed in November 2018  
OIL Lantern)

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT –**  
November 2018 Treasurer's Report:  
**Jim Simpson**

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Reports – Sept &  
October: Printed in November  
2018 Newsletter

B. Membership: **2018-2019 Dues  
Renewal - Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula  
Hudson**

E. Derelict Property/Beautification  
Committee Report - Have  
beautification plans getting started  
for Santa Rosa Blvd vegetation.Full  
size drawings with existing trees  
and shrubs marked. Need the  
beautification committee to add new  
tree and bush locations.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. OILA Island Christmas 2018  
Program - Planning and Budget  
-- **Nancy Hunt**

B. Status of Boat Basin Funds

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Okaloosa County  
Junkyard Ordinance

B. **BCC Agenda Item Request -**  
Update regarding the establishment  
of an idle-speed/no-wake zone in  
Santa Rosa Sound

#### XI: ADJOURNAMENT

### Message from the President - Dave Hancock

*I hope everyone can attend the November 12 Okaloosa Island LeaseHolders Association Meeting on November 12. We are honored by our County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel being in Attendance. This is a significant event so please try and attend.*

*And there are two significant events on the schedule:*

- *On November 13 a workshop will be held on the proposed improvements to the Boat Basin*
- *An Open House will be held on November 15 for the Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study to reduce storm damage on Okaloosa County beaches*

*Please plan to attend these two events as the subjects are quite important.*

*Finally Okaloosa County Staff has send a letter requesting that the county commissioners approve actions to get the appropriate permitting issues by FDEP for extending the minimum wake zone in Okaloosa County. This is a big first step for a goal that OILA has been working on for two years.*

Chairman Graham Fountain, Vice-Chairman Kelly Windes, Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel, Commissioner Trey Goodwin, Commissioner Nathan Boyles and Ajax Construction President Jay Smith

### Cordially Invite You to Attend the

#### Okaloosa County Courthouse Grand Opening Ceremonies

and the Rededication of

#### the Judge Keith Brace Courtroom "A"

Okaloosa County Courthouse, Front Steps  
Corner of Main Street & Pine Avenue in Crestview, Florida

November 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP – POSSIBLE RENOVATION OF THE BOAT BASIN AT THE SOUND-SIDE ACCESS NO. 2



**DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**  
**TIME: START: 3:00 PM FINISH: 5:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: EMERALD COAST CONVENTION CENTER**  
**ROOMS SUNSET 1 & SUNSET 2**

**(SEE BELOW FOR OFFICIAL, PUBLIC NOTICE)**

## LOCATION MAP



Pursuant to section 286.011, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that various members of the Okaloosa County Commission may attend a Public Workshop to be held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center (Sunset 1 & 2) on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm and ending at approximately 5:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the possible renovation of the boat basin at Access #2 located on Okaloosa Island and, to obtain input from the public on the issue. The public is welcomed to attend.

If you cannot attend but still wish to participate, you can find a survey at the following website:

[www.oksoundside.com](http://www.oksoundside.com)

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*Okaloosa County adheres to the American Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commission office described above and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing in order to provide the requested service.*

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S  
WEBPAGE:**

[WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM) -- OR

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 112 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**



Fire Calls ..... 4  
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....81  
False Alarms & Alarm  
Activations.....8  
Other.....39



( 126 calls were responded to in September 2017)

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR October 2018:  
3.0 Inches**



**Oct 10 (Hurricane Michael)....1.7 inches**

Oct 20...**0.1** inches    Oct 25...**0.6** inches  
Oct 22...**0.1** inches    Oct 26...**0.5** inches

October Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches  
Variance to Average..... **-1.3** inches  
Nov Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches  
November Record High.....**89° F** (1998)  
November Record Low .....**18° F** (1950)  
Nov Avg Water Temperature.....**72°**  
  
Avg Rainfall for December.... **4.8** inches  
December Record High..... **84° F** (1968)  
December Record Low..... **8° F** (1962)  
Dec Avg Water Temperature. ....**64° F**  
  
Year to Date to Variance ..... **- 10.1** inches  
Year to Date Rainfall.....**44.1** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – NOVEMBER**



**Nov 3, 1913** - The first American citizens receive information over the new national income tax. A married man living with his wife, who is in receipt of an income of \$5,000 pays \$10 a year and if his income is \$10,000 he pays \$60 per year.

**Nov 13, 1942** - The five Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser *USS Juneau* by a Japanese torpedo off Guadalcanal during World War II in the Pacific. Following their deaths, the U.S. Navy changed regulations to prohibit close relatives from serving on the same ship.

**Nov 14, 1994** - The first paying passengers traveled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.

**Nov 17, 1869** - The Suez Canal, linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, is opened..

**Nov 20, 1947** - Princess Elizabeth, the future queen of England, marries Philip Mountbatten in Westminster Abbey.

**Nov 24, 1835** - Texas lawmakers established a special force known as the Texas Rangers.

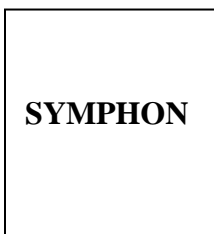


**Nov 28, 1520** - Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan passed through the strait (of Magellan) located at the southern tip of South America, thus crossing from the Atlantic Ocean into the Pacific.

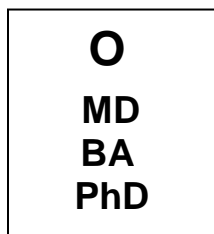
**Nov 30, 2004** - Longtime Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings finally loses. He finishes with the largest game show winnings of all time of \$2,520,700.

**WUZZLE PUZZLES-** What is a **Wuzzle Puzzle**? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The solutions are available on the page 6 of this newsletter.

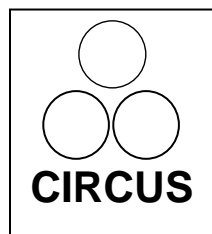
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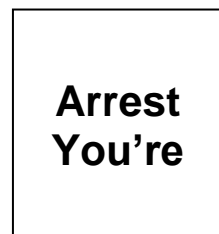
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Wuzzle 4



**MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – OCT 8, 2018 MEETING**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Hancock

**II. ROLL:** Roll of Board was called, those present were Dave Miller, Dave Hancock, Glenn McRae, Paula Hudson and Dean Hanson

**III. ANNOUNCEMENT:** Okaloosa Island Fire Chief Kevin Carvalho spoke to the attendees regarding preparations for Hurricane Michael: Sandbags available. Bridges will close at 45 MPH sustained winds at 35MPH will be told to evacuate. EOC currently at Level 1, manned 24 hours. He will supply OILA with all update information. Please evacuate. Fire Department will do pre and post storm surveys of island

**IV. MINUTES:** Sept 9, 2018 Minutes were approved unanimously with a 1st from Kathy Foster and 2nd from Jonathan Bellio

**V. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Oct 8, 2018 report presented by Jim Simpson (See Attached\*) A motion to approve report with reimbursements was made by Kathy Foster and 2nd by Michele Seitz. The report was approved unanimously.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Architectural Committee:** Architectural report not available at time of meeting.

**B. Membership: Jim Simpson:** Jim advised that the 2018-2019 membership renewal was still in progress and that he would not have a current number until it has closed.

**C. WebSite: Bob Seitz:** Bob advised that he website had been updated with Brooks Bridge informatioin to include the video of the proposed bridge.

**D. Boat Basin:** No Boat Basin committee member was present.

**E. Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson:** REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT.1602 ISLAND MSBU DATED: OCT 1, 2018

Total Monthly Revenue		Total Monthly Expenditures		
Sept 9.....	\$ 4,837.36	Electrical Services	Billing	
Sept 27.....	<u>\$ 7,213.81</u>	Aug 28.....	<u>\$1,158.18</u> Sept 9.....	\$ 483.98
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$12,051.17</b>		Sept 27... .	<u>\$ 721.39</u>
<b>Total Expenditures....</b>	<b>\$ 4,894.26</b>		Total .....	\$1,205.37
Monthly Change.....	<b>\$ 7,156.91</b>	<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$4,894.26</b>	
		2017 Fund Balance....	\$259,131.57	
		YTD Fund Balance.....	<u>\$268,459.81</u>	
		YTD Change.....	<b>\$ 9,328.24</b>	

**F. Derelict Property Committee Report:** Asked for more volunteers to be assigned to blocks. Will ask again in November’s Lantern

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** Ribbon cutting for new access still has not been scheduled. There are still issues with facilities not working. Mel Mattison requested that we send a letter to the county asking for a timeline for crosswalks being updated to state regulations. Mell Mattison made 1st motion with 2nd being made by Jonathan Bellio. After discussion a vote with taken and passed with one dissension.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Beautification of Santa Rosa Boulevard. Board has requested updated drawing from county for improvements Bridge to Bridge Pathway,letter from AF still has not been received by the county. Minimum Wake Zone- still waiting, Board to follow up with county. No Christmas Committee representative present

**VIII.** Meeting adjourned.

\*Copy of October 8, 2018 Treasurer’s Report follows on next page.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: October 8, 2018**

**MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 291**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 TOTAL BALANCE: \$24,698.88**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 11, 2018..... \$ 23,255.62**

**RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:** ..... Membership Dues: \$ 1,989.00  
 Newsletter Fees.....\$ 156.00  
 Contributions.....\$ 99.00  
 Total Receipts \$ 2,244.00

**EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:..... No Expenditures**

**EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT**

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the October 2018 OIL Lantern .....\$ 22.50  
 Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps and address labels for 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Drive:  
 Address Labels...\$ 21.49  
 Stamps.....\$ 250.00  
 Total Cost of Renewal Drive \$ 271.49  
 Total Expenses Pending Approval for Payment \$ 293.99

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF Sept 10, 2018 .....\$ 25,205.63**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 10, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT .....No Expenditures**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF October 8, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF Sept 10, 2018.....\$ 21.98**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF October 8, 2018 .....\$ 21.98**

**SUMMARY: October 8, 2018 Fund Balances**

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance. ....\$ 25,205.63  
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28  
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 21.98  
**TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 26,648.89**

**WUZZLE PUZZLES SOLUTIONS**

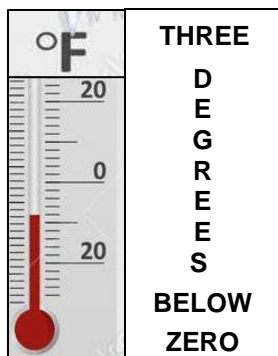
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**The Unfinished Symphony**



By Franz Schubert

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**THREE RING CIRCUS**

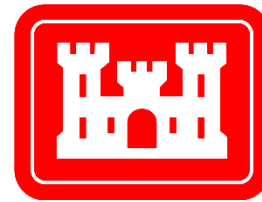
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**YOU'RE UNDER ARREST**



# PUBLIC WORKSHOP – INTRODUCTION OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY



**DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018**  
**TIME: START: 6:00 PM FINISH: :00 PM**  
**LOCATION: EMERALD COAST CONVENTION CENTER**  
**ROOMS: SUNSET 1 & SUNSET 2**

**Editor's Note:** This \$3 million feasibility study by Army Corps of Engineers to reduce storm damage in Okaloosa County was announced at the October 8, 2018 OILA meeting.

## Official Public Notice Follows:

Pursuant to section 286.011, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that various members of the Okaloosa County Commission may attend a Public Workshop to be held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center (Sunset 1 & 2) on Thursday, November 15, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at approximately 8:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce the coastal storm risk management study that is being conducted in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers and solicit early public input on their related concerns. This study will determine if there is a feasible project which the Corps can execute to reduce risk of storm damages to the coastal areas of Okaloosa County. The public is welcomed to attend.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018** for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee.  
**SPECIAL NOTICES:** 1) The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Touris Development Center building. 2) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
Sept 27	73 & 74	3	Virginia Master 330 Bluefish Drive #208	Replace Existing Windows	Yes
Oct 4		6	Island Echos Condo	Replace existing railings & floors	Yes
Oct 18	77	3	Dennis Kloet 335 Bluefish Dr #42	Occupational License for: Emerald Coast Gourmet Jerky	Yes

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE LEASEHOLDERS DECORATE THE ISLAND PROJECT FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

The chair for the Leaseholders Christmas Decoration Committee, Nancy Hunt, needs volunteers to start preparation for this year's Christmas events. Help is needed to transfer and set up the Christmas displays at the Welcome Triangle, wrap trees and solicit prizes for the homes, condos, and businesses decoration contest.

If you can help (or have a truck) please sign up at the November 12 meeting or call or text Nancy at 850-855-9635.



## BEAUFICATION AND DERLICIT PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Kathy Foster

OILA created this committee years ago to help residents. We recognize a myriad of reasons occur that properties sometimes fall into disrepair. Perhaps through absentee ownership, ill health, or lack of information who to contact for assistance. We have witnessed furniture discarded by dumpsters or on vacant lots. Huge piles of yard waste remaining for weeks.

The committee is looking for fellow Leaseholders to join this committee, taking on the responsibility of one zone to monitor. New members will be guided through the process of who, when and how to notify the necessary entities to rectify a problem --- whether it is a property not in compliance, Code Enforcement, Waste Management, Gulf Power, etc.

We recognize the efforts it takes for volunteers to visit, make phone calls, send letters and emails so we have broken down the area into zones. Volunteers will be assigned 'their' zone to patrol. Perhaps recruit a neighbor to volunteer along with you? It is suggested that volunteers not take the zone in their block to avoid any possible hard feelings.

At the end of the month the information from all committee members will be compiled into a monthly report and given at the OILA meeting.

If you would care to volunteer, here are the Zones utilizing our Block maps.

**Zone 1** – Amberjack to 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach Accessway

**Zone 4** – 5<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway to 6<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway

**Zone 2** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Accessway to 4<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway

**Zone 5** – 6<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway to the Air Force gate

**Zone 3** – 4<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway to 5<sup>th</sup> Beach Accessway

If you are prepared to help, please contact one of the following:

Dave Miller [domiller@cox.net](mailto:domiller@cox.net)

Paula Hudson [pnh2859@aol.com](mailto:pnh2859@aol.com)

Kathy Foster [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

## OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RECEIVES AN ISO (Insurance Services Office) RATING OF TWO (2)

Okaloosa Island Fire recently completed its 5 year Public Protection Classification (PPC) review/survey from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Alex Shubert – Manager for the organization has stated in part that ... “ISO’s Public Protection Classification (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies.” And that “most U.S. insurers – including the largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what businesses to write, coverage’s to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.” Mr. Shubert goes on to state that... “each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders” and that “communities whose PPC improves may, get lower insurance prices.” So therefore, a lower rating should directly correlate to lower insurance premiums.

OIFD was an ISO 4 rated Fire Department for many years prior to 2014. In that year, OIFD made significant changes that were able to better document and train the members (as well as many other factors) in an attempt to improve our rating. This was intended to try to get our residents the best ISO rating that we could get, in order to hopefully bring down the costs of insuring the billion dollars of property on Okaloosa Island. In 2014 that hard work had paid off and OIFD was then rated ISO 3. An improvement of a single point is significant for a department to realize. In truth, we have received a little help as well from the rating system being updated allowing smaller fire departments that are self-sustaining to enjoy a better rating. In early 2018 I was notified that we were going to be reviewed again by ISO as they require a survey within a five year period. On July 10, 2018 we underwent the involved process of review and completed the survey.

Today, I am very happy to report that we received the completed survey and effective February 1, 2019 we have an improved rating of ISO 2. I am proud of our department and the men and women who serve alongside me to make this department, district and community a better place to live, work, and enjoy. My hope is this improved rating will lead to lower insurance costs or at a minimum a stabilization of insurance rates in these ever tumultuous times while living and owning along a coastal community in Florida. I would also like to thank the members of our community who believe in the Okaloosa Island Fire Department and support our mission. We are very proud to serve you, and now we serve with an ISO 2 rating. Please be safe everyone and as always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kevin Carvalho, Fire Chief  
Okaloosa Island Fire District  
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Editor's Note: The following request for the Board of County Commissioners to place the subject of establishing an idle-speed/no-wake zone in Santa Rosa Sound was approved by the County Administrator and forwarded to the BCC for consideration as an agenda item. Will advise when item is on an agenda.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST**  
**UPDATE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IDLE-SPEED/NO-WAKE**  
**ZONE IN SANTA ROSA SOUND**

**DATE:** November 6, 2018 **TO:** Honorable Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Board **FROM:** Elliot Kampert  
**SUBJECT:** Status of Request for Boating Restricted Area on Santa Rosa Sound and Request for Authorization  
**DEPARTMENT:** Growth Management  
**BCC DISTRICT:** 2 - Ketchel

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:** Update regarding the establishment of an idle-speed/no-wake zone in Santa Rosa Sound as allowed by Chapter 327, Florida Statutes.

**BACKGROUND:** Various citizens have approached the County concerning the expansion of the existing no wake zone and/or the establishment of an idle-speed, no wake zone within 500 feet of the fuel pumps located at the Ft Walton Beach Yacht Basin. Staff has discussed these options with FWC and have been informed that the expansion of the existing no wake zone would require extensive documentation and studies to justify the expansion. However, they have indicated that the establishment of an idle-speed, no wake zone within 500 feet of fuel pumps or dispensers would be an option. Though the documentation and approvals necessary for the establishment of such a zone is still extensive, it could be addressed within a shorter time period.

Under section 327.46(1)(b)1.b., Florida Statutes, idle-speed, no wake zones may be established within 500 feet of fuel pumps or dispensers at any marine fueling facility that sells motor fuel to the general boating public on waterways more than 300 feet in width or within 300 feet of the fuel pumps or dispensers at any licensed terminal facility that sells motor fuel to the general boating public on waterways not exceeding 300 feet in width. As Santa Rosa Sound is in excess of 1,000 feet in the area requested, the speed zone would be allowed the full 500 feet. The general location and configuration of the proposed zone is shown in Attachment I.

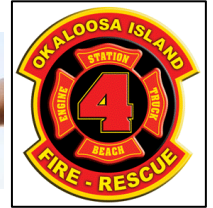
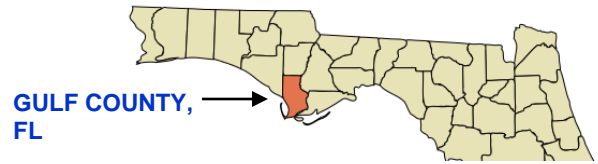
In general, the establishment of such a zone requires the adoption of a local ordinance and submittal of a Florida Uniform Waterway Marker (FUWM) application to the FWC's Office of Boating and Waterways. The application must include a waterway marker plan that includes the following:

- A scale drawing of the regulated area (not to exceed 8.5 x 11) showing the approximate placement of markers
- A corresponding list or table describing the details of each marker: Marker type (sign or buoy)
- Marker size, shape, color, and material
- Height above mean high water (for signs, measured to bottom edge)
- Message (including lettering and numbering)
- Global positioning system (GPS) coordinates in degrees and decimal minutes
- A statement of purpose that includes:
  - Justification for regulating the area
  - A copy of the adopted ordinance(s)
  - Names of the entities who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the marker(s)

In addition, and before submitting the application to the FWC, both the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACoE) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) must authorize the installation of the pilings and signage. Finally, after the ACoE, FDEP, and FWC have granted their approval, the speed zone must be approved by the US Coast Guard.

As of this writing, staff is in the process of developing the FUWM application and waterway marker plan, as well as an estimated cost for both permitting and installation of the markers and annual maintenance. Because of the amount of work entailed in establishing the requested speed zone, staff proposes to update the Board as work progresses, and will present the completed applications prior to submittal to the respective agencies. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize development of the necessary permit applications and other documents needed to establish an idle speed/no wake zone in the vicinity of the FT Walton Beach Yacht Basin in Santa Rosa Sound, with periodic updates in the process and prior to submittal of any applications.

**THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINS WITH OKALOOSA ISLAND RESIDENTS TO CONDUCT A SUCCESSFUL DRIVE TO COLLECT & DELIVER HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO WEWAHITACHKA, FLORIDA (GULF COUNTY) WHICH WAS DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE MICHAEL**



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