



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

## **AGENDA**

### **Waterway Advisory Board**

**September 22, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**1. Call to Order**

A. Chair Collier

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call:**

A. Austin, Collier, Cruz, Daubenberger, Humphrey, Jones, Pim, and Alternates Magruder and Martinez

**4. Citizen Input Time**

A maximum of 30 minutes is set for input of citizens on matters concerning the Waterway Advisory Board; 3 minutes per individual.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

A. Meeting Minutes - July 28, 2022

**6. Business**

A. Duties and Responsibilities of the Cape Coral Police Volunteer Marine Unit

**7. Staff Updates**

**8. Member Comments**

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

A. Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

**10. Adjourn**

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**Item Number: 5.A.**  
**Meeting Date: 9/22/2022**  
**Item Type: Approval of Minutes**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



**TITLE:**

Meeting Minutes - July 28, 2022

**SUMMARY:**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ 1. Meeting Minutes - July 28, 2022

**Type**

Backup Material

**MINUTES OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
FOR THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022**

**Council Chambers**

**1:00 P.M.**

Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Austin, Collier, Cruz, Daubenberger, Humphrey, Jones, Pim, and Alternate Magruder were present. Member Martinez was excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Keith E. Long, Council Liaison  
Michael Ilczyszyn, Public Works Director  
Maureen Buice, WAB Liaison  
Melissa Mickey, Communications Manager  
Maya Robert, Environmental Resources Manager  
Matt Grambow, Special Projects Coordinator

**Citizen Input Time**

Dan Carney appeared to discuss the suggestion of having Code Enforcement in the canals at least a couple of times per month.

Mark Numka appeared to discuss buying his dream boat and discovered that the boat ramp in the nearby canal system was chained off. He voiced his concerns about access for getting any potential repairs done on his boat.

**Approval Of Minutes**

**Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2022**

***Vice Chair Jones moved, seconded by Member Pim, to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2022, as presented. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

**Business**

**Mooring Regulation Ordinance**

Public Works Director Ilczyszyn discussed the following:

- This topic was discussed in the past and suggested by Council Liaison Long regarding mooring restriction for vessels in the canals.
- Marine Improvement Zone is in the LDC (Land Development Code).

- Covers physical aspects in our canals rights-of-way such as dock lifts, other seawalls
- Rest of canal available for use by boaters for navigation, sailing, power boating
- There have been issues with vessels moored to marine improvements within the Marine Improvement Zone that would impede navigation in the canal system.
- Intent of this Ordinance is to preserve a portion of the canal system for navigation
- Public Works met with CCPD Marine Unit
- GIS analysis done of the smallest canals, largest canals, canals that have Spreader Waterways with no improvements on other side
- Looked at variations of how many feet or what percentage of the canal makes sense to restrict or reserve for navigation
- What is the smallest bridge opening in the saltwater canal system?
- That would be the limiting factor to go through our canal system
- Distance or width at 35% would work at the smallest and the largest
- Freshwater canals – did the same analysis
- What types of boats are going in freshwater boat ramps?
- How are they getting there? Traveling on local roads 10 ft. lane
- 35% works for saltwater and freshwater
- Advance mooring zone to moor from your seawall or waterline 35% of the canal
- Always reserving the center third or 30% for navigation in freshwater and saltwater
- Requesting input from the Board before it goes to City Council

Vice Chair Jones asked if anchors would affect people who are fishing.

Director Ilczyszyn stated this Ordinance was specific to vessels moored to marine improvements. If you're anchored in the middle of a canal, you are not moored for the purpose of the mooring restriction.

Discussion held regarding:

- Recreational fisher dropping anchor perpendicular to the sides of the canal – are they in violation - intent is for vessels that are moored to a mooring structure
- Mooring restriction – 35% or 70 feet whichever is less

Member Pim asked for clarification on mooring tied to a permanent structure.

Director Ilczyszyn explained:

- Section 10-15.3 (a) (2) Moored means a boat that is secured to a mooring structure or the ground by way of lines or anchors or both lines and anchors.
- Example – a fisherman positions themselves between two docks, catches some fish, we could unintentionally snag them
- Intention is to make sure not to have unintended consequences
- Will clarify the language in the Ordinance

Discussion held regarding no chart or diagram to help navigate the biggest waterways.

Director Ilczyszyn discussed:

- Intent of the Ordinance
- What we don't want to do is have them out there out of sight trying to measure face of one seawall to face of the other seawall to determine the width of the canal
- And then measuring from the outer portion of the vessel back to show a violation
- Attorney's Office's recommendation is that we publish this so that property owners would know the width of their canal and what it would be regulated at
- No different than a car parked in right-of-way, whoever owns the property is irrelevant
- Actively looking without publicizing it, the center third or 30% is there for navigation
- If not, they can contact the registered owner and tell them to restructure their mooring without getting a survey.
- Looking for ways to simplify enforcement
- Requested comments to help Staff clarify the Ordinance

Discussing held regarding:

- Definition of moored is clear to a permanent structure
- A lot of variances throughout the City seeing a chart or table would be helpful

Director Ilczyszyn discussed:

- Things to reconsider in the chart
- North Cape – lots of canals starting at east end of City flowing east to west
- Series of weirs on one canal – Highlander Canal - different widths
- How to have an easier way in the Code to reserve a portion for navigation

Discussion held regarding:

- Look at marine improvement area and use that as your guide for the navigation area
- Not having something protruding 70 feet into the canal

Director Ilczyszyn stated the intent of the final version of the Ordinance was to have the center third for navigation.

Council Liaison Long explained the issue here was the concern that someone is going to be in violation of this Ordinance because they dropped a power pole and casted a line near a dock. The elements are straightforward for the boat secured to a mooring structure as defined in the Ordinance. The next element is by way of securing to that structure with that anchor. Power pole is not going to secure itself to the mooring structure, which is defined by dock, boat slip, seawall, etc. He opined that we would never get it right in the layman's sense. Every time we go to legal, this will delay this process further.

Discussion held regarding the definitions of boat, mooring, mooring structure.

Council Liaison Long understood the Board took issue with the inclusion of anchors.

Discussion held regarding:

- Moored means a boat that is secured to a mooring structure by way of anchor
- Suggestion to remove the word anchors

Director Ilczyszyn explained why it would be a problem removing the word anchors; it would prevent the ability for enforcement or interpretation. He noted why there may not always be a mooring structure. The only way for someone to moor their freshwater bass boat is to drop an anchor in the right-of-way at the edge of their property. The intent was to make sure that we're not getting any unintended consequences.

Member Cruz suggested to simply clarify the definition of what a moored vessel is versus recreational vessel.

Chair Collier discussed:

- Section (a)(2) instead of *ground* say *shoreline*
- What if they block 50/60% of the canal?
- What if these people show up and plead not guilty?
- It can either be effectively prosecuted or find they're outside of the Statute
- Be ready to write tickets to either the registered owner or the person who controls the subject boat, but not be limited to either
- Ticketing a rental may have a six-month delay

Director Ilczyszyn stated the vessel would have a license plate with a registration number which would be billed to the registered owner.

Chair Collier pointed out that anchors on the marine side are often referred to as ground tackle. Saying shoreline would clarify it. He supported the Ordinance.

***Member Daubenberger moved, seconded by Member Cruz, to allow and support Public Works to continue working on this Ordinance with the idea that it comes back to the Board prior to going to Council. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.***

**Access to Freshwater Canals in the North Cape (Brought forward by Member Daubenberger and Public Works)**

Member Daubenberger displayed the following slide and discussed the following:

- No freshwater boat ramps other than Trafalgar
- Putting \$30,000 into boat ramps
- Millings to pay for park ramps

Discussion held regarding:

- Using the canal system correctly
- One concrete boat ramp, house being built currently
- Every system in the Cape should have at least one concrete boat ramp for access

Director Ilczyszyn displayed the City of Cape Coral - Saltwater Canal Systems Delineation Map and discussed the following:

- City-owned boat ramps
- Saltwater areas
- Freshwater zones - basins
- Council asked Staff to identify which of these basins or saltwater tidal zones have boat ramps, which ones do not have boat ramps, and which ones have boat ramps that are open to the public
- Two years ago, Public Works began working with Lee County Mosquito Control and Hyacinth Control Districts to start acquiring properties in basins that did not have a freshwater boat ramp
- Construction over last couple of years
- Permitted them as Government use only boat ramps
- When we're done constructing it, we put a chain across the boat ramp
- Availability of boat ramps to residents
- Access points of boat ramps in the City
- Basin 7
- Red dot indicates City-owned on the water intended for a future boat ramp
- Blue – constructed and public access
- Green – Government use only constructed ramp
- Basin 7 – no colored dot, need to buy land and construct in that zone
- Council directed Development Services Staff to change the City's Comprehensive Plan to create a pocket park designation for all constructed for Government use and change them to allow public access
- If passed by Council, that pocket park will have a picnic table and boat ramp. Amenities would not include shade structures, restrooms, lighting, parking; would only launch and recover vessels
- Before October 2022, all green dots will go to blue, chains will come down, will be open to everybody
- Still need to construct all red dots, City unimproved properties
- At our Budget Retreats, City Council has appropriated or directed the City Manager to provide Public Works funding to finish building those out so that in the entire City of Cape Coral no resident is left without a boat ramp in their basin

Chair Collier inquired about the parking in these locations and how it may be controlled.

Director Ilczyszyn discussed:

- First come, first serve basis, only so much space per lot
- Santa Barbara all the way to the north of the City, there was a platted road right-of-way that went to Gator Slough where there was a boat ramp.
- Parking at pocket parks – past discussion for decal designation
- Will be policy at some time in the future
- Currently creating the pocket park designation



Discussion held regarding:

- Freshwater system – State pre-empts local governments from regulating vessel speed with the exception of five specific areas - Captured all of our saltwater under Manatee Protection Zones

Director Ilczyszyn stated if the Board supported the motion, the request to Council was to appropriate the fund. The Budget has not been adopted yet; if there are future cuts, this could be one of them. He suggested a motion might be to advance to Council to let them know that the Waterway Advisory Board strongly urges that the appropriation stays in the FY23 Budget. It would be helpful if Council Liaison Long brought this forward to Council.

Chair Collier mentioned one boat ramp south of Mohawk, east of Chiquita, and west of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue which has significant improvements, but it appears to have virtually no access.

Director Ilczyszyn explained the uniqueness of the Lake Finisterre Boat Ramp. It was specifically built for the divers and teams doing environmental analysis who had an immediate access point should something go wrong with the industrial waste discharge point. That point of discharge is no longer in use. Now the RO Plant does deep well injection. If this were to pass, that would eventually be open to the public.

City Attorney Menendez stated the floor would need to be open for any member wanting to make a motion as she understood it: ***to recommend to the Council that they fund in the FY23 budget at least one boat ramp in every freshwater waterway system in the City.***

Chair Collier noted that Council Liaison Long could inform Council of the Board's recommendation. He asked the City Attorney to restate the suggested motion.

City Attorney Menendez stated it would be a motion ***to recommend to the City Council that they fund in the FY23 budget at least one public access boat ramp in each freshwater system in the City.*** She noted that the freshwater system would include canals, lakes, and basins.

Discussion held regarding the suggested motion, freshwater system.

City Attorney Menendez recommended that it be the freshwater waterway system because basin is self-limiting.

Chair Collier stated the motion would be to ***recommend to City Council in the FY23 fund construction of public access boat ramps in the freshwater waterway systems that goes into each basin of the City.***

City Attorney Menendez noted the word basin could be dropped.

Council Liaison Long understood that the Chair's recommendation for the motion was to reiterate the Board's support for Council to move forward with the already allocated

budgeted four or five parks that have already been set forth in the budget. He explained it had already been proposed and to make sure it would remain in the FY23 budget.

***Member Daubenberger moved, seconded by Member Humphrey, to recommend to the City Council that they fund in the FY23 budget at least one public access boat ramp in each freshwater system in the City.***

Chair Collier restated the motion: ***We (the Waterway Advisory Board) recommend that the City continues funding in the FY23 public access boat ramps in the freshwater waterway system and in all freshwater waterway systems of the City.***

City Attorney Menendez questioned continue funding. She understood Mr. Long's point that the City Manager has proposed in his budget that this funding occurred. She believed Council would approve that as it is stated in the City Manager's budget, but technically it is not being funded right now. The City Manager is recommending that it be funded as part of the FY23 budget.

Chair Collier agreed to delete the word continue and restated the motion: ***We (the Waterway Advisory Board) recommend that the City funds in the FY23 budget public access boat ramps in the freshwater waterway system and in all freshwater waterway systems of the City.***

***Motion maker and second agreed with the change.***

Chair Collier noted the motion was clear for support. He asked Staff for any input.

Director Ilczyszyn stated it would be simple to just recommend City Council appropriate funds in the next fiscal year budget to provide access in all basins. He believed regardless of the language, City Council will understand the intent.

Chair Collier repeated the motion again: ***We (the Waterway Advisory Board) recommend to City Council appropriate funds included in FY23 for public access boat ramps and their construction in the freshwater waterway systems of the City.***

***Motion maker and second agreed.***

***Board polled as follows: Austin, Collier, Cruz, Daubenberger, Humphrey, Jones, and Pim voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried.***

#### **Review and Discussion of the July WAB Memo**

Chair Collier asked the Board if they objected to moving this agenda item to possibly during Members Comments later in the meeting.

***Member Cruz moved, seconded by Member Daubenberger, to move up item 6.D.***

***Discussion Regarding the Boating Accident on May 6, 2022 prior to item 6.C. Review and Discussion of the July WAB Memo. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

**Discussion Regarding the Boating Accident on May 6, 2022**

Chair Collier turned the floor over to Member Austin.

Member Austin provided background about the origin of this topic. He suggested the Board recommend to Council that they recognize the outstanding work of the responding officers.

Council Liaison Long offered to bring the suggestion to Chief of Police Sizemore and allow the Chief to make that determination.

Chair Collier asked the Board if they wanted to encourage Council Liaison Long to follow up in that manner.

Member Austin strongly suggested and was in agreeance for Council Liaison Long to bring this matter forward to the Chief of Police and/or the CCPD and let them know that letters were received from the people involved who were impressed with the officers' response.

Chair Collier inquired if any kind of signage could have prevented this accident, possibly a sign at the eastern end of the entry.

Member Cruz opined that signage would not help; what we need is a bigger presence of the Marine Units.

***Member Austin moved, seconded by Member Daubenberger, to ask Council Liaison Long to contact the CCPD and indicate that our forward would like to recognize the two officers that responded to the incident on May 6<sup>th</sup> and that they did a very good job and the people involved in the incident have indicated that they were very pleased and thought the police went over and above to make sure they were safe and secure in the incident.***

City Attorney Menendez suggested condensing the motion to: ***have Council Liaison talk to the Chief of Police about this Board recommending that positive recognition be given to the Marine Patrol Officers who responded to May 6, 2022.***

Chair Collier noted that there were three officers that responded; the language should include whatever officers responded.

***There were no objections to the updated language of the motion.***

***Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

### **Staff Updates**

Chair Collier acknowledged that the City website has the Fertilizer Ordinance on the home page.

Communications Manager Mickey discussed:

- Watering/Irrigation schedule
- OWL on two bus benches in Cape Coral as well as two electronic billboards
- Canal Owner's Handbook update – intent to provide a copy to all at the next meeting

Member Humphrey thanked Ms. Mickey for bringing attention to the matter since it had been suggested by Tom Dawson.

Chair Collier praised Director Ilczyszyn for the repairs and replacement of some of the markers.

Director Ilczyszyn stated they finally got a marine contractor to show up. We had identified several of the markers that are in the system with the Coast Guard and noted the 14 discrepancies that were taken care of.

Chair Collier asked Staff if they needed anything else from the Board.

Director Ilczyszyn stated as soon as we replace a marker, we notify the Coast Guard and then it's up to them to publish or update the local notice to mariners.

### **Member Comments**

Member Humphrey inquired about the process of getting an item on the agenda. He asked if it was proper to bring it up during Member Comments.

Chair Collier stated that was one way. The other way is to circulate your topic through Mrs. Dixon who will contact the Chair.

Member Humphrey requested that there be Formal Procedures on how a WAB Member may get an item placed on an Agenda.

Chair Collier stated he would review the topic and see where it fits in the meeting calendar.

Member Humphrey understood that the Board would not vote on the next meeting agenda at this meeting.

Chair Collier responded in the affirmative. He stated he would filter it, distill it, and try to pigeonhole it in the agenda.

Member Humphrey discussed the correspondence he sent regarding the markers.

City Attorney Menendez clarified the process of putting items on an agenda:

- If a member has something they want to see on the agenda, they would communicate that to Mrs. Dixon who would then communicate that to the Chair.
- Then the Chair would or would not place it on the agenda.
- When you come to the next meeting, if that is when you requested that item, if it is not on the agenda, that would be an opportunity for the member to ask the Chair at the meeting about the status of the particular requested agenda item.
- The Chair would then explain his reasoning.
- The member would then have the opportunity to make a motion for placing an item on the agenda.
- The Board could then vote on whether or not to put that item on the agenda.
- This would be the means for addressing that if the Chair did not want to place a particular item on the agenda.

Member Humphrey commended Staff on the replacement of markers.

Director Ilczyszyn discussed how Staff tried to make the repairs as quickly as possible. He also discussed the routine maintenance for updating signage.

#### **Review and Discussion of the July WAB Memo (moved by motion)**

Member Austin discussed the bridge projects. He asked Staff about the status regarding the inspection of them.

Director Ilczyszyn discussed:

- Bridge Master Plan – analysis of age, constructional integrity of all bridges – recommendations will be made to the retrofit, repair, and in some cases removal – project underway – will provide an update
- If a bridge needs to be replaced and it's a pile-supported structure now between two seawalls that are retaining, possibly it could be redesigned to be a span bridge for more navigation – as we near evaluation – we can certainly discuss certain bridge types and how it affects navigation and waterway – if this is something worthy of WAB's purview, it will be brought back
- When Crystal Lake is created, we will have a boat ramp in the far northern portion of that saltwater access system – will alleviate traffic congestion at the Burnt Store Boat Ramp

Member Austin inquired about livestreaming the meetings. He questioned if it would help to get public awareness of this Board.

Assistant to the City Manager Buice could not recall which advisory board meetings are currently streamed. The City has a contract with 1Pro Media that provides the streaming services for City Council meetings. They have a three-year contract and are paid strictly to stream those meetings.

Recording Secretary Dixon stated that other meetings that are livestreamed by 1Pro Media are the Hearing Examiner, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Youth Council.

Member Austin asked if it would be beneficial for the WAB meetings to be livestreamed too.

Assistant to the City Manager Buice stated that could be contemplated when the 1Pro Media contract comes up for renewal.

Vice Chair Jones suggested an agenda item under Staff Updates for the September meeting – request Staff to provide an update on Stormwater Management. The last time it was discussed was November 2021. What the City is doing with Stormwater Management? Staffing? How often are catch basins cleaned?

Chair Collier responded in the affirmative to note that item.

Member Pim thanked Staff for their reports on Water Quality. He inquired about the bubble curtains south of the Cape Coral Bridge.

Director Ilczyszyn stated if these are successful, they could be going before City Council to get additional appropriations to do more. He explained why some areas were excluded from the permit. He discussed the Smalltooth Sawfish Exclusion Zone.

Member Pim mentioned a green algae bloom within ½ mile of City Hall.

Director Ilczyszyn stated this topic comes up a lot during this time of year. People are fertilizing right up to the end of May. Our goal has been to try to continue to reduce the fertilizing and provide a buffer zone. We are trying to address the source.

Environmental Resources Manager Robert discussed how a comprehensive study was done a few years ago including tracers. She noted the budget plans for next year to contract out with some researchers and contractors to identify some hotspots.

Member Pim addressed Mr. Carney's comments from Citizens Input. Does Code Enforcement have the authority to police the dumping of grass clippings on our waterways?

Chair Collier agreed that this should be on the meeting agenda for September. He asked him to draft some discussion points and give them to Mrs. Dixon. He was not sure if the Board was ready to meet once a month. If the Board wanted to do that, it could be discussed later. He asked the Board if there were any more comments on Mr. Husby's letter to the Breeze.

City Attorney Menendez commented that if this Board would like to see its authority in any way expanded and whether that would require a change in the Ordinance, she believed the Board should identify those specific powers. Then there would be a motion to request to Council to grant it to this Board. You could flesh that out with a memo that articulates why

you believe you need that additional authority so that the Council could better understand. That's the only way to get it addressed.

Chair Collier stated that was the reason it was on the agenda, to see if other Board Members had strong feelings about things they wanted to capture on a Memorandum to City Council.

### **Cape Coral Breeze Article Regarding the WAB from July 1, 2022**

Chair Collier discussed Ray Judah's letter that appeared recently in the press and was circulated via email. He noted how water quality is in the top one or two items addressed by the Council candidates.

Discussion held regarding:

- Letter to the editor from a former politician
- Recommendations to go to Council need to use information that is vetted
- Tying in the letter to the Editor that appeared in the Breeze with the WAB memo dated 7/28/2022
- Hot topic with water activists in the area

Chair Collier explained if we wanted Council to take more of an aggressive role or more proactive role in voicing their unhappiness with the present situation, the Board could do that. He wanted feedback from the Board.

Discussion held regarding:

- July 28, 2022 WAB Memo to Council Paragraph 4
- Continue as a Board to support legislation and increase pressure to ensure our waterways are protected from the discharge
- Suggestion – Communications Department – get busy with respect to initiatives they're undertaking
- One concern – algae growth in canals
- Promote City's positive activities

Assistant to the City Manager Buice agreed putting more emphasis was an excellent idea and would send the message along to Communications. She noted that Citizens Academy would be restarting in September after the COVID hiatus. We hoped to add a section in the Citizens Academy when we work with Mr. Ilczyszyn and his group. Citizens Academy gives the City the opportunity to go into depth.

***Member Pim moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jones, to approve the memo as written.***

Discussion held regarding:

- Important issues – invite our State Representatives to a discussion
- State pre-empted our ability to require boaters to attend education courses
- Pre-empted the ability to regulate speed in freshwater canals

Chair Collier asked the Board if they wanted a legislative representative to attend a meeting.  
***There were no objections.***

***Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.***

### **Date And Time of Next Meeting**

The next Waterway Advisory Board Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Chair Collier noted if there were any suggestions for the next meeting agenda, they should be sent to Mrs. Dixon at your earliest opportunity.

Recording Secretary Dixon reminded the Board to send her any suggestions in time for Staff's response to any items requested.

Chair Collier noted that it takes time for Staff to respond.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Shana Dixon  
Recording Secretary

*Transcribed by Barbara Kerr 8/16/2022*



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**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



**TITLE:**

Duties and Responsibilities of the Cape Coral Police Volunteer Marine Unit

**SUMMARY:**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
▣ 1. PVU Marine Presentation - Sergeant Caruso	Presentation



Cape Coral  
Police  
Volunteer  
Marine Unit

# STAFFING

- 31 Volunteers on current roster
- 17 were active in August, accounting for 372 service hours logged
- There have been a total of 37 volunteers active at different times from January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31, accounting for 3334 service hours logged
- Usual staffing is 3 PVU's on vessel for normal patrols





# EQUIPMENT

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- 2006 23 ft. Proline  
docked in the Cape Coral  
Yacht Club
- 2014 19 ft. Lowe Pontoon  
boat that is kept on a  
trailer and used primarily  
for patrol in the North  
Spreader system. (boat  
launched at Burnt Store  
boat ramp)



# POLICY

**The PVU Marine unit is governed by CCPD General Order B-50.**

Volunteers assigned to the Marine unit *shall*:

- Locate, remove, and/or report obstructions in the waterway
- Educate citizens, via literature/pamphlets and presentations, on water safety, boating etiquette, and applicable laws and ordinances
- Assist Marine Officers as directed
- Participate in citywide special events as directed





## POLICY (cont...)

- Operate a specially marked "Police Volunteer Unit" department watercraft while volunteering in this capacity
- The Volunteer Marine Unit will schedule their water patrol based on the direction of the Special Operations Bureau Commander, or designee. The Marine Volunteer Unit shall typically patrol three (3) days per week, based on peak times of boaters, but may change (increase or decrease) due to holidays, special events, or water conditions.



# SPECIAL PROJECTS

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- Post Hurricane Irma Seawall inspections: The PVU Marine unit was tasked with locating all sea wall damage on canals that lead directly into the Caloosahatchee River. They located and documented over 500 damaged seawalls
- Unpermitted marine regulatory sign survey: The PVU Marine unit was tasked with patrolling every saltwater waterway throughout the city and documenting unpermitted marine regulatory signs. They were instrumental in documenting approximately 130 improper signs on private business and residential properties, as well as a number of improper signs posted on public waterways





## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Red White and Boom
- Holiday Boat Parade
- Sprint Triathlon
- Wreathes across America

