

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **If I received a Boating Citation, what do I do?** To satisfy this citation, please carefully review the options available in this guide.
- **How long do I have to satisfy my citation?** You have thirty (30) days to pay your citation. Failure to notify the clerk of one of the options listed in this guide within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued, will result in a \$20 penalty and a hearing date will be set before a Judge.
- **Can I get an extension of time to pay?** No extension of time is given to pay. Payments are expected within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued.
- **If I disagree with the charge(s), may I request to see the judge?** Yes, see **Option 2** for further instructions.
- **Will this citation affect my driver license?** No, this citation will not affect your driver license and no points will be applied against your license.

## MANDATORY EDUCATION FOR VIOLATORS

Florida State Statute section 327.731 requires that anyone convicted of the following boating violations (see below) will be mandated to complete a boating safety course.

- Any non-criminal boating infraction resulting in a boating accident.
- Any two boating safety infractions listed below within a 12 month period:
  - Careless operation
  - Water skiing, aquaplaning, parasailing, and similar activities
  - Interference with navigation
  - Violating boating-restricted area and speeds limits
  - Required safety equipment, lights, and shapes
  - Violating navigation rules in a way that does not result in an accident or that results in an accident not causing serious bodily harm or death
  - Personal watercraft violations
  - Boater safety education violations
  - Operating overloaded or overpowered vessels
  - Divers-down warning devices
  - Adequate muffler on airboat
  - Display of flag on airboat
  - Carelessly causing Seagrass scarring
- Violating springs protection zones

**Note: The FWC may provide a waiver of the attendance requirement for violator's residing where a classroom course is not available.**

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Boating Safety Section  
620 South Meridian St  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600  
(850) 488-5600

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you were cited with a violation(s) listed below, you may be eligible for a clerk's dismissal if proof of compliance was valid before the date of the citation.

327.395 (1)	Proof of Boating I.D.
328.72 (13)	Proof of Vessel Registration
379.354	Hunting/Fishing License Violation

Provide a copy of the valid item(s) with a copy of your citation, and **\$10.00** dismissal fee to: The Miami-Dade County, Clerk of Court, 1351 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, #8100, Miami, FL 33125. If document was not valid before the citation was issued, you must pay the full amount of the citation.

If the citation is not in the system and you are unable to process your payment by phone, you are still responsible to satisfy the citation within 30 days of the issue date either by mail or in person:

You can view future hearing dates online 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Please use the court case number and visit:

<https://www.miamidadeclerk.gov/clerk/boating-information.page>

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** Qualified individuals requiring an ADA accommodation may contact Aliean Simpkins, the Court ADA Coordinator at Telephone (305) 349-7175; TDD (305) 349-7174, Email [ADA@jud11.flcourts.org](mailto:ADA@jud11.flcourts.org) or via Fax at (305) 349-7355. Individuals who are hearing or voice impaired may contact the telephone number listed via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771, or by dialing 711. Certain Traffic information and services are also available on-line at [www.miamidadeclerk.gov](http://www.miamidadeclerk.gov). Please note, at least 7 days advance notice is required when scheduling Sign Language Interpreters. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.

## Miami-Dade County Boating Mailer



### INSTRUCTIONS

Failure to notify the clerk of one of the options listed in this guide within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued will result in a \$20 late penalty and a hearing date will be set before a Judge.

### WARNING NOTICE

Pursuant to F.S. (327.73), Any person who fails to appear or otherwise properly respond to a uniform boating citation shall in addition to the charge relating to the violation of the boating laws of this state, be charged with the offense of failing to respond to such citation and, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

In order to avoid delays and long lines at the court-house, please dial (305) 275-1155. The phone lines are available Monday - Friday/9:00-4:00p.m. Please wait 15 days from the date you receive the citation before selecting the above services.

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### SEND PAYMENT AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

**TO: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
CLERK OF COURTS  
1351 NW 12 St, Room 8100  
MIAMI, FL 33101-9321**

Deputy Clerks are available to assist you in person at any of the following locations from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday to Friday. The Joseph Caleb, North Dade, and South Dade Justice Centers have extended hours from 9 AM to 8 PM on Thursdays and from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays.

- North Dade Justice Center, 15555 Biscayne Blvd, Miami
- Coral Gables, 3100 Ponce de Leon, Coral Gables
- Richard E. Gerstein Building, 1351 NW 12th St., #18100, Miami
- Joseph Caleb Center, 5400 NW 22nd Ave., #103, Miami
- Miami Beach, 1130 Washington Ave., Miami Beach (Temporarily Closed for Renovations)
- South Dade Justice Center, 10710 SW 211th St., Cutler Bay
- Hialeah, 11 East 6th St., Hialeah

## OPTIONS TO SATISFY YOUR CITATION

### **OPTION 1 – Pay civil penalty**

#### PAYABLE INFRACTIONS

PENALTIES: Within 30 Days After 30 Days

Unnumbered/Unregistered Vessel	123.00	143.00
Registration Number Display	123.00	143.00
Vessel/Registration Certificate	123.00	143.00
Registration Decal Display	123.00	143.00
Expired Registration	123.00	143.00
Careless Operation	140.00	160.00
Waterski and similar activities	140.00	160.00
Interference with Navigation	140.00	160.00
Manatee/Speed Zone	140.00	160.00
Boating Safety Equipment	140.00	160.00
Navigation Lights	140.00	160.00
Personal Watercraft/Lifevest	140.00	160.00
Marine Sanitation/Equipment	123.00	143.00
Marine Sanitation/Discharge	290.00	310.00
Boating Safety ID Card	140.00	160.00
Overloaded/Overpowered vessel	140.00	160.00
Divers Down Flag	140.00	160.00
Flag Display on Airboat	140.00	160.00
Seagrass Scarring*	140.00	160.00

#### OTHER:

Fishing/Hunting License	72.00	* **
State Park Violation	80.00	* ***
BUI/Refusal to Submit/Breath	500.00	

**Note: Fines are subject to change depending on the following:**

**\*Subsequent violations can result in larger fine amounts**

**\*\*Fine amount varies depending on type of required License**

**\*\*\*Fine amount varies depending on type of violation**

### **OPTION 2 – Request a trial on the violation**

If it is determined that an infraction has been committed, the Court may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00\* in addition to applicable court costs. To make your request, fax the completed attached **WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY FORM** to **305-548-5415**, or mail the attached **WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY FORM** to the attention of the Clerk of Court, 1351 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, #8100, Miami, FL 33125.

### WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY FORM

1. Mail a copy of your citation with this form to the Miami-Dade County, Clerk of Courts.
2. To avoid late fees, your Written Plea of Not Guilty Form must be received in this office WITHIN 30 DAYS of the issue date of the citation.
3. Sign your request on the line provided.

PLEASE PRINT

Citation Number (s)

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth

Comes now the defendant in the above styled cause individually and informs the court that I hereby enter my plea of **NOT GUILTY**.

Signature Date

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

We must have your current address to notify you of your court date. If your address is different from the address listed on your citation, please complete the information below.

Street Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

## PAYMENT FORM

Mail your copy of the citation(s) with this form. You may pay by check or money order, in U.S. funds. Please make check or money order payable to CLERK OF COURTS. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Street Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Area Code Telephone Number

Citation Numbers

Amount Paid

\$

☐ Check ☐ Money Order **TOTAL \$**

### **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

We honor only VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER CARD.



Due to changes in credit card security and for our customer's protection, we no longer accept credit card payments through the mail. You can save on postage and time waiting in line by PAYING BY PHONE with a credit card, please dial (305) 275-1155.

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