*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 speed 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
 - Careless 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 <u>before the date of the citation</u>.

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 the Court and Comptroller, 1351 NW 12th 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: www.miamidadeclerk.gov

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 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. 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 courthouse, 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 12th St, Room 8100 MIAMI, FL 33101-9321

DEPUTY CLERKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY, AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

North Dade Justice Center 15555 Biscayne Blvd., #100

Joseph Caleb Center 5400 NW 22nd Ave, Suite #103

Coral Gables 3100 Ponce de Leon Miami Beach 1130 Washington Ave, #200

South Dade Justice Center

Hialeah

10710 S.W. 211th St, #1500

11 East 6th Street

Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building 1351 N.W.12th Street, #8100

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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
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OTHER:

Fishing/Hunting License	72.00 *	**
State Park Violation	* 00.08	***
BUI/Refusal to Submit/Breath	500.00	

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

- ${\bf *Subsequent\ violations\ can\ result\ in\ larger\ fine\ amounts}$
- **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, submit the completed attached WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY FORM with a copy of your citation to Fax: 305-548-5404, or mail to the attention of the Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, 1351 NW 12th Street, #8100, Miami, FL 33125, or email to cocmisdemeanor@miamidadeclerk.gov

WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY FORM

- Mail a copy of your citation with this form to the Miami-Dade County, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller.
- 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

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth		

Signature

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Date

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

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