

**Miami River Commission's
Urban Infill & Greenways Subcommittee
Public Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2026**

Miami River Commission (MRC) Urban Infill & Greenways Subcommittee's Chairman Jim Murley convened the public meeting on July 29, 2026, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sheet is attached.

I) Discussion Regarding Miami-Dade County Boater Safety Task Force Report

Attendees discussed and reviewed the Miami-Dade County Boater Safety Task Force Report. On July 21, 2026 the County Commission adopted at first reading an item regarding creating the new Miami-Dade County Boater Safety and Bay Education Committee, as recommended in the Report. Attendees reviewed the following recommendations of the Report, followed by Jim Murley's recommendations to the MRC:

Overarching Recommendations

1. Establish the Boater Safety and Bay Education Management Board (BSMB) - Agree
2. Create a Marine Enforcement Group - recommend the Harbor Safety Committee become the Miami Harbor Safety Committee and serve as the "Marine Enforcement Group". Special attention should be placed on issues unique to Port Miami River.

Pillar 1. Boater Safety Education

1A. Establish a comprehensive, multilingual public awareness campaign to improve boater safety across Biscayne Bay. – please pay attention to Port Miami River's unique vessel patterns with International Shipping vessels under tow, charters, fishing boats, etc.

1B. Leverage technology and digital platforms to deliver targeted, on-demand boater safety education throughout Biscayne Bay. - Leverage technology and digital platforms to deliver targeted, on-demand boater safety educational throughout Biscayne Bay and on the Miami River assisting with boater safety at the bascule bridges and AI solutions to enforce the idle no wake speed zone.

1C. Expand community-based engagement programs to strengthen boater safety education across Biscayne Bay. - include Miami River and teach no passing vessels within Port Miami River's idle no wake speed zone. The Miami River should be treated as a 2-lane street with 1 travel lane in each direction and no passing.

1D. Use County Proprietary Authority to Close the Boater Safety Education Gap in Miami-Dade County. - explore voluntary participation of private marinas on Biscayne Bay and Miami River

1E. Require Boater Safety Courses for County Marina Slip Holders – and voluntary boater safety course for private and city owned marina slip holders

1F. Require Boater Safety Education for County Boat-Ramp Permits - see 1E

1G. Encourage Private Marinas to Adopt Boater-Safety Requirements Pillar - see 1E

2. Law Enforcement

2A. Establish a Boating Law Enforcement Task Force to strengthen coordinated safety operations across Biscayne Bay. – The Miami Harbor Safety Committee should serve as the recommended new Task Force

2B. Implement a unified marine radio communication protocol to improve multi-agency coordination and emergency response. - Agree

2C. Standardize citation and data-collection systems across all marine enforcement agencies to strengthen accountability and intelligence-driven operations. - Agree

2D. Create a countywide boating data clearinghouse to strengthen intelligence-driven safety and enforcement strategies. - Agree

2E. Apply proven traffic-enforcement strategies to marine operations to deter unsafe and impaired boating. - recommend more marine patrol, video and audio surveillance on Miami River

2F. Establish a specialized boating court process to ensure consistent adjudication and strengthen accountability. - Agree

2G. Target illegal land-based charter operations through coordinated enforcement and digital monitoring. - agree and focus on single family residential neighborhoods on Miami River

2H. Review and Improve County Business Tax Receipt (BTR) Process for Marine Related Businesses - agree – enforcement prohibition at single family homes on Miami River which do not allow Business Tax Receipts

2I. Establish Permanent Funding Sources for Marine Enforcement – Agree and recommend the creation of the Manatee Protection Trust Fund

Pillar 3. Legislation

3A. Use County Authority to Expand Boater Safety Requirements and Close Regulatory Gaps
Pillar - Agree

4. Waterway Management

4A. Commission a comprehensive vessel congestion study and revisit the findings of the 2024 North Bay Report. – recommend creation of a Federal Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment and a Risk Assessment along the Miami River

4B. Restore and standardize navigational markers and conduct a countywide audit of marine signage and mooring infrastructure. 4C. Integrate Illegal-Charter Prevention Protocols into Marina Operations. - Agree – improve visibility of channel markers and add cameras on top

4C. Integrate Integral Charter Prevention Protocols into Marina Operations – agree – on river special attention to include in MOP requirements for prohibiting illegal charters by taking any and all actions to eliminate charters i.e. security guards

II) New Business

The public meeting adjourned.

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