



Anchoring Limitation Area (ALA)

Roberts Bay

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BACKGROUND

Roberts Bay

- Challenge for Proper Control and Regulation of Live Aboard and/or Derelict Vessels
- State Regulations Very Limited
- Navigational Hazards, Nuisances for Adjacent Residential Properties, and removed at City's expense
- Windy Weather and Storm Events
- Hurricanes
- Vessels not properly secured for inclement weather

FLORIDA STATE STATUTE 327.4108

- Gives counties the authority to designate certain areas as anchoring limitation areas
 - ☐ Adjacent to urban areas
 - ☐ Have residential docking facilities
 - ☐ Significant recreational boating traffic
 - ☐ Must be less than 100 acres in size
 - ☐ Cannot be in a mooring field
- These areas are designed to prevent clustered stationary vessels which can pose significant navigational, aesthetic, and environmental impacts
- Aim to prevent long-term anchoring and potential environmental or navigational issues, particularly in areas with residential docking facilities

BRIEF HISTORY

- Passed in 2016
 - ❑ Only pertained to overnight anchoring in and around Miami-Dade
- 2021 – County's Authority to Designate ALA Area Current ALA's
 - ❑ Miami-Dade (different rules)
 - ❑ Florida Keys (different rules)
 - ❑ Pinellas County
 - ❑ Venice
 - ❑ Hollywood
 - ❑ Cape Coral
- The statute remains unchallenged so there is no judicial interpretation. no case law.

PERMISSION, PERMITTING AND INSTALLATION

City/County Ordinance
Revision/Implementation
Establishing an ALA

Work with
FWC on
Obtaining a
Florida
Uniform
Waterway
Marker Permit
(this will be
the Permit No.
located on all
signage)

Work with
FDEP on
Obtaining a
Request for
Verification
of an
Exemption


Secure Vendor for
Buoys, Signage,
Pilings and
Installation

**Interlocal Agreement Between the City and the County – Important
Collaboration Between Two Boards for Successful Implementation**

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COMMUNICATION



CITY OF VENICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Special Operations

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Sarasota County

City of Venice Anchor Limitation Area



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Feet

The City of Venice and Sarasota County have long faced the challenge of balancing the rights of responsible boat owners with the need to address poorly maintained, derelict vessels. These vessels, often used as live-a-boards, pose significant hazards to navigation and the environment. After storms, they frequently wash ashore and are abandoned, leaving taxpayers to cover the cost of removal.

To manage this issue, Sarasota County has implemented Anchorage Limitation Areas (ALA). These areas allow vessels to anchor for up to 45 days within a six-month period. This ordinance is currently in place in Roberts Bay, Higel Basin and adopted by the City of Venice. After 45 days, vessels must relocate at least 3 nautical miles from their original location. Failure to comply will result in issuing a fine.

The goal of these anchoring limitation areas is to prevent boats from being abandoned, thereby reducing environmental issues and navigational hazards.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to maintain the safety and beauty of our waterways.

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FUTURE OF ALA



- **Enforcement Plan**
- **Maintenance Plan**
- **Expected Outcomes**
 - ☐ **Less Derelict Vessels**
 - ☐ **Decrease Navigational Hazards**
 - ☐ **Reduced Homeowner Complaints**
 - ☐ **Safer Environment for Storm Season**
 - ☐ **Reduced Expenses Related to Removal**

QUESTIONS

