

LOOK OUT BELOW!

HELP KEEP SEAGRASS BEDS HEALTHY FOR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND YOU!



SARASOTA BAY
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SARASOTA BAY MAP

A Waterway Guide to Sarasota & Manatee Counties

RESPONSIBLE BOATING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

#	MARINAS	#	MARINAS WITH RESTAURANTS
1	Bradenton Beach Marina		
2	The Seafood Shack Marina, Bar & Grill		
3	Tide Tables Restaurant & Marina		FSM
4	Cortez Cove Boatyard & Marina		
5	Cannons Marina		
6	MarineMax Sarasota		
7	Marina Jack		FSM

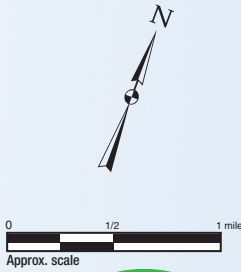
Clean Marina Designation is given by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to marinas that meet federal and state environmental regulations and provide environmental education and services to boaters. For more information, visit: www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina/

FSM: Full Service Marinas: Gas, restaurant or snacks, restrooms, bait & tackle, available.

LEGEND	
	SEAGRASSES
	INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY
	MARINAS
	MARINA WITH RESTAURANTS
	RESTAURANTS WITH DOCKING
	NATURAL & HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST
	ARTIFICIAL REEFS
This chart is not intended for navigational use. For navigation, see N.O.A.A. chart #11425 Please look for and obey all marked speed zones and informational signs.	

NATURAL & HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST	
Boaters can anchor, dock or see by the water	
1. EMERSON POINT PRESERVE	Access / ICW Marker No.
Coastal preserve with trails, boardwalk, beach, home to SW Florida's largest Native American Temple Mound. Restrooms, picnic areas, fishing, wildlife viewing.	Dock/Marker #67
2. LEFFIS KEY	Anchor/Marker #47
Restored island preserve, with beach, boardwalk, & 360 degree views. Fishing, wildlife viewing & trails.	
3. PINE KEY/BEER CAN ISLAND	Anchor/Marker #43
White sand beach known for its driftwood and uprooted pine trees. Wildlife viewing.	
4. SISTER KEYS	See from water/ Caution: shallow! Marker #34
Four restored islands with tidal lagoon, native plants, fishing, & wildlife viewing.	
5. CHARLES RINGLING MANSION	See from water/ Caution: shallow! Marker #15
1920s winter home of 1 of the 7 Ringling brothers - part of New College of Florida campus	
6. CA' D'ZAN	See from water/Marker #15
1920s Venetian style winter home of circus family John & Mable Ringling	
7. KEN THOMPSON PARK	Anchor/Marker #12
Boardwalk trails, restrooms, restaurants, picnic areas, playground, fishing, wildlife viewing & wetland restoration area.	

#	RESTAURANTS WITH DOCKING	Marker No.
1	The Waterfront Restaurant	#64
2	Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club	#58
3	The Bridge Tender Inn & Dockside Bar	#49A
4	Star Fish Company	#49
5	Swordfish Grill	#48
6	Cortez Kitchen	#48
7	Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant	#40
8	Bearded Clam Waterfront Restaurant & Tiki Bar	#16
9	Dry Dock Waterfront Grill	#13
10	New Pass Grill & Bait Shop	#13
11	The Old Salty Dog	#13
12	Oleary's Tiki Bar & Grill	#10



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE (SEAGRASS) HOMES...

Why Protect SEAGRASSES

A seagrass bed the size of a 3-car garage (600 sq ft) produces all the oxygen one person needs to breathe every day. There are enough seagrasses in Sarasota Bay to do this for the entire population of Manatee and Sarasota counties.

When seagrasses are ripped out, it can take years for them to grow back. Sometimes they never do.

70% of the Florida fish you eat or catch, like snook, snapper, stone crab, and grouper, rely on seagrasses to survive.

- Seagrasses...
- provide over \$276 million in economic benefits to our coastal community every year.
 - remove pollution from water. They can also kill bacteria and other human pathogens.
 - stabilize the seafloor and protect us during storms.

Damaging seagrasses in aquatic preserves, like Terra Ceia or Lemon Bay, can result in up to \$1,000 fine. Running aground can cost \$350/hr for towing + damage costs.

- Know your tides - use apps like Navionics, Tides Near Me, or Fishing Points
- Wear polarized sunglasses to see under the water's surface
- Stay in the channel & use your navigation charts
- Tilt your engine up in 2.5 ft of water or less
- Look for water color:
 - greener = shallower
 - bluer = deeper
 - brown = bad, you're stirring up the bottom

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7. KEN THOMPSON PARK Boardwalk trails, restrooms, restaurants, picnic areas, playground, fishing, wildlife viewing & wetland restoration area.	Anchor/Marker #12
8. OTTER KEY Natural area for wildlife and bird viewing, kayaking, and fishing.	Anchor/Marker #6
9. Ted Sperling Park/South Lido Beach Natural beach & picnic area overlooking Big Pass. Restrooms, food, fishing and wildlife viewing. Strong current.	Anchor/Marker #6
10. Edwards Islands Bird rookery and designated wildlife area.	See from water/Marker #81
11. Neville Preserve Mangrove islands with a small beach, coastal birds, plants, fishing, wildlife viewing, and trails.	Anchor/Caution: shallow! Marker #41
12. Midnight Pass Beach Undeveloped beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Wildlife viewing.	Anchor/Caution: shallow! Marker #41
13. Osprey Fishing Pier Boat launch, fishing, & wildlife viewing area.	Anchor/Marker #39
14. North Jetty Beach Park Beach picnic spot on Venice inlet where the Intracoastal Waterway meets the Gulf of Mexico. Restrooms and food.	Anchor Gulf-side/Marker #4
15. Snake & Bird Islands Small islands in the mouth of Venice inlet. Fishing and wildlife viewing. Restoration on Snake Island.	Anchor/Marker #4A
16. Higel Marine Park Boat launch and picnic spot overlooking Intracoastal Waterway. Restrooms, fishing and wildlife viewing.	Dock/Marker #3

#	MARINAS	MARINAS WITH RESTAURANTS
7	Marina Jack	FSM
8	Siesta Key Marina	FSM
9	Hidden Harbor Marina	FSM
10	Turtle Beach Marina	
11	Casey Key Marina	FSM
12	Dockside Store/Gulf Harbor Marina	
13	Crow's Nest Rest & Marina	FSM
14	Tarpon Marina	
15	Fisherman's Wharf Marina & Dockside Grill	FSM
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12	Oleary's Tiki Bar & Grill	#10
13	Phillippi Creek Oyster Bar	#73
14	The Boatyard Waterfront Bar & Grill	#61
15	Waterfront Restaurant	#51
16	Turtles Restaurant	#49
17	Ophelia's on the Bay	#37
18	Evie's at Spanish Point	#37
19	Casey Key Fish House	#33
20	Pelican Alley	#10
21	Pop's Sunset Grill	#10

Watch how to avoid seagrasses and learn what to do if you get stuck. Go to sarasotabay.org and click on "Videos".

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Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is dedicated to restoring and protecting the region's most important natural assets: our bays.

Striving to improve water quality, increase habitat, and enhance natural resources of the area for the use and enjoyment of the public.

Sarasota Bay Watch
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CALLING FOR HELP:

- Always contact your boat rental company first!
- Sea Tow Sarasota: 941.756.3422
- Tow Boat U.S. Sarasota: 941.374.5745
- VHF Marine Radio: Channel 16