



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle Room B-106
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – **Chair Darden** called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Roll Call - Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.
Sign In Sheets attached.
3. Chairman's Comments
 - A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A sign in sheet is provided on the table for your convenience.
 - B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes.
 - C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.
 - D. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE KEEP CONVERSATIONS TO A WHISPER DUE TO THE RECORDING SYSTEM PICKS UP ALL VOICES/NOISES WHICH THEN THE AUDIO IS NOT CLEAR FOR THE RECORD.
4. Changes to the Agenda – None.
5. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items –

Jeannine Polk, Punta Gorda City Council, I am here to represent District 1, spoke about the storm damage, anchoring issues, the derelict vessels, damages to the homes from the boats.

Chuck Witzke from Buena Vista spoke about MSBU along with the sand on the beach and explains the history of dredging, survey, dates and pricing with the Beach Complex.

Stephen R. Deutsch spoke on the beach complex as well, boats to be removed, and that he requested at the last commission meeting that the county start taking money out of the reserves and prioritize doing the Charlotte Harbor Beach Complex and open up a part of the beach as soon as possible and also Englewood Beach.
6. Regular Business –
 - A. Derelict Vessel Report – Liz Eastes



Liz Eastes spoke about her report with the members and a discussion ensues.

B. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine Updates

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Kris McRae spoke about the boats, Memorial Day weekend, working with Englewood Fire, FWC and the Coast Guard and discusses with the members. Informs that Detective Richard Nelson will present his power point presentation.

City of Punta Gorda Police Department

Officer Russell spoke about the boat which says removed but it is still there, and piggybacks off of CCSO for all the same. Talks about the boats in Laishley, on July 4th will kick off with Freedom swim route has changed and fireworks.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from June 5, 2025.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

Betty Campanella made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Bob Mayes**. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. FY25/26 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Debbie Thibideau

Debbie Thibideau spoke about her report and discusses the balances, extension requests with the members

E. MSBU Update – DeWayne Nodine



DeWayne Nodine spoke on his report and a discussion ensues.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell



Tina Powell spoke on her reports and a discussion ensues.

7. New Business –

A. New Anchoring Law – Venice, Ashlee Castle presentation.

Ashlee Castle from Venice gave her presentation along with **Paul Joyce** from Vencie Police Department to speak on the law – Statute 327.4108 and a discussion ensues.

B. CCSO – DV Detective Richard Nelson Presentation

Det. Richard Nelson gave his presentation and a discussion ensues.

C. Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules Video will be postponed to after the meeting on 09/11/2025.

8. Old Business –
A. Dredging Process and Challenges – DeWayne Nodine

Mr. Nodine spoke on this with the members and a discussion ensues.

9. Citizens Comments –

John Osanitsch and **John Peterman** spoke on dredging and a discussion ensues with the members.

10. Member Discussion –
Mr. Eckert, **Chair Darden** and **Mr. Lombardo** spoke about making a motion or recommendation for a working group and **Mr. Killion** joins the discussion. Additional members join the discussion.

Ralph Lombardo made a motion to ask legal services or County Attorney if sub-committees are allowed within committees and how does that impact the Sunshine Law, seconded by **Noel Hyde**. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sargent will get with the County Attorney regarding this.

Chair Darden said we will table this for now.

11. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room B-106 in Murdock Building B.**

12. Adjournment

Ms. Campanella made a motion to adjourn and seconded by **Mr. Lombardo**.



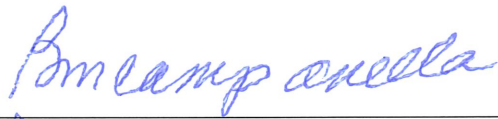
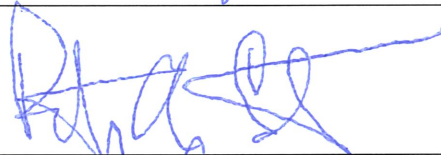
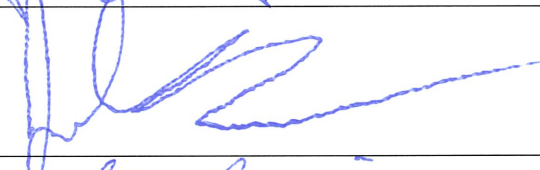
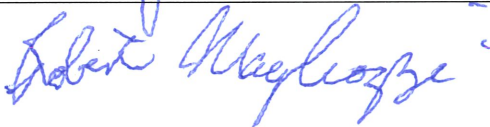

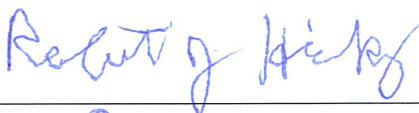

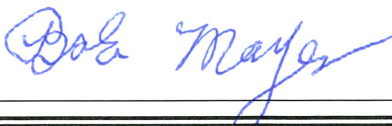
The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.
Submitted by Kim Sargent, recorder
Community Development



Jim Darden, Chair

Sign-In Sheet
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS - Agenda
June 12, 2025

PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO NAME ON SHEET

Jim Darden, Chair Member-at-Large	
Hank Killion, Vice-Chair Member-at-Large	
Betty Campanella, Secretary America's Boating Club - Peace River	
Robert Eckert U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood	
Jenna Ginsberg South Gulf Cove Yacht Club	
Robert Magliozzi Member-at-Large	
Richard Russell Member-at-Large	
Robert Hickey Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance	
Dave Vigne Pirate Harbor Yacht Club	
William H. Kumm Punta Gorda Boat Club	
Bob Mayes Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club	

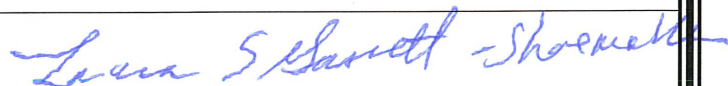
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Mike McIntosh
Punta Gorda Sailing Club

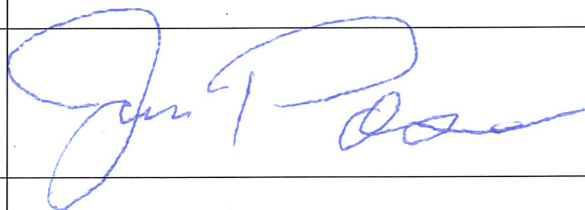


Michael Walsh
Harbor Heights Yacht Club

Laura Gassett-Shoemaker
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Cape Haze

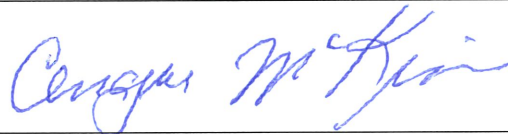


Jim Pase
Isles Yacht Club



William F. Moran
Burnt Store Isles Boat Club

Angus McKinnon
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor




Zach Gloer
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

Noel Hyde
City of Punta Gorda



Ralph Lombardo
Member-at-Large



Vacant
Port Charlotte Yacht Club

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MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF - Agenda
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DeWayne Nodine, Dredging Project
Manager

Debbie Thibideau, Grants Analyst
Budget & Administrative Services

Liz Eastes, Marine Environmental
Specialist

Matthew Logan, Projects Manager
Engineering

Tina Powell, Parks & Natural
Resources Manager Liaison

Robert Campbell (Eric), Signing and
Marking Coordinator, Public Works

Matthew McElroy, Deputy Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Chris Mott, Battalion Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
Office of the County Attorney

Sign-In Sheet
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUESTS

June 12, 2025

Please PRINT Your Name and Affiliation

NAME	AFFILIATION
K. McRae	Charlotte Co Sheriff
R. Nelson	Charlotte Co Sheriff
Paul Joyce	Venice Police
Ashlee Custer	City of Venice
Jeannine Birk	Punta Gorda, Dist. 1 City Council
JOHN OSANITSCH	SG CYC
John Peterman	Citizen
Bob Sifert	citizen
Chuck Witzke	Buena Vista
John Thompson	Buena Vista
Sandy Brandt	citizen (HPGCA)
Jim Round	citizen PG
Kaylee Kwek	FBEP