

Boating “All Hands” Meeting



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

27 SEPTEMBER 2022

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Introduction

- ▶ Who we are
 - ▶ Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)
 - ▶ Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED)
- ▶ Office of Boating Safety
 - ▶ Boating Safety Committee
 - ▶ Boating Safety Officer: Annie Sevon
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Scope


The Boating Safety Manual applies to **all** FIU sanctioned research, teaching, and recreational activities.


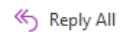



<https://research.fiu.edu/boating-safety/>

Hurricane Ian


- ▶ All field activities are cancelled until ORED allows us to resume

Hurricane Ian update: FIU campuses will close at 5 p.m. today and on Wednesday, September 28 due to tropical storm watch

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 **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

September 27, 2022

Dear members of the university community,

South Florida is under a tropical storm watch ahead of Hurricane Ian making landfall along the west coast of Florida as a potential Category 3 storm within the next 24 to 48 hours. **In an abundance of caution and for everyone's safety, FIU campuses will close starting at 5 p.m. this afternoon and will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, September 28. All classes are canceled, including online classes.**

On-campus housing and [limited dining services](#) will remain open. Students currently living on campus are welcome to remain at university housing throughout the storm. The Student Health Clinic and FIU Health will be closed through Wednesday. Students in need of immediate services may call our 24-hour hotline at 305-348-2277 to speak with a licensed clinician. Additionally, you can reach the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988 from any phone.

Please stay alert to communications regarding university operations beyond Wednesday.

Tropical storm-force winds between 39-73 miles per hour are possible in the area within the next 48 hours, as well as periods of heavy rain that can lead to significant flooding. Please take necessary precautions, look for downed powerlines and avoid driving through flood waters.

Members of the university community and neighbors are welcome to park their vehicles on levels 2-4 of FIU parking garages. For further information or questions, please

Updates

- ▶ New Boating Safety Chairman:
 - ▶ Dr. Alastair Harborne
- ▶ Marine Mechanic
 - ▶ Derek Perez
- ▶ Sea Tow
- ▶ Marine FOC
 - ▶ Post Trip Questionnaire

Friendly Reminders

- ▶ Common courtesy using vessels
 - ▶ Batteries
- ▶ Crew chiefs need to have **current** AED/CPR/First Aid certification
- ▶ Incident Reports
- ▶ Vessel Safety Checklists

Incident Reports

8.2 REPORTING

Report any incident, not matter how small or seemingly insignificant using the form in Appendix V. By keeping track of the smaller incidents, such as minor engine trouble or basic first aid, we can hope to prevent further incidents. These minor incidents will be used for data compiling and not for disciplinary action unless negligence is obvious.

I REPORT "NEAR MISS"

Friendly Reminders

- ▶ Vessel Safety Checklists
 - ▶ Need to be completed while able to see items
 - ▶ Ex. Fire Extinguishers that are locked in a dock box
- ▶ Sometimes it would be better to equipment checklist the day before, so we have time to reach out to the FOC for equipment

Reminders of Personnel

- ▶ Boating Safety Manual

Guest: Guests are persons aboard a boat that are not involved in boating operations or scientific research activities, they are only observing. Guests must fill out the Institute of Environment Release and Waiver of Liability and send to BSO.

Science Crew: Science crew are personnel involved in the research activities but not in the active operation of the boat itself.

Volunteer: Volunteers are persons who can contribute on a FIU project within their applied qualifications, such qualifications could be either for research, boating operations (excluding crew chief duties), or others. However, volunteers can not be paid. They are considered employees ONLY for workman's compensation purposes. Volunteers must be registered with HR and do not need the Institute of Environment Release and Waiver of Liability.

WILL NEED EMERGENCY CONTACT!

- ▶ Crew can only be listed as crew if qualified as crew with the Boating Program

Small Research Vessel Operations

- ▶ Lead Professor: Dr. Heather Bracken-Grissom
 - ▶ Myself & Jason Lee
- ▶ Will be available every semester
 - ▶ Once a week for two hours
- ▶ Coast Guard Regulations – only FIU employees who have boating operations listed in their job description are able to do the Boat Handling Training

International Boat Usage

- ▶ We do not want to impede international research using vessels
- ▶ Requesting float plans
- ▶ Safety equipment

Minors (Under 18) on FIU Vessels

- ▶ Boating Safety Committee knows about interns
- ▶ Working to submit a policy to have minors out to do research

Discussion & Feedback

- ▶ We want to know your thoughts

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