

GO BOATING ENDLESS SUMMER ON FLORIDA WATERS

Boating opportunities abound in the Sunshine State from Pensacola to the Keys. You can access the only coral reef in the continental United States or find Old Florida charm and clam chowder in Cedar Key; you can cruise the canals of Fort Lauderdale, the "Venice of the Americas" or drop a fishing line in the Indian River Lagoon.



FLORIDA BOATING BASICS

If you're the captain, see myfwc.com/boating for regulations, safety and education. If you don't bring your own boat or rent while you're here, you can charter a captain for everything from sunset cruises to snorkeling. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission can help with your search.

FUN ON THE WATER:



2,000
miles of
coastline

11,000
miles of rivers
and streams

7,700
named lakes



900+ world fishing records have been produced in Florida, more than in any other state or country.

BOATING SAFETY:



Everyone should have/wear a lifejacket.

Inform marina or someone at home of your boating plan.



Designate a skipper and a backup skipper.

Use common sense:

- Drive at proper speeds

- Mind other boaters and swimmers

- Watch buoys and posted signage



Watch for weather changes.

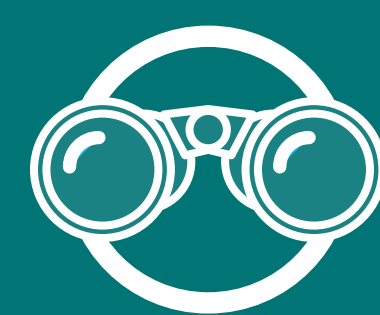


Don't drink alcohol while operating a boat.



5 BOATING TOP DESTINATIONS:

1. Fishing & sightseeing, Jacksonville/St. Augustine
2. Beaches, boatshows, and diving, Fort Lauderdale/Miami
3. Fishing, diving, and island cruising, the Florida Keys
4. Cruising and waterfront exploring, Tampa Bay
5. Sailing and deep sea fishing, Pensacola Bay



SIGHTSEEING BOAT TOURS:

6. Sponge docks cruises, Tarpon Springs
7. Celebrity waterfront homes sightseeing cruises, Miami
8. Wilderness around Dickinson State Park, Hobe Sound
9. Offshore sunset cruises, Key West
10. Blue Springs State Park, Orange City
11. African Queen Steamboat, Key Largo
12. See archaeological finds at Wakulla Springs, Tallahassee area
13. Airboat tours through the Everglades, South and Central Florida
14. Glass-bottom boat tours over coral reef, Key Largo