

*FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **If I received a Boating Citation, What do I do?** To satisfy this citation, please carefully review the options available in this guide.
- **How long do I have to satisfy my citation?** You have thirty (30) days to pay your citation. Failure to notify the clerk of one of the options listed in this guide within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued, will result in a \$20 penalty and a hearing date will be set before a Judge.
- **Can I get an extension of time to pay?** No extension of time is given to pay. Payments are expected within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued.
- **If I disagree with the charge(s), may I request to see the judge?** Yes, see **Option 2** for further instructions.
- **Will this citation affect my driver license?** No, this citation will not affect your driver license and no points will be applied against your license.

MANDATORY EDUCATION FOR VIOLATORS

Florida State Statute section 327.731 requires that anyone convicted of the following boating violations (see below) will be mandated to complete a boating safety course.

- Any non-criminal boating infraction resulting in a boating accident.
- Any two boating safety infractions listed below within a 12 month period:
 - Careless operation
 - Water skiing, aquaplaning, parasailing and similar activities
 - Interference with navigation
 - Violating boating-restricted area and speed limits
 - Required safety equipment, lights, and shapes
 - Violating navigation rules in a way that does not result in an accident or that results in an accident not causing serious bodily harm or death
 - Personal watercraft violations
 - Boater safety education violations
 - Operating overloaded or overpowered vessels
 - Divers-down warning devices
 - Adequate muffler on airboat
 - Display of flag on airboat
 - Careless causing Seagrass scarring
 - Violating springs protection zones

Note: The FWC may provide a waiver of the attendance requirement for violator's residing where a classroom course is not available.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Boating Safety Section
620 South Meridian St
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600
(850) 488-5600

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you were cited with a violation(s) listed below, you may be eligible for a clerk's dismissal if proof of compliance was valid before the date of the citation.

327.395 (1)	Proof of Boating I.D.
328.72 (13)	Proof of Vessel Registration
379.354	Hunting/Fishing License Violation

Provide a copy of the valid item(s) with a copy of your citation, and **\$10.00** dismissal fee to: The Miami-Dade County, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, 1351 NW 12th Street, #8100, Miami, FL 33125. If document was not valid before the citation was issued, you must pay the full amount of the citation.

If the citation is not in the system and you are unable to process your payment by phone, you are still responsible to satisfy the citation within 30 days of the issue date either by mail or in person:

You can view future hearing dates online 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Please use the court case number and visit:

www.miamidadeclerk.gov

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Qualified individuals requiring an ADA accommodation may contact Alean Simpkins, the Court ADA Coordinator at Telephone (305) 349-7175; TDD (305) 349-7174, Email ADA@jud11.flcourts.org or via Fax at (305) 349-7355. Individuals who are hearing or voice impaired may contact the telephone number listed via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771, or by dialing 711. Certain Traffic information and services are also available on-line at www.miamidadeclerk.gov. Please note, at least 7 days advance notice is required when scheduling Sign Language Interpreters. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.

Miami-Dade County Boating Mailer



INSTRUCTIONS

Failure to notify the clerk of one of the options listed in this guide within thirty (30) days from the date the citation was issued will result in a \$20 late penalty and a hearing date will be set before a Judge.

WARNING NOTICE

Pursuant to F.S. (327.73), Any person who fails to appear or otherwise properly respond to a uniform boating citation shall in addition to the charge relating to the violation of the boating laws of this state, be charged with the offense of failing to respond to such citation and, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

In order to avoid delays and long lines at the court-house, please dial (305) 275-1155

The phone lines are available Monday - Friday/9:00-4:00p.m. Please wait 15 days from the date you receive the citation before selecting the above services.

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SEND PAYMENT AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

**TO: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS
1351 NW 12th St, Room 8100
MIAMI, FL 33101-9321**

DEPUTY CLERKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY, AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

North Dade Justice Center 15555 Biscayne Blvd., #100	Joseph Caleb Center 5400 NW 22 nd Ave, Suite #103
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Coral Gables 3100 Ponce de Leon	Miami Beach 1130 Washington Ave, #200
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South Dade Justice Center 10710 S.W. 211th St, #1500	Hialeah 11 East 6th Street
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Richard E. Gerstein
Justice Building
1351 N.W.12th Street, #8100

