




THE SUMMERLAND COVE

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

By the Summerland Cove Civic Association (SCCA)

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer with family and friends. The SCCA team has been thinking of some upcoming social events and the info is highlighted below. There are many new people in the neighborhood so we hope to see new faces to get to know. Remember we are in hurricane season and need to think about some preliminary plans. Refer to our hurricane tidbit section. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Kind regards
Marcy Matlosz
SCCA President



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Resident,

Hello, as your Membership Chair, I'd like to remind you to renew or ask to join our Summerland Cove Civic Association (SCCA) for an annual membership fee of just \$25. There are 3 ways to make your payment:

1. Hit the "Paypal Pay Now" button to the right to pay online, or
2. Mail your check or cash to: PO Box 420476 Summerland Key, FL 33042, or
3. Drop off your check or cash to: my mailbox at 1031 Caribbean Dr East



The SCCA was established with two main goals - to foster a spirit of friendship among neighbors and to keep our neighborhood's common areas in beautiful shape through landscaping projects. Please check out our website www.summerlandcove.com to see information about our association, photos of events and projects, and read our current and past newsletters.

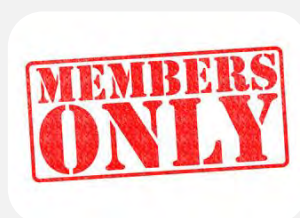
Your dues help us with the upkeep of our community entrance and common areas - the marquee, bridges, and corners. These are maintained through dedicated work of our volunteers and coordinated by our Beautification Committee. This year we were able to add several new and fun outdoor activities such as a summer BBQ and a Halloween cookout. Once again, we had a fabulous turnout for our holiday bike and golf cart ride with prizes and recognition of best-dressed houses. Our yearly Pizza Party at the Slice of Paradise is free to all members and is always well attended so don't miss it.

Please join - or renew your membership to - the SCCA by filling out the form at the end of this newsletter and making a payment (options above).

As always, we welcome any optional donations to be used for beautification projects or social events.

With your membership and support, we all can make good things happen and keep Summerland Cove - An Island We will Love for Life! If you have any questions concerning membership, please do not hesitate to contact me...Donna Pezzi (305) 304-2602 or pezzi@att.net.

Sincerely,
Donna Pezzi
SCCA Membership Chair



UPCOMING EVENTS



REGULAR LOBSTER SEASON

Sunday August 6 - March 31, 2024

PLANT A MILLION CORALS

August 5, 2023

Summerland Farms 23801 Overseas Highway, Summerland Key, FL

Support our new Coral Farm headed by Dr. David Vaughn

10:00 am -2:00 pm

The public is invited to visit the Plant a Million Corals Restoration Park at Summerland Farms in Summerland Key. They will be offering tours, book signings, and demonstrations which will culminate in the cutting of their 10,000th coral!

2:30 pm -4:30 pm

Join as they celebrate the first milestone towards producing 1 million corals per year at Summerland Farms!

My New Joint is offering a wine tasting with paired food, plus signature cocktails and cash bar to celebrate and raise money to support further endeavors. Shop their silent auction for art, fishing trips, and other items to support coral restoration.

Plant a Million Corals staff will be on hand to update on operations and ongoing programs around the world!

Detailed flyers on the following pages

[Find out more and purchase tickets...](#)

CORAL PUCKS

**PLANT A MILLION CORALS
AND
FLORIDA PANTHERS' RYAN LOMBERG
SAVE THE REEF**

**SUMMERLAND FARMS
23801 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY
SUMMERLAND KEY, FL 33042**

AUGUST 5TH, 2023

10AM-2PM

Join us at the farm!

**The public is invited to visit the Plant a Million Corals Restoration Park
at Summerland Farms in Summerland Key.**

**We will be offering tours, book signings, and demonstrations which will
culminate in the cutting of our 10,000th coral!**

**Ryan Lomberg of the Florida Panthers
will help cut the 10,000th coral!**

**A fundraiser will follow at
My New Joint
to celebrate this milestone!**

**PLANT
aMillionCorals**



My New Joint...

**For more information check out
www.plantamillioncorals.org**

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My New Joint...

Join us for a wine tasting with
paired bites
to support Plant a Million
Corals Foundation!



Meet and greet with Ryan
Lomberg of the Florida
Panthers!

\$50

All proceeds to
benefit the
Plant a Million Corals
Foundation

www.plantamillioncorals.org



Scan for
tickets



**Live
Music!**

**Silent
Auction!**

**Signature
Cocktails!**



**BOMBORA
VODKA**

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCCA SUMMER BBQ

Sunday August 13, 2023 @ 5:30pm

1082 Caribbean Drive E

Celebrate Summer with your neighbors. We'll be grilling hot dogs and burgers. Maybe swapping lobster spots if you're lucky

Remember bring a chair and dish to pass. BYOB

Our food donation box will be set up to receive food and sundries donations for St. Peter's Food Bank



SCCA OKTOBERFEST

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 1023 @5:30pm

1082 Caribbean Drive E

We'll be grilling brats!!

You don't have to go all the way to Europe to celebrate Oktoberfest.

We'll be doing it here in Summerland Key. Maybe a game or two if you're competitive. Remember your chair and dish to pass. BYOB

Our food donation box will be set up to receive donations for St Peter's Food Ban.



SCCA CHRISTMAS PARTY * * SAVE THE DATE * *

LIGHTED BIKE and CART PARADE

Sunday December 10, 2023

Time to be announced with more info to come!!

1082 Caribbean Drive

Buffet and dish to share or pass around.

This is a great kickoff to "Holidays Keys' Style"

Get thinking about how to decorate those bikes and golf carts.

Trophies, prizes and bragging rights!

Planning on adding some caroling and lots of holiday spirit.

HO! HO! HO!

Remember to bring a chair and dish to pass.

BYOB

HURRICANE TIDBITS

THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS
JUNE 1 AND RUNS THROUGH DEC. 1.

Contact Information

Monroe County

305.294.4641

Monroe County Fire Rescue

305.289.6004

Monroe Emergency Management

305.289.6018

Monroe County Emergency Information Hotline

800.955.5504

Special Needs Evacuation Assistance

305.292.4591

National Weather Service, Key West

305.295.1316

Monroe County Sheriff's Office

305.292.7000

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has a smartphone app which keeps residents informed of emergency situations ranging from traffic accidents to hurricane evacuations. The app is available for both iPhone and Android users. Download it for free. Monroe County also has a free app called Alert! Monroe which is available for Android and iOS devices. It provides alerts regarding severe weather, emergency road closings, boil water notices, water service interruptions, missing persons and evacuations of neighborhoods. Monroe County Emergency Management uses the app Everbridge for the Special Needs Registry for shelter and evacuation assistance.

HURRICANE TIDBITS

KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE

Monroe County has a comprehensive plan that calls for the phased evacuation with five zones from MM 0 to Ocean Reef. The plan is intended to avoid unnecessary evacuation of some zones that are to be affected and others not.

Zone 1: MM 0 to MM 6

Zone 2: MM 6 to MM 40 << Summerland Cove is Zone 2

Zone 3: MM60 to MM 63

Zone 4: MM 63 to the three way stop at County Road 905-A

Zone 5: County Road 905-A to mainland Monroe, including Ocean Reef

RESIDENT REENTRY WINDSHIELD STICKERS

Re-entry stickers get you back into the Keys after the storm has passed. Monroe County residents may now obtain one sticker for each registered vehicle by providing proof of residency at a Monroe County Tax Collector's office. Proof of residency includes a Florida Driver's License and vehicle registration, or a property bill with an out-of-county vehicle registration for out-of-county residents who own a home in Monroe County. These stickers make reentry easier if checkpoints are required to assure safe re-entry into the Keys following a destructive storm that causes a public safety issue.



***Please note:** the re-entry sticker zones are different than evacuation zones before a hurricane, **Summerland Cove is Zone 1: Lower Keys residents from the south end of the 7 Mile Bridge to Stock Island (MM 40 to MM 4) will be dark pink**

Where to get reentry stickers

Tax Collector Locations:

- Key West: 1200 Truman Ave, Ste 101, or DMV at 3304 N. Roosevelt Blvd
- Marathon: 3015 Overseas Hwy
- Big Pine Key: 247 Key Deer Blvd (Tues-Thursday 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.)

HURRICANE TIDBITS

Don't forget about your pets! There's legislation in place mandating space for animals at shelters. Some things to think about before a storm:

PET HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN:

FIND PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING ON YOUR EVACUATION ROUTE:
(HOTELS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, BOARDING FACILITIES)

IF YOU STAY: ENSURE PETS ARE INDOORS AND UNABLE TO ESCAPE

IDENTIFY LOCAL PET-FRIENDLY EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

DESIGNATE PET CARETAKER IN YOUR ABSENCE.

EMERGENCY KIT:

- FOOD & WATER BOWLS
- VET RECORDS/CONTACTS
- LEASH/HARNESS/CARRIERS
- FOOD & WATER (5 DAYS)
- LITTER/BOX/WASTE BAGS
- RECENT PHOTOS (ID)
- MEDICATIONS
- COMFORT ITEMS (BED, TOYS, ETC.)
- TAGS & ID

SHELTER LOCATIONS

Category 1-2 Hurricanes

- Key West High School
- Sugarloaf School MM 19
- Marathon High School MM 50
- Coral Shores High School MM90

Category 3-5

- The E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion adjacent to FL International University

IN THE NEWS

FISH, IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Fishing Calendar												
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
amberjack	++	+	+	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	++	+
black fin tuna	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++
cobia	+	++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
dolphin / mahi mahi	+	+	+	+	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+
grouper	++	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+	+	+	+
king fish	++	++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
mangrove snapper	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+++	+++	++	+	+
marlin	+	+	+	+	+	++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+
Mutton Snapper	+++	+++	+++	++	++	+++	+++	++	++	++	++	++
permit				+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	
Sailfish	++	++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
sharks	++	++	++	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	++
tarpon			+	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	+
Wahoo	+++	+++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+++
yellowtail snapper	+	+	+	+	+	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++

+ Fair ++ Good +++ Excellent

Source: <https://www.fishinkeys.com/>



Dejah U. with a bug. 2023 mini season was met with 14+ winds from the north/ northeast. Divers in the Atlantic were much better off than those in the Gulf where the underwater viz was as poor as 1 foot in some areas. Hope everyone stayed safe and happy hunting!

WHAT ARE YOU CATCHING?

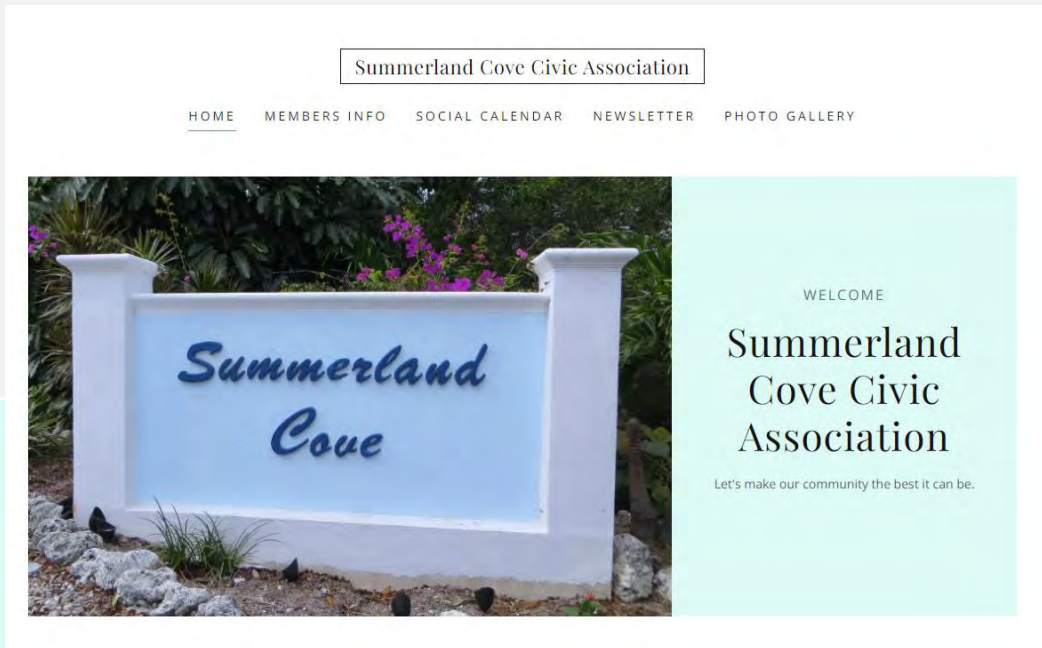
Please send a photo with your name and description to be included in the newsletter. Text it to Dejah at 321-804-1930 or email: summerlandeditor@gmail.com

IN THE NEWS



SCOOP THE POOP

Please pick up your dog's poop when they are out of our property. All of us thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.



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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: NANCY OSTROFF, ARTIST

Hi, my name is Nancy Ostroff. I am a prolific artist painting with acrylics, watercolor and pastels. My artwork can be seen at the Artists in Paradise gallery on Big Pine and in my home on Caribbean drive and on my website Nansart.com. Here is my latest watercolor painting entitled "A Perfect Day at the Beach ". It's matted and framed and ready to hang, and available for sale. If interested please email me at Nansart64@gmail.com. Thanks



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

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2023 Summerland Cove Civic Association (SCCA) Membership FORM

PO Box 420476 Summerland Key, FL 33042

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Membership Chair: DONNA PEZZI (305) 304-2602

Membership Dues for 2023 remain at **\$25** (January 1 - December 31). Please make your payment in one of 3 ways:

1. "PayPal" link:
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=BWKLK9VK42V6G
and pay with credit/debit card (there is approximately an extra dollar charge) or
2. Mail check or cash to the PO Box above, or
3. Drop it off in our Membership Chair mailbox (Donna Pezzi) at 1031 Caribbean Dr East.

_____ I am a NEW member

_____ I want to RENEW my membership for 2023

_____ I am already a member and want to UPDATE my 2023 information

Please PRINT clearly, especially your EMAIL address. (Note: the Newsletter is sent by email or can be found on our website).

NAME: _____

Summerland Residence: _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

SECONDARY MAILING ADDRESS (if applicable)

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Local Secondary Phone Numbers _____

I would like to make a contribution for beautification: \$ _____

I am willing to help on Community Projects. My areas of interest are: _____

Any comments/suggestions to pass on to your Board? Please write them on the back. _____

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR USE BY SCCA ONLY AND WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO NON-MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FLORIDA KEYS LOBSTER REGULATIONS

Includes Mini Sport Season



KeysLobsterSeason.com

**LET IT GO.
LET IT GROW.**



The Florida Keys
& Key West
... come as you are®

1.800.fl.keys fla-keys.com

FACTS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Additional rules and measuring information found in
Rules For All Seasons & Measuring Lobster sections of this brochure.

AREAS/ZONES CLOSED TO HARVEST OF SPINY LOBSTER

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY CLOSED ZONES (YEAR-ROUND) (MARKED BY 30" YELLOW BOUNDARY BUOY)			JOHN PENNEKAMP CORAL REEF STATE PARK (JPCRSP)
Sanctuary Preservation Areas (SPAs) Carysfort Reef, The Elbow, Key Largo Dry Rocks, Grecian Rocks, French Reef, Molasses Reef, Conch Reef, Davis Reef, Hen and Chickens, Cheeca Rocks, Alligator Reef, Coffins Patch, Sombrero Key, Newfound Harbor Key, Looe Key, Eastern Dry Rocks, Rock Key, Sand Key.	Ecological Reserves Western Sambo, Tortugas Ecological Reserve North and South (refer to GPS coordinates, not marked).	Special-use Research Only Areas (No entry) Conch Reef, Tennessee Reef, Looe Key Patch Reef, Eastern Sambo.	JPCRSP is Closed for Sport Season All of JPCRSP is closed during the 2-day Sport Season for the harvest of any lobster species. Year-Round Coral Rule: No person shall harvest any lobster species from or within any coral formation (patch reef) regardless of its proximity to or exclusion from a Lobster Exclusion Zone. JPCRSP Lobster Exclusion Zones: Closed year-round. Marked by Orange/White Spar buoys, found at: Turtle Rocks, Basin Hills North, Basin Hills East, Basin Hills South, Higdon's Reef, Cannon Patch, Mosquito Bank North, Mosquito Bank Southeast, Three Sisters North, Three Sisters South.
Other Closed Areas (Year-Round)			
Everglades National Park Dry Tortugas National Park	Biscayne Bay Card Sound Spiny Lobster Sanctuary Biscayne National Park Coral Reef Protection Areas	City of Layton Artificial Habitat in State Waters	
Spanish and Slipper Lobster Closed Areas			
Spanish and Slipper Lobster are closed year-round to harvest in Key Largo and Looe Key Existing Management Areas, all FKNMS zones listed above in this table, Everglades & Dry Tortugas National Parks.			
<i>NOTE - Coral is protected from damage/removal in state and federal waters.</i>			

SPINY LOBSTER LOCAL ORDINANCES REGULAR & 2-DAY SPORT SEASON

Local Rule:

No snorkeling or diving within 300 ft. of improved residential or commercial shoreline or any man-made or private canal, or any public or private marina. This rule is in effect according to the information provided below.

Islamorada Applies during the 3 days preceding Sport Season, the entirety of Sport Season and the first 5 days of Regular Season.	Marathon Applies only during Sport Season.	Key Colony Beach Applies only during 4 days preceding Sport Season and continues until 10 days have elapsed after the opening of Regular Season.	Unincorporated Monroe County, Layton, Key West Applies during the 3 days preceding Sport Season, the entirety of Sport Season and the first 5 days of Regular Season. Exception: an owner diving and snorkeling in front of his/her property to the center line of the canal or open water. Layton has a prohibition on harvesting lobster any time from waters within city limits.
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SPINY LOBSTER REGULATIONS

	2-DAY SPORT (MINI) SEASON	REGULAR SEASON
Season Dates	Lobster mini-season takes place on the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday in July. It begins 12:01 am on Day 1 and ends 12:00 midnight on Day 2.	Aug. 6 - March 31. Begins 12:01 am Aug. 6 and ends 12:00 midnight March 31.
Bag Limit	6 per recreational harvester per day in Monroe County & Biscayne National Park.	
Possession limit off the water	The 2-day limit of 12 per recreational harvester in Monroe County and adjacent federal waters can only be possessed when transporting your catch by car on, or after, the second day.	6 per recreational harvester per day.
Minimum Size	Carapace must be larger than 3 inches and must be measured in the water. Possession and use of a measuring device is required.	
Diving at Night	NOT permitted in Monroe County. Note: Night is 1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise.	Permitted

NOTE - Egg-bearing lobsters regardless of species must be released unharmed.

Everyone loves *Panulirus argus*, Florida's spiny lobster. And for two days every July, these tasty morsels become the quarry du jour in The Florida Keys. But Lobster Mini Sport Season is by no means a 48-hour free-for-all. There are clear guidelines designed to make the hunt fun, safe - and legal. If everyone plays by the rules, we can all enjoy these delectable crustaceans for years to come.

Local, state and federal agencies strictly enforce lobster harvest and boating safety regulations.

MEASURING LOBSTER.

- No person shall harvest or attempt to harvest spiny lobster by diving unless they possess, while in the water, a gauge made for measuring lobster.

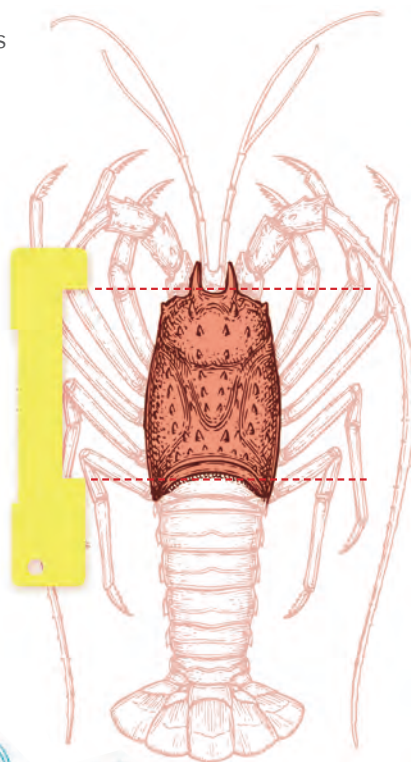
- All lobster must be measured in the water, if harvested by diving.

- Lobster carapace must be greater than three (3) inches** to be harvested or possessed.

All undersized lobsters must be released unharmed. Measurement begins at the forward edge between the rostral horns, excluding any soft tissue, and proceeds along the middle to the rear edge of the carapace.

- All recreationally harvested lobster must remain whole while at sea.

- Tails can only be separated on land. When the tail is separated from the body, it must be greater than 5-1/2 inches.



STAY LEGAL. STAY SAFE.

- ① **Size matters: Use a gauge and know how to measure.**
- ② **Six means six. Bag limit = 6 per person per day.**
- ③ **Don't forget your boating safety gear.**
- ④ **Avoid closed areas.**
- ⑤ **Display a dive flag. Always.**
- ⑥ **Touching or anchoring your boat on coral is prohibited -- be aware!**

RULES FOR ALL SEASONS.

Possession: Lobster must be of legal size before they are in possession. NOTE: You may not have lobster in your possession in Everglades National Park (Florida Bay).

Bag Limits: The federal bag limit cannot be combined with the state bag limit. In addition, people who are NOT actively harvesting or are not properly licensed (when a license is required) may NOT be counted for purpose of bag limits.

License Requirements: Recreational harvesters are required to possess a valid Florida Saltwater Fishing License with a current spiny lobster permit. Consult your license agent for exemptions.

Gear: Harvesting or attempting to harvest spiny lobster using any device that will or could puncture, penetrate or crush the exoskeleton (shell) or the flesh of the lobster is prohibited.

Commercial Lobster Traps and Ghost Traps: It is a felony to molest, damage, or take lobster from traps in state or federal waters. Recreational trapping is prohibited.

Coral is protected from damage and removal in state and federal waters. Do NOT touch, hold on to, stand on, break, anchor on, flip over or otherwise harm coral. It is a fragile living animal.

Egg-bearing (berried) lobster regardless of species must be released unharmed. Stripping egg-bearing females of eggs, and possession of spiny or ridged slipper lobster tails from which eggs have been removed, are prohibited. Eggs are an orange, yellow, brown, or red mass found covering the underside of the lobster's tail.

Dive Flag: All divers and snorkelers in the water are required to prominently display a diver down flag. In navigation channels, divers should stay within 100 feet of their dive flag and vessels should stay 100 feet away from any dive flag. On open water, divers should stay within 100 yards of their boat's dive flag and vessels should stay 100 yards away from boats flying dive flags. Vessels within any of those distances must slow to idle speed (no faster than is necessary to maintain headway and steerage).

"Bully-netting" is using a circular frame attached at a right angle to the end of a pole and supporting a conical bag of webbing. Possession of bully nets is prohibited in Everglades National Park (Florida Bay).

"Hoop-netting" is using a frame, circular or otherwise, supporting a shallow bag of webbing and suspended by a line and bridles. Possession of hoop nets is prohibited in Everglades National Park (Florida Bay).

Artificial Habitat in State Waters: Placing artificial habitat or harvesting lobster from artificial habitat is prohibited. Artificial habitat is any material placed in the waters of the state that is reasonably suited to providing cover and habitat for spiny lobster. Such material may be constructed of, but is not limited to, wood, metal, fiberglass, concrete, or plastic, or any combination thereof, and may be fabricated for this specific purpose or for some other purpose. Artificial habitat does not include fishing gear allowed by FWC or artificial reefs permitted by Florida DEP or Army Corps.

