Idle Speed, No Wake is that speed which is necessary to maintain steerage. The speed at which you dock your boat is idle speed, no wake. Generally this is a speed of 1 to 3 miles per hour.

Slow Speed, Minimum Wake is that speed which allows your boat to be completely settled in the water with very little or no wake. Your boat is not on plane. Generally this is a speed of 5 to 7 miles per hour.

Seasonal

NO ENTRY – (Nov 15 – Mar 15)
SLOW SPEED - (Remainder of Year)

Endangered manatees inhabit these waters. Please observe all posted speed limits for your boating safety and manatee protection.

For more information call 703.361.4294.

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Safe Boating Classes*

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Website – www.usps.org or call: Englewood/North Port/Venice 485.7245 Sarasota/Longboat Key 953.7565

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Nokomis
North Jetty Fish Camp 488.2408
Wal-Mart 918.1247

Sarasota
The Bullet Hole 957.1996
CB’s Saltwater Outfitters 349.4400
Economy Tackle 922.9671
Hart’s Landing 955.0011
K-Mart, Beneva Rd. 957.1460
K-Mart, S. Tamiami Tr. 921.7961
Sports Authority 377.4301
Wal-Mart, Cattlemen Rd. 379.3550
All About Fishing 955.7288

Venice
Cook’s Sportland South 493.0025
K-Mart 493.3213
Wal-Mart 497.2523

Note: $.50 is added for each license purchased from a subagent.

Saltwater Fishing License Costs*
Resident Annual License  $ 13.50
Non-Resident Annual  $ 31.50
Non-Resident 7-day  $ 16.50
Non-Resident 3-day  $ 6.50
Snook & Crabfish  $ 2.00 each

Freshwater Fishing License Costs*
Resident Annual License  $ 13.50
Non-Resident Annual  $ 31.50
Non-Resident 7-day  $ 16.50

Combination Resident Freshwater/Saltwater Fishing License Cost*  $ 25.50

*All fees are current as of November 2005

Fishing Licenses

Fishing licenses may be purchased online or by phone. For more information go to www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com, www.myfwc.com or call 888.347.4356.

A saltwater fishing license is required of most anglers when fishing from a boat in saltwater.

Exceptions:
• Anglers under 16 years of age
• Florida residents age 65 or older
• Florida residents fishing from land or fixed structure (pier, bridge, etc.).

A freshwater fishing license is required for all anglers age 16 or older. All non-resident anglers over 16 are required to purchase non-resident licenses.

Freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses are available in the Tax Collector’s offices and at various subagents in Sarasota County.

Fishing Licenses & Boating Safety

Understanding the Difference

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Sarasota County Boat Speed Zones

- No person shall operate any watercraft in excess of IDLE SPEED within 300 feet of any land fronting on the Gulf of Mexico, in Sarasota County.
- Vessel mooring within 150 feet of a residential waterfront property for longer than 24 hours is prohibited (unless you have permission from the property owner).
- No person shall operate any watercraft within a swimming area, which has been marked with buoys, nor within 500 feet of any guarded public beach on the Gulf of Mexico.
- To report violators call the County Tip Line at 941.861.SINK (7465) or call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement at 888.404.3922.