**MINUTES**
**BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
**PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION**
May 7, 2026, 2:00 PM
**Plantation Heritage Park**
1100 S Fig Tree Lane
Plantation, FL 33317

**I CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair John Fiore.

**II ROLL CALL:** Roll was called; a quorum was present.

**Members:**

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| Afeefa Abdool-Ghany | John Fiore | Amanda Noon |
| Jerry Baer | Peter Grady | Clive Taylor |
| Cliff Berry | Julie Greenfield | Barry Webber |
| Penny Cutt | David Ide | |
| Josh Dotoli | Joseph Martinet | |

**Staff:**
Jay Sanford, Staff Liaison, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Lisa Totten, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division

**Guests:** None.

**III PUBLIC COMMENTS**: NONE

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Julie Greenfield made the motion to approve April 2, 2026, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**V CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**VI OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**VII NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Sanford announced that he was scheduling the MAC Members Facility Tours. Two tours are planned. The north tour is scheduled for May 16th, departing from George English Park. The south tour is scheduled for May 30th. The first five people that reach out will reserve a spot on each tour.

**VIII CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chair Fiore reported that marine law enforcement training was taking place in Pompano Beach and was going very well, with participants attending from various locations, including Grand Cayman. He noted that the training focused on basic marine law enforcement skills to make the waterways safer and have additional trained officers on the water,

particularly at night and during peak times. Having additional trained officers on the water has been credited with saving lives in Broward County. Chair Fiore emphasized the difference between being a law enforcement officer on land versus on a boat and stressed that most boaters are generally good people who may simply lack experience, so education and interaction are often more important than issuing citations. Jay Sanford added that two county agencies, Hollywood and Lighthouse Point, were represented in the current class, and that eight members of the Florida State Guard were also participating. Mr. Sanford explained that the current effort is helping them learn basic vessel handling. Mr. Sanford further described how the EMLEG-funded marine law enforcement presence on the water has built positive relationships with the boating community by assisting distressed boaters directly instead of simply referring them to towing services, and he emphasized that this presence has shortened response times and saved lives.

Chair Fiore stated that he had spoken with Mr. Sanford about holding a future MAC meeting at Nova's Oceanographic Center, noting that the MAC had met there years ago, that the facility includes a good meeting room, and that it would be beneficial for members to hear about and see the work being done there. He emphasized that Nova's Oceanographic institute is an important asset in the county and that a tour and presentation would be valuable for the committee. In response, Mr. Sanford said he would reach out to Nova to see if they could accommodate the MAC for the September meeting, and he also mentioned that the committee was currently without a confirmed location for the December meeting due to the conference room in Plantation Heritage Park not being available on that date.

**IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT:** NONE

**X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT:** NONE

**XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT:** NONE

**XII LIAISON'S REPORT:** Jay Sanford reported that the members are doing well on attendance. He also explained that Broward County, in response to the current funding situation, had asked him to look for possible cost savings even though the EMLEG program is funded through boat registrations rather than the general fund. He noted that the county requested an assessment of where money might be saved, and he identified that the two largest agencies, BSO and the City of Fort Lauderdale, often do not use their full allocations, with unspent funds returning to the EMLEG reserve. Because of this review and the county's request, Mr. Sanford reported that the usual letters to agencies outlining next year's recommended funding had not yet been sent, even though agencies were already informally aware of their expected amounts based on notes taken at the prior meeting. Chair Fiore added that, regardless of these discussions, the EMLEG funds remain restricted by code and state law to marine purposes.

Mr. Sanford also mentioned that the National Safe Boating Week is May 16 through May 22, 2026, and hoped everyone stayed safe on the water.

Mr. Sanford announced that this would be Clive Taylor's last MAC meeting and noted that Mr. Taylor had submitted his resignation, effective in June. Mr. Sanford invited Mr. Taylor to join one of the upcoming boat tours before his departure. Chair Fiore then acknowledged Mr. Taylor's long service, stating that he had been on the MAC for 19 years and thanking him for being both a dedicated member and a good friend. The committee presented Mr. Taylor with a commemorative

plaque signed by key officials and a weather data display device to support his continued boating activities. The committee used this portion of the meeting to recognize Mr. Taylor's contributions and express appreciation for his years of service.

**XII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

**XIII ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM by Chair Fiore.