

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
Town Hall  
6231 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, September 22, 2025

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair King.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Ron Fleming, Chris Riedel King, Ted Lawwill, Sam Lurie, John Wesley Nash, Jennifer Rusk and Ed Schoonover.

Staff Liaison: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 20, 2025

**MOTION:** AAC Member Schoonover moved to approve the minutes, seconded by AAC Member Fleming.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES**

Harbormaster Ludwig reported that the dinghy dock was completed, the trailer had been moved back to the dinghy dock and they received approval for the new CVA (Clean Water Vessel Act) grant contract for their pumpout needs. He asked members for suggestions on where to put the old dinghy docks.

Marine Operations Coordinator Patty Prevost announced that daily rates in the Mooring Field will be increased to \$15.00 plus tax per day, based on a 28-day month. Daily and monthly rates are available. The new rates will take effect on October 1, 2025.

Harbormaster Ludwig asked if there were questions regarding the occupancy report he emailed to members before the meeting. Coordinator Prevost will add the fiscal year numbers in the following report. She will also investigate whether Dockwa includes the vessels' registration information for marketing purposes. AAC Member Nash discussed marketing opportunities.

Harbormaster Ludwig noted funds were available for surveying the canals for dredging. He said it would take about a year for the permitting process. He indicated that there were approximately 40-43 canals, some of which were privately owned.

**VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

AAC Member Fleming requested that the sign at the Delmar kayak launch be replaced because it was part of the Calusa Blueway and was intended to inform residents that it provided public access. AAC Member Schoonover asked whether dredging at Bowditch had started yet. Harbormaster Ludwig replied that no work had started.

AAC Member Lurie asked whether their budget was approved. Liaison Atterholt replied that the request would probably be accommodated. Coordinator Prevost stated that she would ensure the funds were included in a line item. AAC Member Lurie indicated the new dinghy dock was as safe as it was going to be. He suggested they look into renting the old office with Matanzas. Harbormaster Ludwig commented that it was an option depending on the budget. AAC Member Lurie noted that another shrimp boat had hit the bridge and asked what could be done to prevent it in the future. Harbormaster Ludwig replied that the boat did not make contact with the structure of the bridge. AAC Member Lurie suggested that parking be looked at when considering ferry stops. Liaison Atterholt acknowledged that parking was a challenge.

AAC Member Rusk asked whether an office could be set up at Bay Oaks. Harbormaster Ludwig thought there were other plans for that area and the trailer was at the best location right now. There was no update on the boat ramps. AAC Member Rusk displayed photos of trash overflowing and asked who was responsible for collecting it. Harbormaster Ludwig replied that it was a holiday weekend, but the trash was removed after the picture was taken. AAC Member Rusk offered suggestions for moving the trash cans. Harbormaster Ludwig will research options. AAC Member Rusk asked to install more free manatee signs. Harbormaster Ludwig agreed. AAC Member Rusk shared feedback during the beach cleanup event, noting that there was more trash on the side streets than on the beach. She added that there was a lot of construction debris.

AAC Member Lurie suggested adding signs that plastic bags do not belong in recycling containers. Chair King addressed the roles & responsibilities document previously sent out. AAC Member provided feedback. Harbormaster Ludwig stated that he appreciated AAC's suggestions and advice. Chair King will recap the conversation.

AAC Member Schoonover will be out of town on October 27, 2025, and has requested that the field trip be rescheduled for another day. A discussion was held regarding the field trip.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**IX. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA** – October 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lawwill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by AAC Member Schoonover.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_