

Permanent Manatee Educational Sign Information

There are two types of approved permanent manatee signs that may be required by permit or lease: educational signs and awareness signs (see page 2 for detailed descriptions). These educational signs are non-regulatory in nature. Custom signs may be considered but must be pre-approved before use.

In order to obtain approval for the educational sign plan, the permit/lease holder should forward a project site plan (by certified mail) to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC, address at the bottom of the page) with the type, number, and location of signs indicated on the site plan. The applicant should also include a location map of the facility in relation to waterways, a county location map, and the permit and/or lease number associated with the project. FWC will review the sign placement proposed for the project and notify the applicant within 60 days of receiving the plan if the signs and locations are unacceptable. Correspondence may be sent to offer suggestions on the type, number, and location of the signs.

The educational signs must be placed in a prominent location for maximum visibility, such as near walkways, dockmaster offices, restrooms, or foot traffic access points to piers/docks. The awareness signs should be placed facing land on walkways or docks. Permanent manatee signs should not be installed on pilings in the water nor be attached to navigational markers. If a facility has multiple docks with separate walkways that are a considerable distance apart, signs should be installed near each walkway or dock. These signs should be oriented so that boaters using the facility will be reminded of the presence of manatees. The signs are not required to be in view of the general boating public. If approved signs and their locations are found to be out of accordance with these guidelines, the permit/lease holder will have to relocate or install additional signs.

The following specifications should only be considered guidelines for typical projects. Project locations near manatee important habitat, or involving other special circumstances may warrant additional signs, as determined by FWC.

Facility (wet, dry, temporary, or permanent)	Recommended Signs
Residential with less than 10 slips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site by site determination required
Boat ramps, charters or cruises, boat rental or restaurant facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Signs • Awareness Signs (may require multiple signs - site by site determination for quantity)
Facilities with greater than 10 slips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Signs (may require multiple signs - site by site determination for quantity) • Awareness Signs (may require multiple signs - site by site determination for quantity)

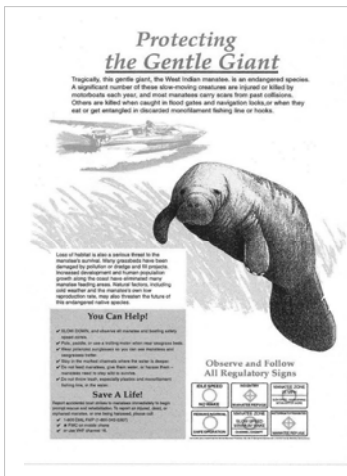
Examples of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Approved Permanent Manatee Educational Signs that fulfill permit and lease conditions.

Manatee Awareness Sign

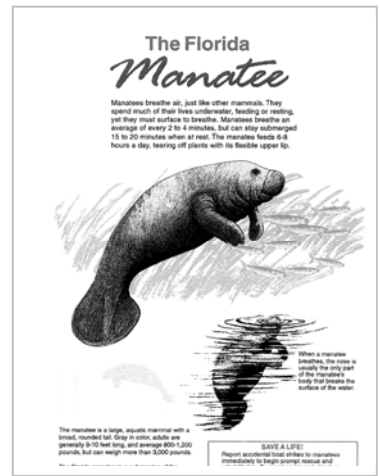


The "Caution: Manatee Area" sign is 3' by 4' and is available from all of the companies listed on the sign supplier list. These caution signs are intended to remind boaters using the facility of the presence of manatees while on the water. This sign will meet the manatee awareness display condition required by lease/permit.

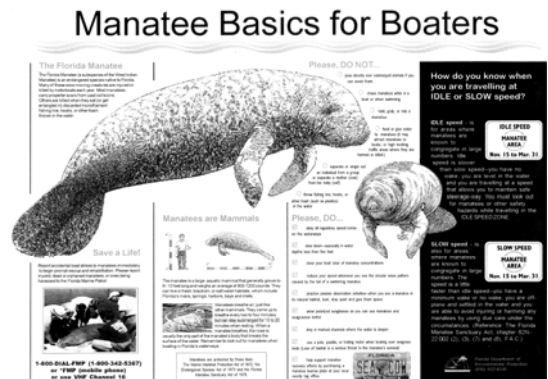
Manatee Educational Signs



These signs are 2' by 3', include some color, and are available only through Wilderness Graphics. These signs will meet the manatee educational display condition required by lease/permit if they are displayed as a pair.



The "Manatee Basics for Boaters" sign is 3' by 4', is two tone color and is available from all of the companies listed on the sign supplier list. This sign will meet the manatee educational display required by the lease/permit.



Approved Sign Suppliers *for Manatee Signs*

Permanent manatee educational and awareness signs are available through the companies listed below or from other local suppliers throughout the state. Permit/lease holders, marinas, and boat docking/launching facilities should contact the sign companies directly to arrange for shipping and billing of the signs.

- **ASAP Signs & Designs**
624-B Pinellas Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: (727) 443-4878
Fax: (727) 442-7573
- **Wilderness Graphics, Inc.**
P. O. Box 1635
Tallahassee, FL 32302
Phone: (850) 224-6414
Fax: (850) 561-3943
www.wildernessgraphics.com
- **Municipal Supply & Sign Co.**
1095 Fifth Avenue, North
P. O. Box 1765
Naples, FL 33939-1765
Phone: (800) 329-5366 or
(239) 262-4639
Fax: (239) 262-4645
www.municipalsigns.com
- **New City Signs**
1739 28th Street N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: (727) 323-7897
Fax: (727) 323-1897
www.NewCitySigns.com
- **Signing America Corporation**
5700 Columbia Circle
West Palm Beach, Florida 33444
TOLL FREE: 888 656-3465
OFFICE: (561) 842-3465
FAX LINE: (561) 842-7925
www.signingamerica.com
- **Cape Coral Signs & Designs**
913 S.E. 15th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33990
Phone: (239) 772-9992
(800) 813-9992
Fax: (239) 574-3609
- **Universal Signs & Accessories**
2912 Orange Avenue
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947
Phone: (800) 432-0331 or
(772) 461-0665
Fax: (772) 461-0669
- **United Rentals Highway Technologies**
309 Angle Road
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947
Phone: (772) 489-8772
or (800) 489-8758 (FL only)
Fax: (772) 489-8757
- **Vital Signs**
103400 Overseas Highway,
Suite 114
Key Largo, FL 33037
Phone: (305) 451-5133
Fax: (305) 451-5163