

MARCO ISLAND · COLLIER COUNTY · SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Marco Island
Boater's Smart Guide

Official Bridge Clearances · Public Ramps · Marinas · Rules of the Water
Fishing Reefs · Emergency Contacts · Trusted Local Resources

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OFFICIAL MARCO ISLAND BRIDGE CLEARANCES — MEAN HIGH WATER

All data from City of Marco Island Bridge Clearance Survey. Clearances are at Mean High Water. Tide height can reduce overall clearance, and canal depths vary — know your vessel's draft and height from the waterline before attempting to clear any bridge.

BRIDGE / LOCATION	VERTICAL
Judge Jolley (SR-951) Big Marco River / Main Causeway	55 ft
Southbound Collier Blvd Smokehouse Bay	14.3 ft
Northbound Collier Blvd Smokehouse Bay	14.4 ft
Hernando Drive Clam Bay	10.4 ft
Sand Hill Street Tidal Canal	10.3 ft
Caxambas Court Roberts Bay	10.4 ft
East Winterberry Dr. Smokehouse Bay	10.6 ft
West Winterberry Dr. Shenandoah Waterway	10.5 ft
Barfield Drive Marco River Inlet	10.3 ft
North Kendall Drive Collier Bay	9.8 ft
South Kendall Drive Clam Bay	10.1 ft
North Barfield Drive Factory Bay	9.3 ft
Goldenrod Avenue Goldenrod Waterway **NON-NAVIGABLE — Kayak / Paddle Only**	3.1 ft
Blackmore Drive Clam Bay **NON-NAVIGABLE — Kayak / Paddle Only**	3.5 ft
South Seas Court Tidal Canal **NON-NAVIGABLE — Kayak / Paddle Only**	3.4 ft
North Collier Blvd (N) Clam Bay **NON-NAVIGABLE — Kayak / Paddle Only**	3.0 ft



Winterberry Bridge, Marco Island



Jolley Bridge (SR-951)

- 14+ ft — clears most vessels
- 9–13 ft — verify your vessel height from waterline
- Under 4 ft — kayak/paddle only

Source: City of Marco Island, Public Works Dept · 50 Bald Eagle Drive · 239-389-5000 · cityofmarcoisland.com/departments/public-works/safe-boating-bridge-clearance

RULES OF THE WATER — MARCO ISLAND

IDLE SPEED / NO WAKE ZONES

- ALL interior waterways, canals, and bays of the island.
- Gulf of Mexico waters within 750 ft offshore of all beaches.
- Within 300 ft of beach adjacent to SR-951/Jolley Bridge.
- Safe distance from all swimmers at all times.
- Idle Speed = minimum speed to maintain steerage.

NAVIGATION & LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- USCG "rules of the road" apply to all navigational channels.
- Channels marked standard RED triangular and GREEN square signs. Red-Right-Returning.
- Operating a vessel under the influence is prohibited.
- Mooring to or damaging a navigational marker is prohibited.
- Anchoring in channels that interferes with navigation is prohibited.
- Discharge of untreated sewage prohibited in all Florida waters.
- All vessels must be properly registered and documented.

VHF MARINE RADIO

- Channel 16 — Distress & hailing (always monitored). Required for all vessels with VHF.
- Channel 9 — Boater calling channel.
- Channel 22A — US Coast Guard working channel.
- Channel 27 — Automated radio checks.
- Channel 40 — Weather information.
- DSC-equipped radios must be wired to GPS so USCG can locate you in an emergency.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT (USCG)

- 1 USCG-approved PFD per person on board.
- 1 throwable device (ring or cushion) per vessel.
- Children under 6 must wear PFD while underway on vessels under 26 ft.
- Sound device: horn/whistle for vessels under 39.4 ft.
- Fire extinguisher required.
- Vessel distress signals — day and night flares.
- Navigational lights when operating after dark.

SEWAGE PUMP-OUT STATIONS — MARCO ISLAND

Rose Marina
239-394-2502 · Fee applies

Esplanade Marina
239-394-6333 · FREE

Caxambas Park
239-642-0004 · Fee applies

Calusa Island Marina
239-394-3668 · Fee applies

PUBLIC RAMPS, MARINAS & FISHING REEFS

PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS

Caxambas Park Boat Ramp
909 Collier Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145
(239) 642-0004 · Daily 7 AM – Sunset
2 launch lanes · 31 trailer spaces · Gas & diesel · Courtesy docks · Restrooms. Best ramp for Gulf/Ten Thousand Islands access.

Collier Blvd Boating Park
3620 Collier Blvd (N. of Marco Bridge), Naples
(239) 353-0404 · Daily — call for hours
Ample trailer parking · Restrooms · No fuel on-site. Convenient alternative north of the Jolley Bridge.

Calusa Island Marina
385 Angler Dr., Goodland, FL 34140
(239) 642-1000 · Call ahead
Public ramp + full marina services · Fuel · Live bait · 50-ton travel lift. Gateway to Ten Thousand Islands.



Rose Marina — 951 Bald Eagle Dr.



Caxambas Park Boat Ramp

COLLIER COUNTY RAMP PERMITS — collierparks.com
Resident Annual: $100 motorized
Non-Resident Annual: $250 motorized
Day pass at ramp pay stations · Info: (239) 353-0404

MARINAS ON MARCO ISLAND

Rose Marina
951 Bald Eagle Dr. · (239) 394-2502 · rosemarina.com · Fuel 7 AM–5 PM · Dockmaster 7 AM–6 PM
Full-service marina on the Marco River. Gas & diesel, wet slips, boat rentals, charter access. Snook Inn next door — arrive by boat.

Esplanade Marina
760 N. Collier Blvd. · (239) 394-6333 · — · Call for hours
77 slips on Smokehouse Bay. 11 transient slips to 66 ft. Laundry, showers, Wi-Fi, pump-out (FREE). Note: 14 ft bridge clearance.

Calusa Island Marina
385 Angler Dr., Goodland · (239) 642-1000 · calusaislandmarina.com · Call ahead
84 slips, 50-ton travel lift, fuel dock, live bait & tackle, dry storage to 40 ft. Full boatyard services.

OFFSHORE FISHING REEF GPS COORDINATES

Marco 2-Mile Reef
25°55.39N 81°45.77W

Marco 5-Mile Reef
25°52.71N 81°48.12W

Marco 9-Mile Reef
25°52.85N 81°54.14W

Isaac Walton League Reef
25°54.44N 81°53.12W

Gordon Pass 5-Mile Reef
26°04.89N 81°53.12W

HELP ON THE WATER & TRUSTED RESOURCES

ON-WATER TOWING & EMERGENCY

TowBoatUS Naples & Marco Island
(239) 389-1177 · 24/7 · 365 days · VHF Ch. 16
Marine towing, soft ungroundings, battery jumps, fuel delivery. Covers Marco, Naples, Everglades. BoatUS membership recommended for unlimited towing.

Sea Tow Naples & Marco Island
(239) 263-3188 · 24/7 · VHF Ch. 16
Coverage from Naples to Marco Island. Sea Tow membership covers on-water towing and assistance.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary — Marco Island
239-394-5911 · Caxambas Park Station, 905 Collier Ct
Local USCG Auxiliary offering boating safety courses, vessel safety checks, and on-water assistance. Free resources at a0700905.uscgaux.info

US Coast Guard (Life Safety Emergency)
VHF Ch. 16 · (305) 292-8727 · Sector Key West — 24/7
For life-threatening emergencies, vessel sinking, man overboard, or fire. Always hail Ch. 16 first — monitored by USCG and all vessels.

Marco Island Police (Marine)
239-389-5050 · 24/7
Local law enforcement on the water. Can provide assistance and local information.

SKIP'S RECOMMENDED MARINE MECHANIC

A&M MARINE SERVICES

FULL-SERVICE BOAT REPAIR & MOBILE MECHANIC
OUTBOARDS & VESSELS 30 FT AND UNDER

(239) 877-7730

amnaples.com · Golden Gate, Naples FL · Serves Marco Island
Owner Captain Andrew Gogan — Naples native, trained at the Marine Mechanical Institute, Orlando. Electrical, motor maintenance, electronics, full-service repairs. This is where Skip takes his boat — his top recommendation for any Marco Island boater.

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Every Boater Needs a Good REALTOR®.



Knowing bridge clearances is step one. Knowing which canal runs dry at low tide, which neighborhoods flood after a storm, which properties have true deep-water access versus what the listing says — that local knowledge only comes from growing up here and spending a lifetime on these waters.

Skip Riddle grew up on Marco Island. He still owns a boat. He knows this water, these canals, and these neighborhoods from the inside out. When you're ready to buy or sell waterfront property on Marco Island, work with someone who can read a tide chart as well as a closing disclosure.

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FEATURED MARCO ISLAND WATERFRONT LISTINGS

Listing Photo

Marco Island Waterfront · Listing 1
$X,XXX,000
X bd · X ba · Canal / Gulf Access

Listing Photo

Marco Island Waterfront · Listing 2
$X,XXX,000
X bd · X ba · Canal / Gulf Access

Listing Photo

Marco Island Waterfront · Listing 3
$X,XXX,000
X bd · X ba · Canal / Gulf Access

Questions About Marco Island Waterfront?
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