

The Issue

Private Vessels are staging within the danger zone and restricted area (33 CFR 334.610 (a) 3)
Staging creates security and safety concerns to Naval Air Station Key West at its Navy operations and facilities on pier D-1. As required by the (33 CFR 334.610 (a) 3), the surrounding 100 yard stand-off area serves as a danger zone and restricted area.

The Conclusion

The group agreed, that the solution was to improve communications about the zone to vessels owners and Captains prior to their arrival. The following actions were agreed on.

- 1) Develop a visual communication piece that could be part of each transient reservation conformation. (see attached). One in color to attach to an email and one black and white to add to fax confirmation.
- 2) The Navy should consider adding a restricted area buoy inside the Bight and additional signage to the finger pier next to the "no wake" sign.
- 3) All dock masters would use the visual aid to communicate to commercial vessel owners and Captains docked at their marinas and attach the aid to all rental lease agreements.
- 4) The organizer of all group events (fishing tournaments, boat races, flotillas etc) should be made accountable to communicate and enforce the no staging rule.
- 5) Conch Harbor marina staff will communicate via radio or bullhorn to any vessel, that is spotted staging in the restricted area.

Next Steps

- 1) All Historic Seaport Key West Bight marinas have agreed to implement the procedures 3,4 & 5 above.
- 2) A presentation will be made to the next Bight board asking the board to make agreed rules mandatory.

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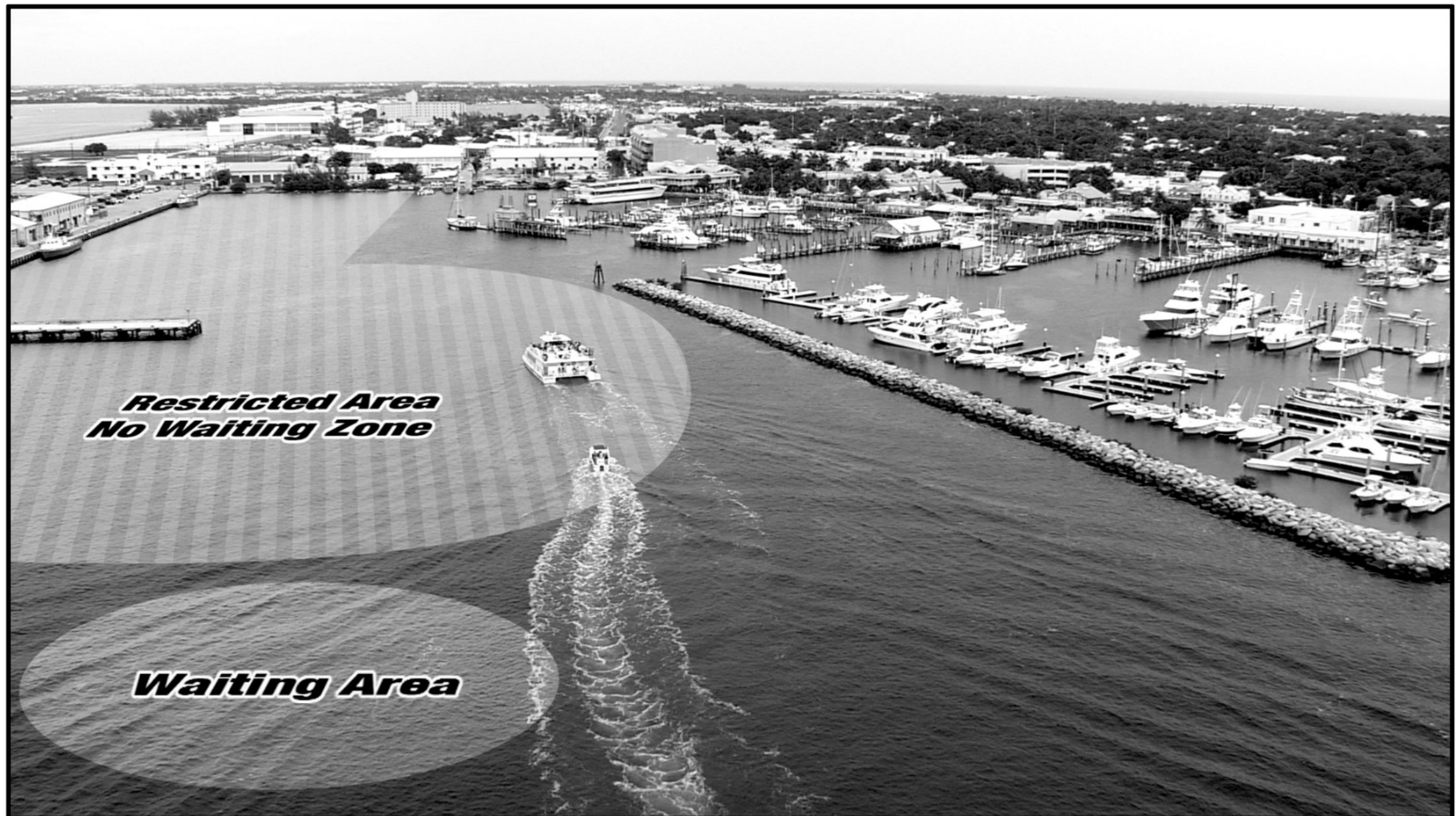
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