Speed Zones

IDLE SPEED ZONE: A zone in which motorized vessels* are not permitted to go any faster than necessary to make headway and to be steered.

SLOW SPEED ZONE: A minimum wake zone where motorized vessels* must not be on a plane and must be completely settled in the water. *(Visible as you enter a protected*

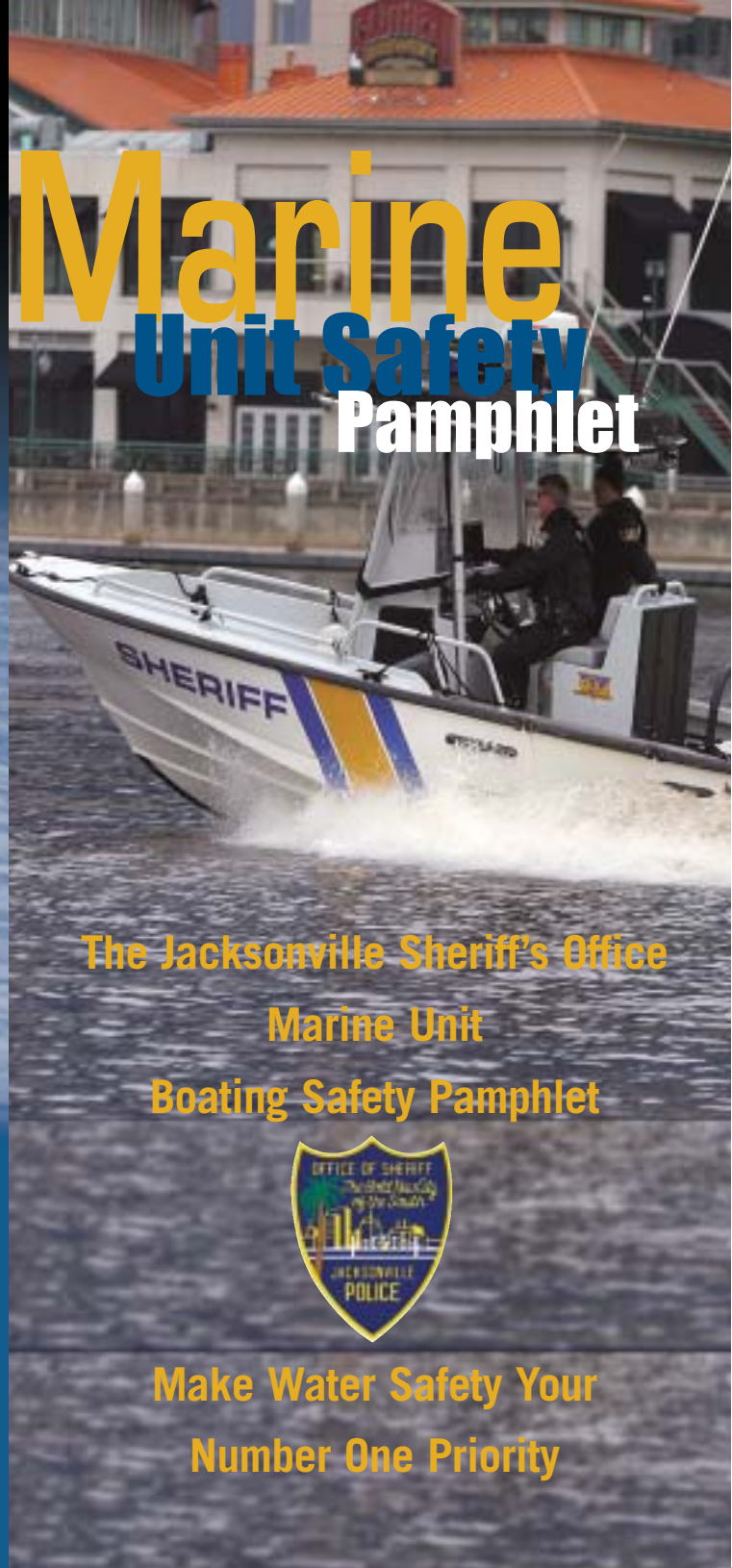
CAUTION AREA: An area frequently inhabited by manatees requiring caution on the part of operators of motorized vessels* to avoid disturbing or injuring the animals.

RESUME NORMAL SAFE OPERATION: A sign indicating that you may resume normal safe vessel operating speed. *(Visible as you leave a protected area)*

* Motorized vessels include personal watercraft.

PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS

1) Big Talbot Ramp	A1A & Nassau Sound
2) Mayport Ramp	4870 Ocean St
3) Oak Harbor Ramp	2428 Seaway St
4) ICW Boat Landing	2501 2nd Ave N.
5) Sister's Creek Ramp	8634 Hecksher Dr
6) Joe Carlucci Sister's	8410 Mckenna Dr Creek Park
7) Lonnie Wurn Ramp	4131 Ferber Rd
8) Arlington Lion's	4322 Richard Club Ramp Gatlin Memorial Rd
9) Bert Maxwell Ramp	680 Broward Rd
10) Dinsmore City Ramp	11101 US1
11) T.K. Stokes Ramp	2120 Riverview Ave
12) Harborview Ramp	4100 Harborview Dr
13) Arlington Road Ramp	5130 Arlington Rd
14) Pottsburg Creek Ramp	8508 Beach Blvd
15) St. Johns River Park Ramp	901 Museum Cir
16) Lighthouse Ramp	5434 San Juan Ave
17) Wayne B. Stevens Ramp	4555 Ortega Farms Blvd
18) Goodby's Creek Ramp	9145 San Jose Blvd
19) Mandarin Park Ramp	14780 Mandarin Rd
20) Hood Landing Rd Ramp	12925 Hood Landing Rd Ramp
21) Palms Fish Camp	6359 Hecksher Dr.



Marine Unit Safety Pamphlet

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Marine Unit
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Make Water Safety Your Number One Priority

Helpful contact numbers

EMERGENCY-DIAL 911

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office non-emergency 904-630-0500
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission 904-359-3883
  Report B.U.I. and wildlife violations 888-404-3922. Callers are eligible for a reward and may remain anonymous
- Report Boating Accidents 904-359-3883
- U.S. Coast Guard 904-247-7318
- Clay County Sheriff's Office 904-264-6512
- Nassau County Sheriff's Office 904-225-5174
- St. John's County Sheriff's Office 904-824-8304
- Jacksonville City Dockmaster 904-630-0837 or VHF channel 72 during special events
- State Warning Point DEP 24 hours a day. Call 1-800-320-0519 to report environmental crimes or emergencies
- For manatee sighting call 904-256-7575 and for manatee injuries /deaths call 888-404-3922
- Customs and Border Protection 904-751-2827

required SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All vessels must have at least one Personal Flotation Device (PFD) per person on board.

All PFDs must in good condition and be the correct size for the intended wearer.

Vessels 16 feet in length or longer must have at least one USCG approved throwable PFD on board and immediately available.

Children under 6 must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while underway on any vessel less than 26 feet in length on Florida waters.

Each person on board a Personal Watercraft (PWC) must wear a PFD and ignition safety switch (lanyard). Inflatable PFDs may not be worn on PWCs.

The original certificate of registration must be on board when the vessel is operated. Each vessel must carry a sound producing device that is audible for at least one-half mile.

PWC operation at night is prohibited.

PWC must adhere to all boating laws.

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (VDSs)

Required in the Atlantic Ocean (Coastal Waters)

All vessels are required to carry night signals when operating between sunset and sunrise.

Vessels less than 16 feet, operated between sunset and sunrise, must carry a minimum of three visual distress signals approved for nighttime use.

Recreational vessels 16 ft or longer, and non-motorized open sailboats 26 ft or longer must carry both day and night signals.

If smoke and/or flares are used, at least three must be carried on board the vessel. They must be USCG approved, in good condition, unexpired, and readily accessible.

Fire Extinguisher Requirements

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Length of vessel	Without fixed system	With Fixed System
Less than 26 ft	one B-1	none
26 ft to less than 40 ft	two B-1 or one B-2	one B-1
40 ft to less than 65 ft	three B-1 or one B-2 & one B-1	two B-1 or one B-2

Type of Extinguisher	Dry Chemical	Carbon Dioxide	Foam
type and size	minimum pounds	min. pounds	min.pounds
B-1	2	4	1.25
B-2	10	15	2.25

Vessels less than 26 feet in length, propelled by outboard motors, of open construction which will not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable vapors and not carrying passengers for hire are exempt from fire extinguisher requirements.

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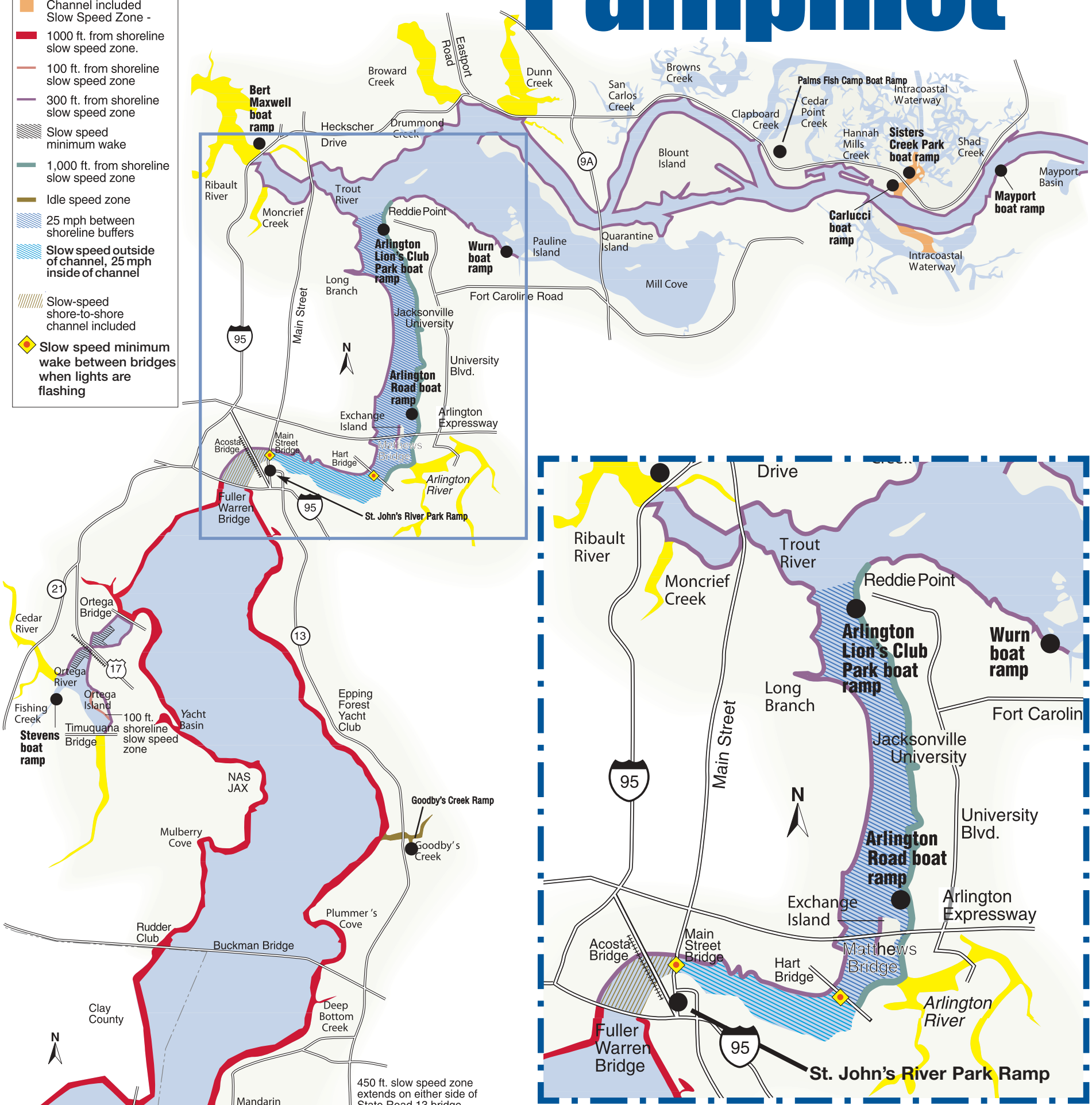
Manatee Protection Plan

- Boat ramps
- Caution Manatee Awareness Zone
- Channel included Slow Speed Zone -
- 1000 ft. from shoreline slow speed zone.
- 100 ft. from shoreline slow speed zone
- 300 ft. from shoreline slow speed zone
- Slow speed minimum wake
- 1,000 ft. from shoreline slow speed zone
- Idle speed zone
- 25 mph between shoreline buffers
- Slow speed outside of channel, 25 mph inside of channel
- Slow-speed shore-to-shore channel included
- Slow speed minimum wake between bridges when lights are flashing



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