

**Sign-in Sheet**  
**Marine Advisory Committee**  
**Pre-Agenda Meeting**

**May 7, 2015**

**PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE NAME**

NAME	ORGANIZATION
G. M ECKENBERG	USCG FLT 87
David Johnston	CCBCC
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**AGENDA**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, ~~April 9~~, May 14, 2015, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Charlotte County Administration Center**  
**18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

**\*\*\*Please note that one or more Charlotte County Commissioners may be in attendance at any meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee\*\*\***

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**I. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Chairman's comments**

**A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.**

**B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes**

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

A.

**V. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

**VI. Regular Business**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the [Pre-Agenda](#) Meeting from May 7, 2015 – Additions, Corrections or Deletions.
- B. Approval of the [Minutes](#) of the Regular Meeting from April 9, 2015 – Additions, Corrections or Deletions.
- C. MSBU Update (see [attached materials](#)) – Chuck Mopps
- D. Budget Update – David Johnston

G.M.I.  
R.D. G.B.  
R.R. T.P.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Remaining FY 2016 Grant Applications
- B. Gasparilla Slow Speed Zone

T.I. L.H.  
R.R.

**VIII. Old Business**

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**IX. Other Business**

**X. Citizen Comments**

**XI. Good of the Order**

**XII. Next Meetings**

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the **Room B-106**.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

**XIII. Adjournment**

C. Slow speed at Gasparilla – Roger DeBruler presenting.

Regarding recent complaints about the need for slow speed zones around bridges and areas of low visibility; this is regarding the GIBA second bridge and third bridge.

Mr. DeBruler indicate that the first bridge already has a ~~show~~ <sup>SLOW</sup> speed zone; the County and the public want to extend that to include the trestle area and some of the inner waterway. The second area is at the second bridge where there are four water paths coming together, hindering visibility. The County requested action by FWC who would not act without some proof there was harm to boaters or manatees, but there is no evidence of harm or accidents. However, people continue to press for it; County attorneys went to FWC about writing an ordinance to cover the slow speed zone, and FWC responded "send us a draft". The County attorneys will send a draft t FWC for review to see if such an ordinance would interfere with any state statute, and to give an OK to put the signs in place. The County is interested in getting MAC's opinion on this, and wants to know if you are amenable to the slow speeds being imposed.

Mr. Meckenberg asked if Mr. DeBruler was aware that there is language that addresses this issue in ORD 94-01; Mr. DeBruler responded that they are aware of it, but it falls short in that it doesn't include the bridge. Further discussion ensued, and Mr. DeBruler said that the attorney who mapped it out said it doesn't cover this.

Mr. Hoffman inquired what public is asking for this, it is two or three people; Mr. DeBruler responded that it was two people. Mr. Hoffman noted that he boats there all the time and doesn't see any problem. Officer Lytle came forward to address this subject; he noted that both the first and third bridges have the slow speed zone, but the second bridge does not, and it would be beneficial to have it there. The Sheriff's office has also approached FWC and the Coast Guard about it, with the same response: there is no documented harm to support the change. He discussed the area further, noting the traffic patterns and usage in the area, and concluded that they anticipate harms in future and feel the speed zone is recommended.

Mr. Hoffman responded on the subject, noting the second bridge is high, easily seen, unlike the others. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Harris noted it was suggested to the attorney at pre-agenda that the group needs an aerial shot to refer to, to make an informed decision. Chair Ireland we can postpone to May and ask for better visual aid. Mr. Buckley and Capt. Blago both returned to the point that there are only two people demanding the change, and Capt. Blago also commented that he uses the area and doesn't see a problem; he said the key point is that FWC has decided the slow zone isn't needed. If the citizens want it anyway and feel there is a case to be made, they should go and make that case to the FWC. Officer Lytle said he agreed with what is being said, but then described the incident that led to the complaint, which involved a gentleman fishing with his grandson. A large charter boat came by them at full throttle, creating a great wake and putting those people at risk. Officer Lytle also clarified that FWC is not saying it isn't need, they are saying there is no documented accidents. They are saying if the County wants it, they should do a draft and FWC will review it. Further discussion ensued. Chair Ireland restated the conclusion that there be no recommendation at this point; defer any recommendation to the next meeting.

Ms. Buck raised a question about the proposed discussion of the CCSO request for overtime patrol of the Harbor holidays and weekends, but apparently it has been approved already; she understood it was going to be discussed with the Sheriff, to