

## **MIAMI AREA SECURITY AND SAFETY MEASURES**

As a result of international terrorist attacks, continuing domestic threats and the fragile South Florida marine environment, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Miami reminds you of measures taken to increase the safety and security within the Port of Miami well as the surrounding waterways. These measures are necessary to increase public safety, to reduce the threat of sabotage or terrorist acts against military assets, personnel, and property, and ensure the appropriate environmental stewardship.

These measures include security zones and under the authority of Title 33 of the U.S. Code Section 1232 and Manatee zones under the authority of Endangered Species Act (16USC1538)

The Coast Guard is looking to the boating public and maritime industry to comply with these regulations in a cooperative effort to maintain the safety and security of the waters of Miami and the surrounding area.



## **CRUISE SHIP SECURITY ZONES**

*Fixed security zone in the Port of Miami, (POM)*

*Florida.* A fixed security zone is enacted when two or more cruise ships are docked at the POM. This security zone encompasses all waters between Watson Park and Star Island along the MacArthur Causeway south to the Port of Miami. When the security zone is activated no vessel, recreational boat or personal watercraft is permitted to enter into transit through or anchor without express permission from the COTP. The area encompassing the security zone is shown in red on the diagram. Entry into, transiting through, or anchoring in a security zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Coast Guard COTP or a designated representative.

**MANATEE ZONE:** An Idle speed No Wake Zone in the Intracoastal Waterway Channel of approximately 1.75 miles from 100 yards North of Venetian Causeway Bascule Bridge to the southern tip of Claughton Island. The area encompassing the Manatee zone is shown in yellow on the diagram. For additional information log onto [myfwc.com](http://myfwc.com).

## **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION:**

- **Maximum civil** penalty for violation of an security zone is not to exceed \$32,500 per violation.
- **Maximum criminal** penalty for knowing and willful violations of a security zone based is 10 years in prison and not to exceed \$250,000 fine. (Class D felony) A person who uses a dangerous weapon or engages in conduct that causes bodily injury or fear of imminent bodily injury to an officer authorized to enforce the regulation would commit a class C felony with even greater maximum penalties. (Maximum 12 years in prison and \$250,000 fine.)

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