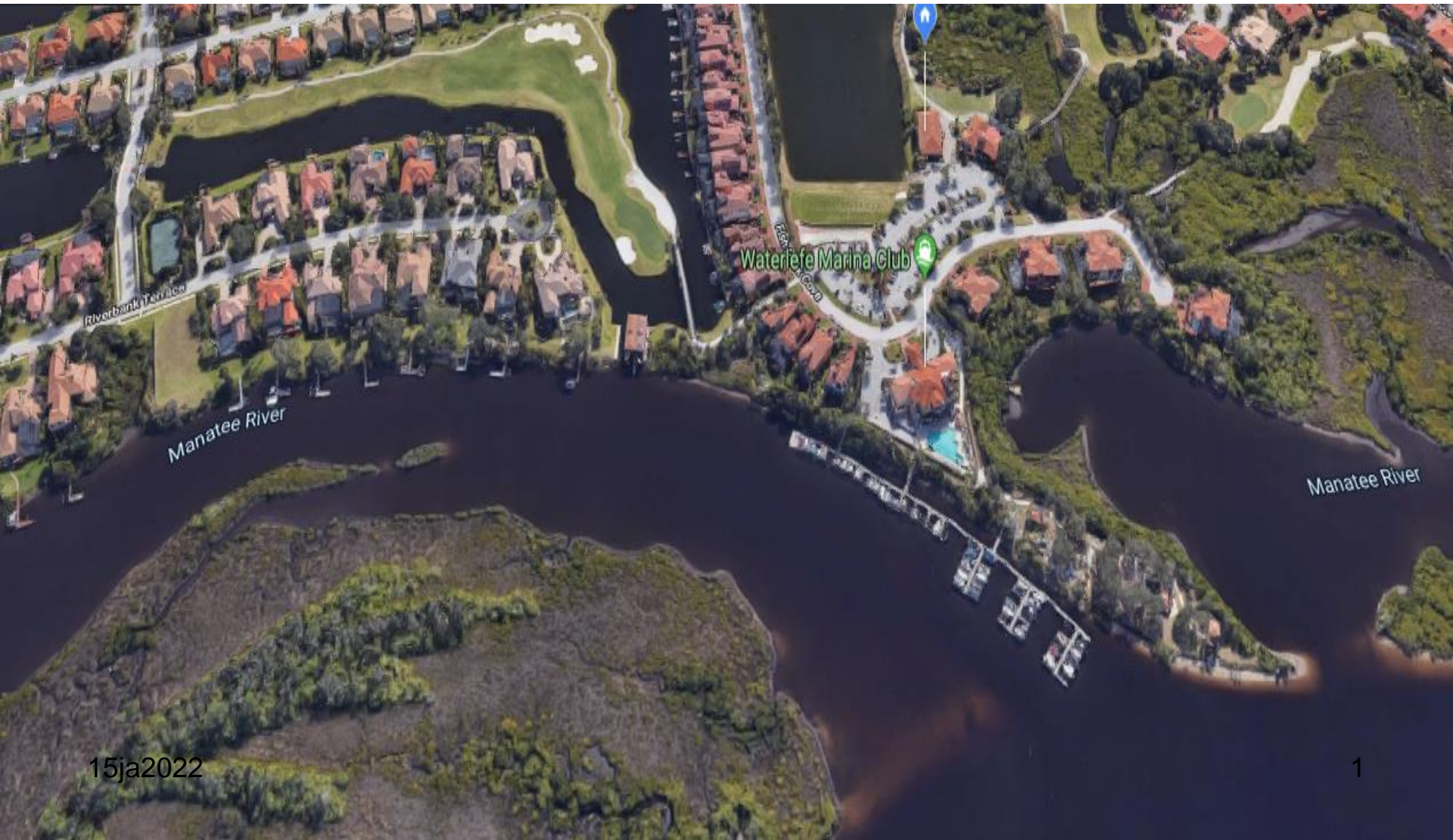




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Agenda

- **Review Agenda and Mission Statement** – *Jim Manning (5 min)*
- **Boating Safety** – *Manatee Power Squadron (20 Min)*
- **Vessel Safety Checks** – *Manatee Power Squadron / Jim Manning (10 Min)*
- **Operating Your Vessel In and Around Waterlefe** - *Dave Rogers (15 min)*
- **Boating Community Website** – *Dave Rogers (5 Min)*
- **Waterlefe Boating Survey Results** – *Dave Rogers (10 min)*
- **Future Activities and Next Meeting** – *Jim Manning (10 min)*
 - *Social Activities*
 - *Kayaking and Paddling*
- **Q & A Discussion** – *All (10 min)*

Mission Statement

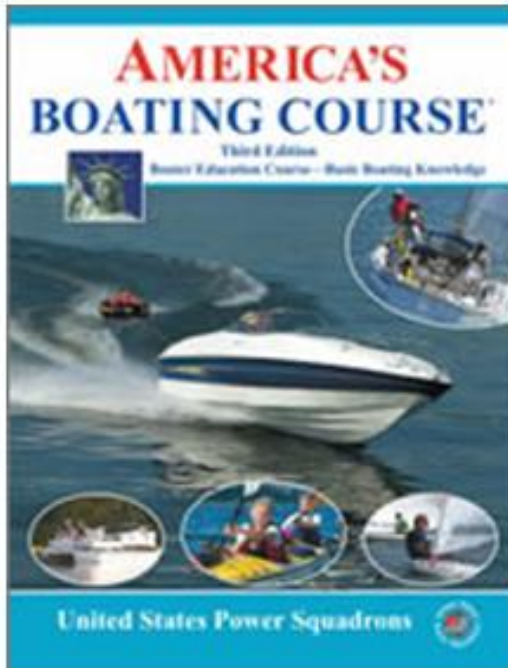
The *Waterlefe Boating Community Group* is a social group for Waterlefe residents to promote water recreation, share valued information, and grow friendships among boaters, anglers, kayakers and paddlers.





Boating Safety Course

Ed Van Stedum



Manatee Sail and Power Squadron

Offering

America's Boating Course

Palmetto Elks Lodge

4611 4th Avenue E

Vessel Safety Checks

Ed Van Stedum / Jim Manning

When - Sat Jan 22th and Jan 29th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Where – At Your Marina Club Slip

- At Your Cove Marina Slip

- At Your Personal Dock by Appointment

How - Register Today or by e-mail



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Operating Your Vessel In and Around Waterlefe

Dave Rogers

- **Canals**
- **Boat Lift**
- **Waterlefe Channel**
- **Speed Limits**
- **Boats, PWC, Paddlers**
- **Navigating the Manatee River**

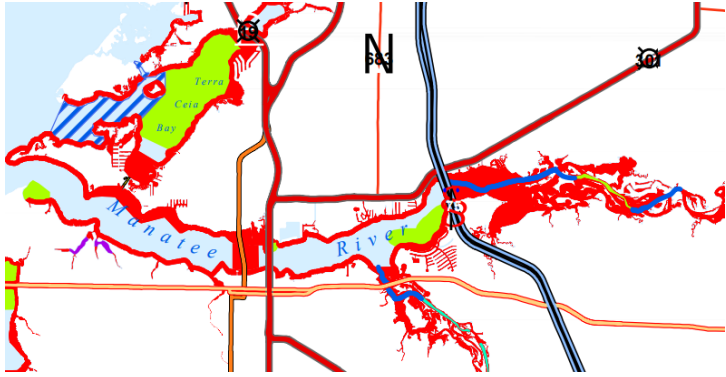


Operating Your Vessel In and Around Waterlefe

Dave Rogers

- **Canals**
 - No Wake
 - Idle Speed
- **Boat Lift**
 - Instruction Required – Property Mgt
 - Rules and Regulations - Website
 - Who to Call for Assistance
- **Waterlefe Channel**
 - Min Wake
 - Manatees
- **Speed Limits**
 - Idle Speed / No Wake
 - Min Wake
 - 25 MPH Max – Manatee River Channel
- **Boats, PWC, Paddlers, Skiers**
- **Navigating the Manatee River**

Navigating the Manatee River



- Speed Limits
- Tides
- Markers
- Shallow Spots



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Navigating the Manatee River

Speed Limits

Key

-  Slow Speed Minimum Wake Zone
-  Idle Speed/No Wake Zone
-  Public Swim Area- No Vessels Allowed
-  Historic Recreational Areas
-  Warners Bayou Special Regulated Water Sports Area
-  Internal Combustion Engine Exclusion Zone
-  Manbirtee Key Security Zone- No Entry Without Permit
-  Regulated Corridor -25 MPH
-  Regulated Area - 25 MPH
-  Intracoastal Waterway Channel Centerline
-  Regulated Channel - 25 MPH

Slow Speed Minimum Wake

Defined as the speed at which a vessel is fully off plane, completely settled in the water and not producing a wake that endangers other vessels under the existing circumstances.

Idle Speed No Wake

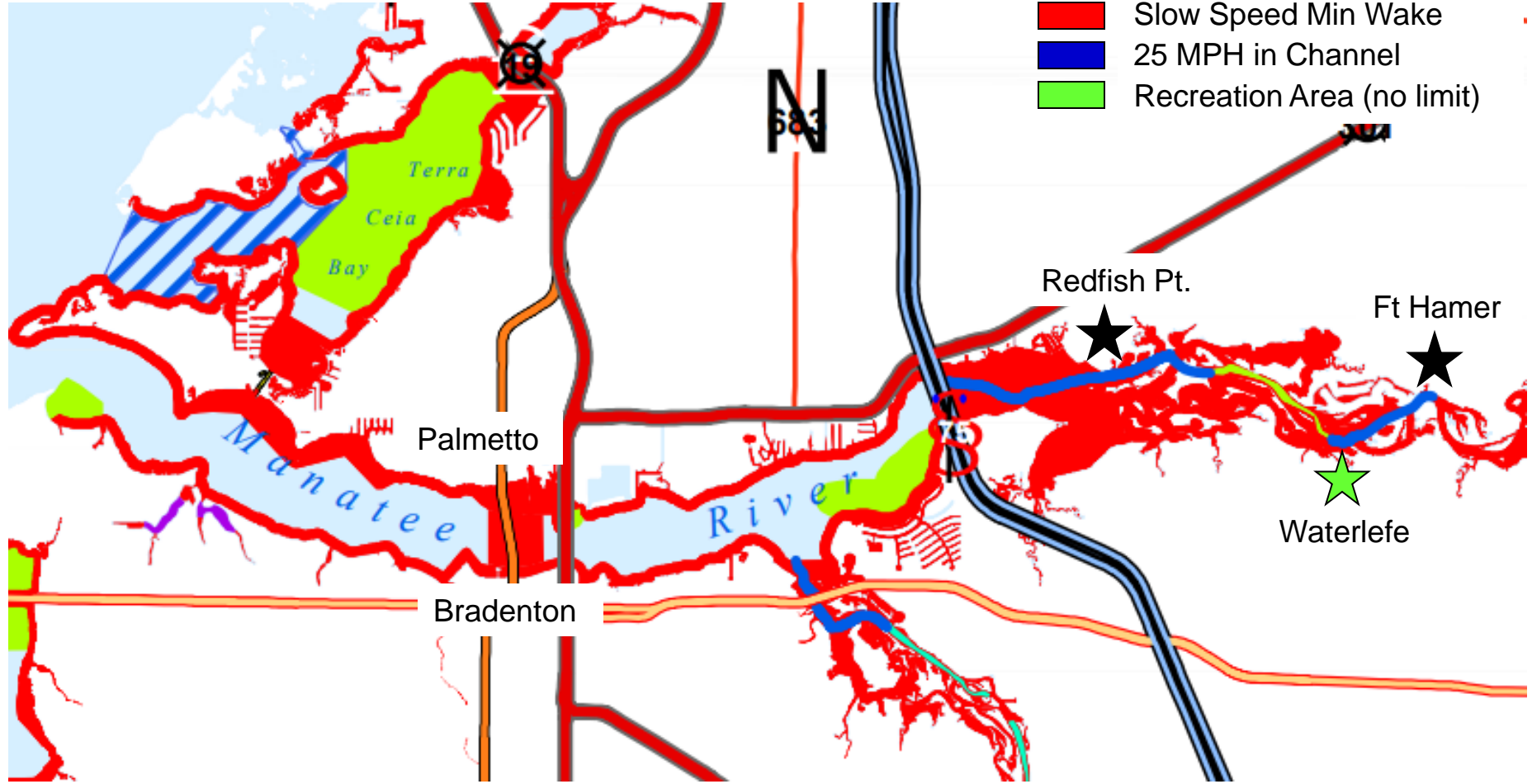
Defined as the slowest speed at which a vessel or personal watercraft may operate while maintaining steering control and forward progress.

Historic Recreational Areas

By designating or marking historical recreational areas, the County does not warrant or guarantee the safety or utility of an area for traditional water sports activities. Each vessel operator is personally responsible for ensuring that the area is free of submerged hazards and has sufficient depth and width for the activity.

Navigating the Manatee River

Speed Limits



[Manatee County Waterway Regulation Map](#)

[Boaters Guide to Manatee County](#)



Navigating the Manatee River

Tides

- **Tidal activity influences water flow (current) and water level**
- **Water level can vary up to 3 feet in our area do to tidal activity**
- **Tides vary each day and follow a lunar (monthly) cycle**
- **Wind + Extreme Tide can further raise or lower water levels**
- **Use Tide Tables when on the water**
- **Tide tables are available at the Boat Lift, Marina Club Entrance Ramps, Online, Mobile Apps, and on Navigation Devices like Garmin, Raymarine, Lowrance and others**



Navigating the Manatee River

Tides

[Help](#)

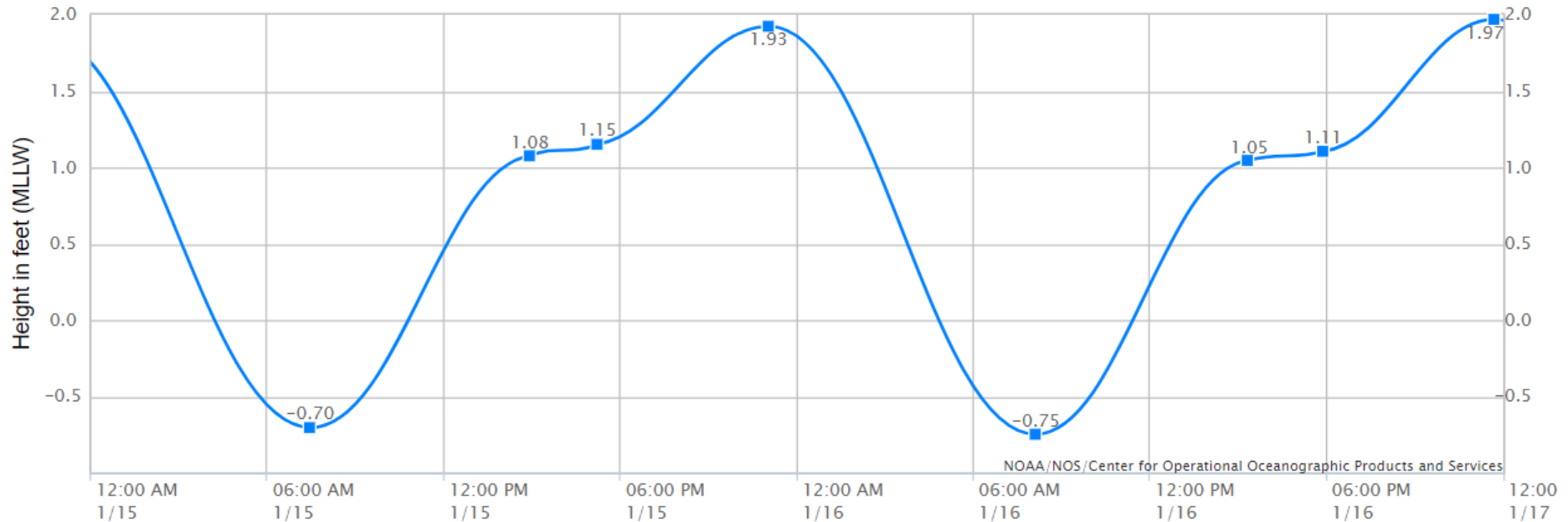
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NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS

Tide Predictions at 8726278, REDFISH POINT, MANATEE RIVER FL
From 2022/01/15 12:00 AM LST/LDT to 2022/01/16 11:59 PM LST/LDT

Subordinate Station | Ref. Station (St. Petersburg, Tampa Bay 8726520) | Time offsets (high: -30 min. low: 14 min.) | Height offsets (high: *0.92 ft. low: *1 ft.)



2.63 ft change in water level Today!



Navigating the Manatee River

Markers

- They are the “Traffic Signs” and Direction Indicators for the Waterway.
- They mark the edges of the channel considered safe for navigation.
- The Manatee River is marked with Lateral Day Markers.

Navigating the Manatee River

Markers

- **Red, Even Number, Triangle Markers are on the Right (starboard) side of your vessel when returning to port. “Red Right Return”.**



Navigating the Manatee River

Markers

- **Green, Square Markers are Odd Numbered and are on the Left (Port) side of your vessel when returning to port.**



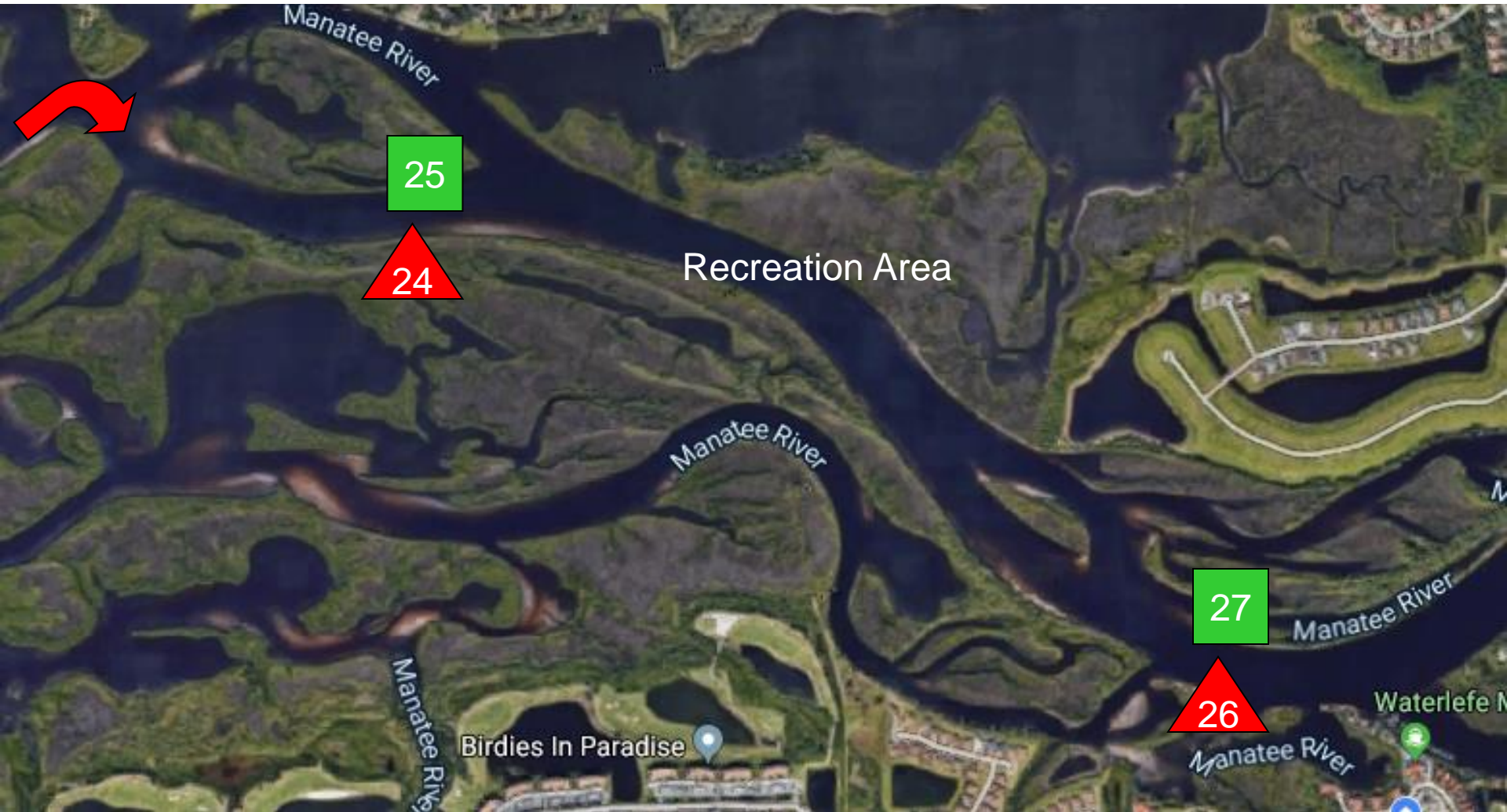
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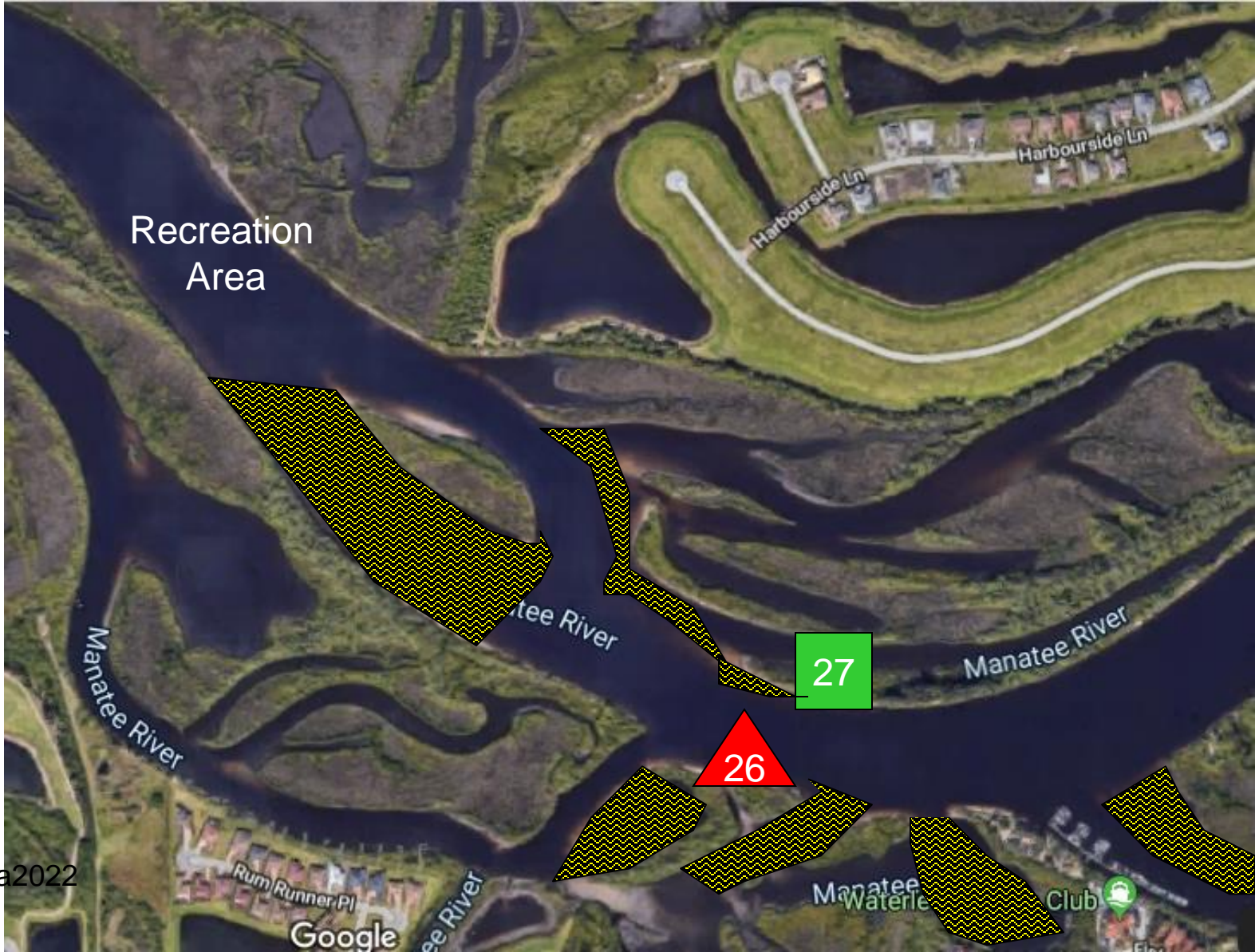
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Shallow Spots

- **Stay in the Manatee Channel to avoid Shallow Spots**
- **Follow the “Rules of the Road” when traveling in the Manatee Channel. Don’t crowd other boaters into a shallow area.**
- **Watchout for Paddlers, Rowers, PWC, Skiers, Anchored Boats**
- **Prop Up to Avoid Grounding**
- **Stay On Plane when possible**

Navigating the Manatee River

Shallow Spots





Navigating the Manatee River

Shallow Spots





Boating Community Website

Dave Rogers

A screenshot of a web browser showing the homepage of waterlifemembers.com. The browser address bar shows 'waterlifemembers.com/Home' with a red arrow pointing to it. The website header includes the 'Waterlife GOLF & RIVER CLUB' logo and a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'MPOA', 'ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT', 'CDD', 'BOATING', and 'GOLF'. The 'BOATING' menu item is highlighted in a blue box, with a red arrow pointing down to it. A dropdown menu is open under 'BOATING', listing 'River Club', 'Marina Club', 'Boat Lift / Canals', 'Cove Marina', 'Kayaking / Paddling', 'Weddings & Banquets', 'Golf', and 'Boating'. A red arrow points up to the 'Boating' item at the bottom of the dropdown. The main content area features a large image of a clubhouse building with the text 'Welcome Home' overlaid.

Boating Community Website

Dave Rogers

Waterlife Boating Community

Waterlife Marina Club



The Waterlife Marina Club is a privately-owned equity membership club that offers our member boating enthusiasts a high quality marina facility.

Boat Lift / Canals



Waterlife provides boating access to community canals and the Manatee River via a boat lift located near the River Club.

Cove Marina



The Cove is a privately owned marina located at 905 Fish Hook Cove with 13 boat slips.

Kayaking / Paddling



Waterlife is home to a wide variety of boating activities, including kayaking, canoeing, traditional boating, etc.

Boating Community Resource Library

BOATING/MARINE REFERENCE

SAFETY/EMERGENCY

FISHING

CLEAN BOATING

MEETINGS

PHOTO GALLERY

LIBRARY

NOAA WEATHER

TIDE TABLES- RED FISH POINT

WINDFINDER



Waterlefe Community Survey

Boating Comments

Dave Rogers

- **Waterlefe Community Survey**
 - **Conducted in Sept 2021**
 - **Developed by the Strategic Planning Committee**
- **5 Questions Targeted at Boating/Paddling**
- **249 Comments**
 - **Kayak – 58 comments**
 - **Better Launch, Renting, Storage**
 - **Boat Lift – 33 comments**
 - **Maintenance, Dredging**
 - **Boating / Waterways – 97 comments**
 - **Adds Value, Important, Good**



Waterlefe Survey

Boating Comments

Dave Rogers

Summary from Comments

- *Water access for boating or kayaking is valuable to Waterlefe residents.*
- *Safe and Reliable water access for boating and kayaking is important to many of the residents.*
- *Ease of use of the Kayak Launch facility is a top concern.*
- *Waterlefe's boating and kayaking options should be clearly communicated along with its costs.*
- *Recommendations to the MPOA Board are forthcoming.*



Future Activities

Jim Manning

- **Social Activities – Need One or More People to Organize Social Activities**
- **Kayaking and Paddling – Need One or More People to Represent this Activity**
- **Next Meeting**



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As Always, When On the Water ...

Be Safe and Have Fun

Meeting Adjourned