



Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Boater Education Course Update

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Project Goals

- Increase boaters' understanding of the challenges of navigating sanctuary waters and the importance of its marine resources
- Provide knowledge of laws, regulations and policies that affect marine resources and visitor use
- Engage users through interactive online learning that promotes content retention





Progress to Date

Learning Needs Analysis

- Developing learning objectives for the online course
- Identifying and understanding the audience(s)

Instructional Design

- Stakeholder workshops
- Identifying and prioritizing key messages and content





Learning Objectives

- 1. Identify relevant regulations that provide the framework for boater safety and resource protection in the Sanctuary
- 2. Identify sensitive natural and cultural resources and the management tools that protect them: List boating strategies and techniques to prevent impacts
- 3. Know how to identify the location of marine zones and describe the applicable access and use restrictions.
- 4. Describe the consequences of illegal actions within the Sanctuary.
- 5. Identify the impacts of boater behavior on other visitors and choose respectful options.

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Next Steps

Instructional Design

- Organizing content
- Identifying appropriate presentation and engagement strategies

Content Development

- Writing and creating the course pages and activities
- Editing and revision

Web Development

- Creating the online version
- Testing
- Translation

Course Launch – Early 2019





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Example Course









Questions?

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