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Lee County Parks & Recreation boat ramps are closed

U.S. Coast Guard urges caution while boating

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 6, 2022 – All Lee County Parks & Recreation boat ramps remain closed until further notice as the facilities and surrounding waterways are assessed.

Lee County was asked to convey the following information to boaters from the United States Coast Guard:

- The U.S. Coast continues to conduct channel surveys and aids to navigation verifications due to potential navigational hazards caused by Hurricane Ian in the vicinity of Fort Myers Beach, Port Charlotte, and Boca Grande. This area remains closed to commercial vessel traffic unless previously authorized by the Captain of the Port.
- Recreational boaters are strongly advised to avoid this area due to potentially unsafe conditions.
- The Coast Guard will continue to enforce all commercial vessel regulations. As a reminder, documented vessels may not be employed in any trade other than the trade endorsed upon the vessel's Certificate of Documentation. A vessel documented exclusively as a recreational vessel may not be used for any other purpose. Any consideration, payment, economic benefit, inducement, right or profit contributed as a condition of carriage on a vessel constitutes passenger service and must comply with all inspected or uninspected passenger vessel regulations.

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