



WEST PALM BEACH FISHING CLUB

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Mr. Richard Walesky, Director
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Dear Mr. Walesky,

On behalf of the nearly 1,400 members of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC), I would like to confirm our support of the existing mooring buoys at Breaker's Reef in Palm Beach County and the county's plans for additional buoys at this site, as well as other sites located further south off Mar-A-Lago and the patch reefs off Boca Raton. The WPBFC has advocated for the installation and use of mooring buoys in several popular fishing and diving areas throughout the county for quite some time now. One of the hallmarks of the WPBFC is our dedication to the protection and preservation of Palm Beach County's valuable reef resources. The WPBFC recognizes that damage sometimes occurs when boaters deploy anchors on or near the reefs. We believe the implementation of additional mooring buoys will help reduce some of this impact and will make the boating experience more pleasurable.

Through our extensive membership, we will gladly distribute information regarding the use of the mooring buoys and the protection of Palm Beach County reefs. We have already promoted the local buoy program in past WPBFC newsletters in an effort to educate local boaters. Furthermore, the WPBFC board of directors has recently authorized a financial contribution of \$2,600, through its charitable foundation, to provide some local matching dollars to be used for the installation of additional buoys. We will encourage marine related businesses within our membership, and within the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County, to distribute buoy program brochures and encourage their customers to use the moorings. The effort to install additional mooring buoys in county waters is appreciated and has the WPBFC's full support.

Very truly yours,

Tom Twyford, Jr.
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