



**Marine Industries Association**  
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

*MIAPBC is a not-for-profit organization created to promote and protect the sound growth of the marine industry in Palm Beach County for the benefit and education of its members, the community, and the environment*

To all our Members and Friends:

We at the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County ("MIA PBC") hope all of you, your family, friends and employees are safe and dealing with one of the most impactful health and economic situations to hit our entire Country in modern history. The Covid19 pandemic continues to take its toll on our everyday lives, which will most likely remain with us for some time.

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MIAPBC has been dealing with a number of issues related to our organization. As you may be aware, we postponed the 35th Annual Palm Beach International Boat Show following the executive orders issued in response to Covid19. While we have changed the dates to May of this year, we are still, at the time of this newsletter, monitoring conditions and executive orders from the State and Palm Beach County as to our ability, with our partners to hold the event. We have also suspended all MIAPBC Mingles until further notice and all of our internal Executive Committee and Board meetings are being held in a virtual format.

For our members and the boating community here in Palm Beach County, we have been engaging on your behalf, with the Palm Beach County Administration and other agencies to try to sort out the confusion of recreational boating in the County. This has been very frustrating to say the least as the State of Florida Executive Orders, including those issued by the FWC have intended to provide the ability to use your vessels while following the CDC mandated rules including separation and socialization. MIAPBC fully agrees with the CDC guidelines and do not condone the socialization that has taken place at several of the sand bars and other locations on Palm Beach County waters since these orders were issued. Unfortunately, MIA PBC which represents industry and boating public, was not consulted or asked to comment on the Executive Orders issued by the County, MIA PBC continues to try to work on modifications to allow use of your vessels, particularly from your waterfront homes. We are urging Palm Beach County to follow the State guidelines we will keep you up to date on our social media site and this newsletter.

For those businesses that may need help with employee placement, payroll expense help and small business advise, let us try to help you find the right direction to pursue. There are a number of recourses throughout Palm Beach County as well as the CARES Payroll Expense Program that was authorized by the Federal Government last week. We can hopefully give you advice on who to contact to get you started on helping you through these challenging economic times.

Finally, we as your industry organization are here to assist you in any way we can. Please contact the office during our normal business hours and someone will be there to direct you to the resources that might be of help to you or your business in these trying times.

George Gentile  
President