

## Pending Legislation in Florida

Florida House Bill 1051 would ban overnight anchoring in several areas popular with cruising boaters in Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach, and Destin Florida.

This bill is just in the early stages of consideration and has not as yet been reviewed or analyzed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission since it was just filed on 28 December 2015. All USPS members in the affected areas in Florida, and others who boat in those areas, should maintain awareness of this bill and any scheduled actions. There are several websites that can be utilized including <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx> and <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=56022>. USPS Members in the affected areas should maintain awareness and status of the bill which may be changed at any time. Here is a summary:

The bill prohibits a person from anchoring or mooring a vessel from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise in the following recreational boating zones:

- The section of Middle River lying between Northeast 21st Court and the Intracoastal Waterway in Broward County
- Sunset Lake in Miami - Dade County
- The sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami Dade County lying between:
  - Rivo Alto Island and Di Lido Island
  - San Marino Island and San Marco Island; and
  - San Marco Island and Biscayne Island
- Crab Island in Choctawhatchee Bay at the East Pass in Okaloosa County.

USPS will not be taking a position on this legislation. That does not prohibit individuals from testifying as an individual on his/her own behalf and not representing USPS.