

## Broward County Hurricane Flotilla Plan

When a Hurricane Watch is posted for Broward County by the National Hurricane Center, Miami, the Flotilla Plan will be initiated. The opening of bridges on the New River will be limited to flotillas and only at the request of the Marine Command Post.

Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) will be in command of the Flotilla Plan operating from a Marine Command Post at the Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Unit's headquarters on the S.E. 15 Street Canal, telephone number 954-828-5440. Additionally, waterway condition reports will be communicated between police agencies on 7268.0 Khz (Lower Side Band).

Phase 1 of the Flotilla Plan is preparation and observation of potential waterway hazards by marine police. Phase 2 will restrict bridge openings to flotillas only and then only on the order of the Marine Command Post. Flotilla operations will end 3.5 hours after the Evacuation Order is issued. All bridges will be locked down at that time or when the wind reaches 39 mph, whichever is first.

Flotillas will form in staging areas near Bahia Mar and Pier 66. FLPD Marine Units will be located on the ICW north and south of the New River to assist in the flotilla movements. USCG Auxiliary boats will also assist in the formation of flotillas. There is no specific time when flotillas will get underway. It is at the discretion of the officer in charge.

It should be noted that, historically, bridges in Broward and Dade counties have secured operations before the time indicated by their respective disaster management plans. Boaters should be warned not to depend upon published closures but allow a wide margin for safety - another reason to move the boat early. Boats capable of navigating the New River without bridge openings are not required to join a flotilla.

### ICW Hurricane Bridge Schedule

Waterway	Bridge Schedule	Distance
	<i>Hourly Openings</i>	<i>Between Bridges in miles</i>
Hillsboro Blvd.	On 3/4 Hr.	
NE 14 Street	On 3/4 Hr.	5.0
Atlantic Blvd.	On the Hour	1.0
Commercial Blvd.	On 1/2 Hr.	3.0
Oakland Park Blvd.	On 3/4 Hr.	1.5
Sunrise Blvd.	On 1/4 Hr.	2.1
Las Olas Blvd.	On 1/2 Hr.	1.4
SE 17 Street	On Hour	1.9
Dania Beach Blvd.	On 1/4 Hr.	3.5
Sheridan Street	On 1/2 Hr.	1.1
Hollywood Blvd.	On the Hour	1.7
Hallandale Bch.	Blvd On 1/2 Hour	1.8

These ICW drawbridges are scheduled to operate under the above guidelines only during hurricane situations from the time an Emergency Evacuation Order is given until 8 hours before arrival of gale force winds (39 MPH/34KTS) when all bridges are authorized to be locked down.