

Around The Area

National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27:

3 Safety Changes You Need To Know

National Safe Boating Week arrives May 21-27 with an annual reminder for boaters to champion recreational boating safety all summer long. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water suggests that boat owners need to know about three recent U.S. Coast Guard regulations that have changed, what's needed to be carried aboard, and how a vessel is to be operated at higher speeds.

1. Fire extinguishers: As of April 20, the USCG enacted a regulation allowing them enforce fire extinguishers having a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type, quantity, or requirement for Coast Guard-approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels — depending on the boat's model year.

Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or un-

dated "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class "5-B" or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer must carry unexpired "5-B," "10-B" or "20-B" fire extinguishers. Having older "B-I" and "B-II" types do not meet the new carriage requirements.

2. Engine cutoff switch: As of April 1 last year, boat operators have been required to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch (ECOS) on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020.

Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displace-

ment speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust — or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

3. Electronic visual distress signals (eVDS): Solving the disposal problem of expired pyrotechnic flares, newer electronic visual distress signal devices (eVDS) use either a white or combination of orange-red/cyan LED lights with infrared (for rescuers with night vision) and are now U.S. Coast Guard-approved. However, for daytime distress situations you'll still need to carry aboard an orange distress flag to avoid carrying pyrotechnic devices. eVDS prices start at about \$100 for the white light version.

Also keep in mind every visual distress signal requires regular inspection and maintenance. Batteries are an eVDS's potential Achilles heel, so replace them every season. Old eVDS batteries can be cycled into a flashlight at home — where your life potentially is not at stake.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 42-21-DR-4407-FC
JOHN HERBERT,
Petitioner,

and
PATRICIA HERBERT,
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
TO: PATRICIA HERBERT
5443 Hwy 17 South


Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on John Herbert, whose address is 22630 NE 200th Ave, Fort McCoy, FL 32134 on or before June 14 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: none
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review the documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedural requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: May 5, 2022.
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Grant Provides Support For Parents Attending CF

Local parents attending the College of Central Florida may receive extra support in their pursuit of higher education, thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Edward K. Roberts Community College Fund and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

The grant funds will support parents who are attending college part time. A portion of the funds will be designated

for parents of students at College Park Elementary School as part of CF's partnership with Marion County Public Schools and College Park Elementary, a Community Partnership School™. This is the third year the CF Foundation has received this grant to assist college students.

"In past years, College of Central Florida staff and students have worked

with College Park Elementary School staff and other core partners to help meet students' basic needs such as food and clothing. We then began to work to help expand student learning," said Dr. Jennifer Fryns, CF associate vice president for Career and Professional Programs. "This approach takes our partnership to a new level. By matching CF's core mission of providing a high-quality education aligned with work to the training needs of parents and caregivers of College Park Elementary School students, we're helping them to have every opportunity to succeed in life."

CF students enrolled in any college credit program who are parents of College Park students may apply for a maximum award of \$2,500 per year. There are a limited number of scholarships available and other eligibility criteria may apply. Applicants should contact Caron Reid at 352-291-4057, ext. 51347.

College Park Elementary is located in the southwest quadrant of Ocala with close proximity to the College of Central

Florida and major commercial and retail industry and has a majority underserved and at-risk school population. In 2019, the school was selected to become Marion County's first and only Community Partnership School™, which promotes a model that rallies multiple community partners to work toward improving not only student learning gains but simultaneously improving students' living conditions, health and wellness, and the health and wellness of their families. This program has a core group of invested community partners, including pillar partners Marion County Public Schools, Ocala Health, Public Education Foundation of Marion County, United Way of Marion County and University of Central Florida. College Park has had additional support from College of Central Florida, Meadowbrook Church, Marion County Literacy Council and NAACP.

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