



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 25-208**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** October 29, 2025  
**SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show Barge**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the anchoring of a barge that is used by the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show on the Intracoastal Waterway.

In previous years, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS or Boat Show) utilized a construction barge during the set-up and breakdown process of the event. The barge is used to store various event-related materials including, but not limited to, metal pilings and floating docks. Historically, the barge was anchored in the Intracoastal Waterway leading up to the Boat Show until mid-January when it moved south to the Miami International Boat Show. Neighbors abutting the Intracoastal Waterway would often reach out to the City with feedback and concerns regarding the barge, largely due to the barge being anchored in the same location for months at a time.

On September 16, 2025, the City adopted an ordinance amendment to Section 8-145(a) of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances which restricts overnight anchoring to no more than 30 days in a six (6)-month period. The ordinance excludes “any time the vessel is anchored overnight for the purpose of completing permitted marine construction, installation, or maintenance work.” As the Boat Show barge is associated with the permitted breakdown of the event, the overnight anchoring restriction would not apply up to and including November 19, 2025.

City staff have reached out to FLIBS event producer, Informa, and FLIBS owner, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, to advise that the 30-day anchoring limitation will begin on November 20, 2025, and conclude by December 19, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Marco Aguilera, Chief Waterways Officer, at 954-828-4564 or via email at [maguilera@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:maguilera@fortlauderdale.gov).

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