

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Motorized Sports Subcommittee

Boating Events and Facilities

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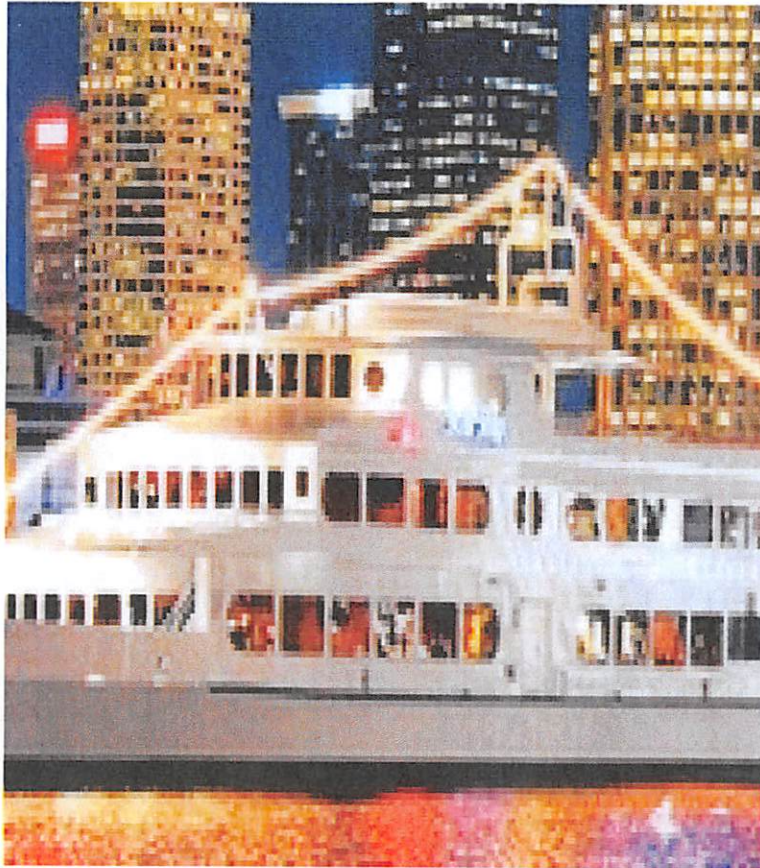
Miami/Dade Area & Southeast FL

Activities, Facilities & Amenities

By Jill Haskell



River Cruises are a Big Seller in Miami



Types of Cruises Include:

- Pro Sports Figures
- Themed Parties such as- Casino, All White Formal Parties, Sunset , Historical and Miami Skyline Tours
- Art Auction
- Dinner Cruises
- Private Charters

And Many More.....

**Boat Show
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- The Miami Boat Show is the Largest and most anticipated Show in the country
- But there are other events that surround it that are important

These include.....

Poker Runs & On Water Demonstrations



SHOW TOPPER

FOR ROOKIES AND VETERANS ALIKE, THE FLORIDA POWERBOAT CLUB'S MIAMI BOAT SHOW POWER RUN NEVER FAILS TO BRING DOWN THE HOUSE.

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photos: Florida Powerboat Club

More than 70 performance boats participated in the Florida Powerboat Club's 21st Miami Boat Show Power Run, which started in Cohen's Grove at Grove at Four Marina and ended in Islamorada at the pleasant Postcard Inn Beach Resort.

Sitting behind the desk in his office for the first time in three weeks, Stu Jones of the Florida Powerboat Club smiled deeply. Between the 2016 Miami International Boat Show, which included the club's annual Friday night party—a new venue this year—and the 21st annual poker run that followed it, the Pompano, Fla.-based club's founder and president had been running flat out since early January. Now, at least until the editor of *Powerboating in Paradise*, the FPC's magazine, tracked him down to review photos for the upcoming issue, he had a few minutes to reflect on the run.



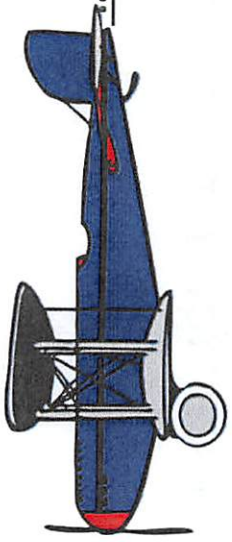
Even though the Boat Show is a commercial event...
it provides an educational experience for the public.



Expanded demo docks feature more than 150 boats in the water for demonstrations and sea trials.



Sailing and Docking Demos offered at no charge



HANGAR PARTY



*This is a Land, Air & Sea Show that includes the finest in :
Jets, Exotic, Luxury, Race Cars, and High Performance Boats*

****The display should include the best of local Aviation,
Automotive and Marine Art as well.****

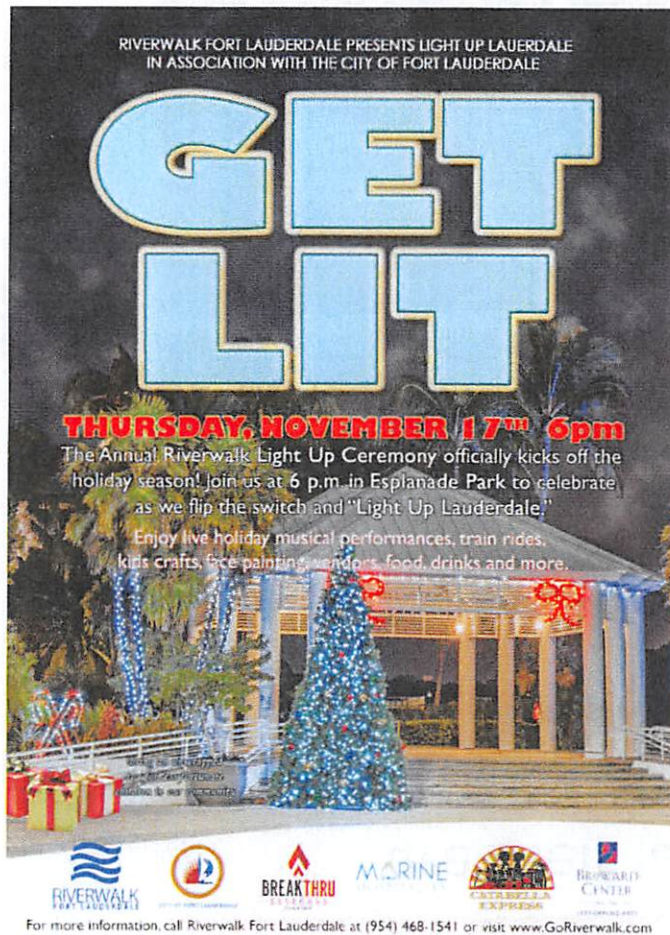
Holiday Lighted Boat Parade

are their largest public events

- Miami Outboard Club –December 17th
- Included a Snow Village



Boat Parades with *EXTRAS!*



- Ft Lauderdale Boat Parade on December 10th
- Ft Lauderdale lights up their Riverwalk also
- 1,000,000 Live Viewers
- 8,000,000 TV Viewers
- "Greatest show on H2O"
- 141 Sponsors
- This is the BIG ONE!!



Boater's Park

at Dania Beach

This 6.5-acre site is accessible only by private boat. There is dockage for 35 to 40 boats. Boaters will find picnic shelters, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms.



Types of Activities in this Park:

- **Geocaching**

This is a worldwide treasure hunt using Global Positioning System (GPS) devices. The first clue is a set of GPS coordinates, corresponding to where someone has hidden a "treasure," or geocache. Geocaches can come in all shapes and sizes and can even be virtual.

- **Enjoying Nature**

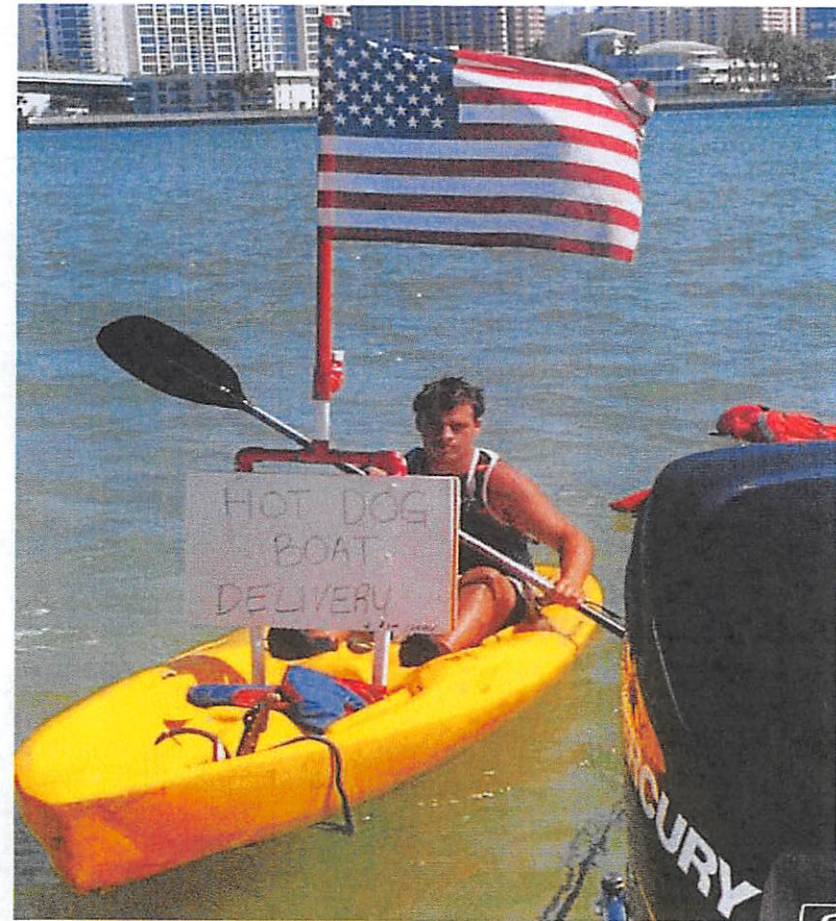
- ❖ There are between 75 and 100 types of native plant life on the 100,000 acre park.
- ❖ Bird Watching is popular
- ❖ It is a quite spot with picnic and restroom facilities.

Here are some Amenities the Boaters of South Florida are offered

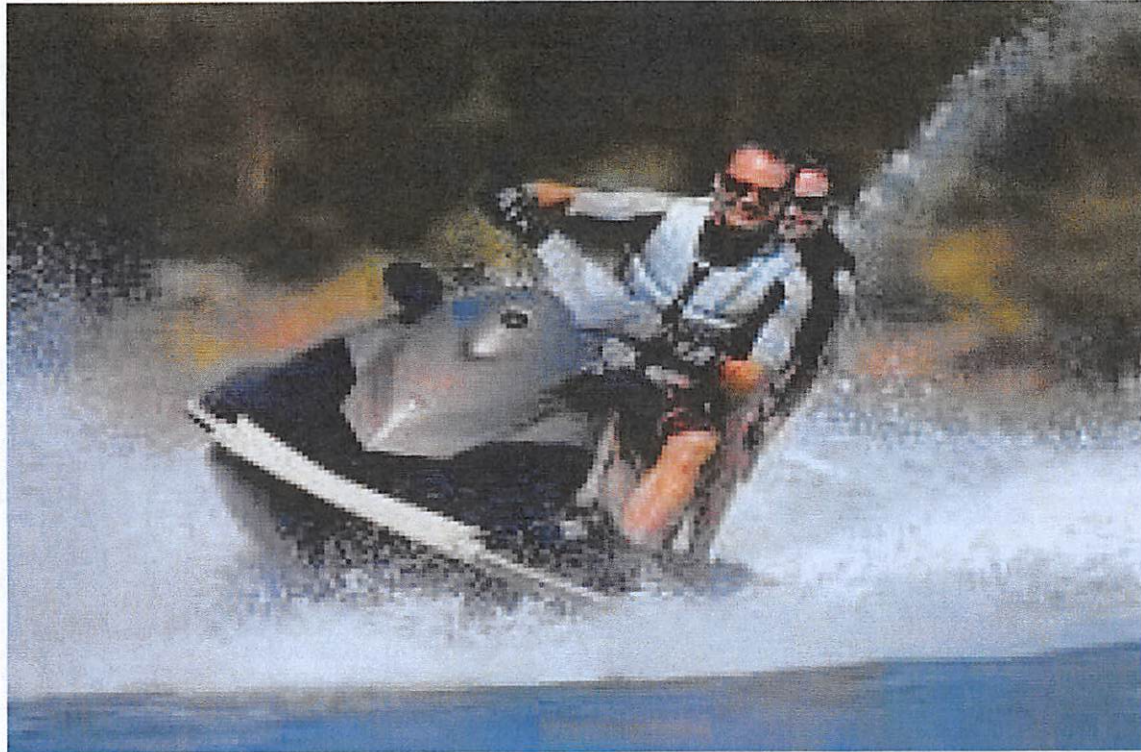
On the water concessions



The availability of food, drinks and bait on the water would allow boaters and fishermen to remain on the water longer. This would especially benefit the Ft. George Park and Downtown areas.



Kayak Hot Dog Delivery for larger draft vessels



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In closing.... Jacksonville has done OR is doing most of these things already.

However, the events, services and facilities are simply suffering from a lack of funding and personnel. They desperately need support from the City. We have the knowledge and experience to reactivate the St. John's River into the premier attraction it should be.

