

Preventing Derelict Vessels in Florida

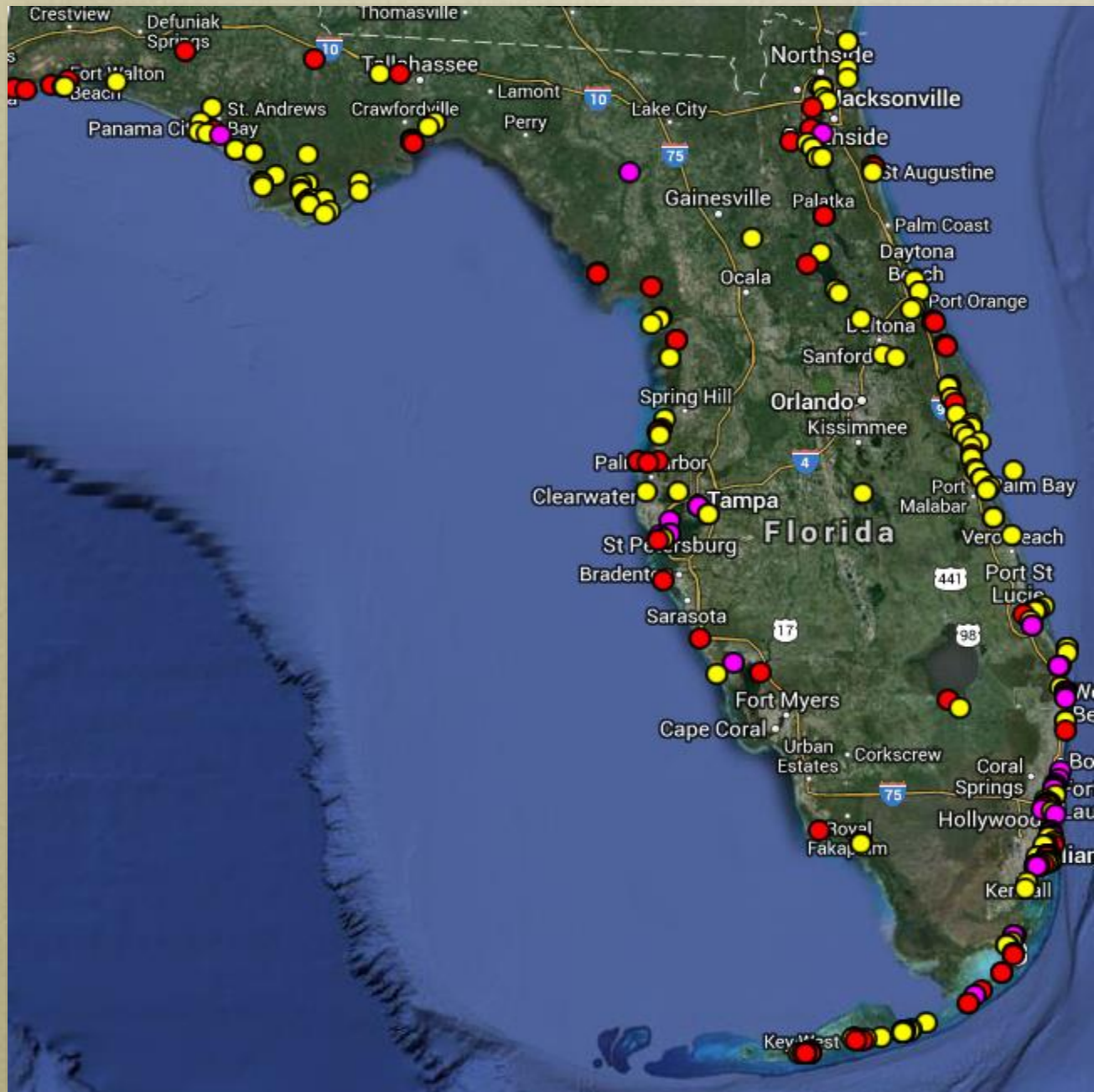
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“Derelict” or “At- Risk” ?





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Officer hangs this notice on the vessel after entering the information into the database.



  **NOTICE**  

ATTENTION VESSEL OWNER OR CARETAKER
This vessel has been identified by a
Law Enforcement Officer as being **"AT RISK"** of becoming
a derelict vessel under Section 823.11 Florida Statute

Your Attention To The Following Is Needed Immediately

Improper, no, or non-working anchor light/hazard to navigation (Section 327.33 and 327.44 Florida Statutes) Vessel is Barnacle Laden.

Vessel Interior is Exposed to the Weather.

Vessel is being neglected, not maintained or is not able to be used for navigation as intended. Vessel is Listing.

Vessel is Aground.

Vessel does not comply with current registration requirements (Section 328.46 F.S.) Vessel is in Danger of Breaking its Mooring.

Other _____ Vessel is Sinking

If your vessel is not brought into compliance and continues to deteriorate, it may be subject to removal at your expense.

Please contact officer listed below when corrections have been made or if you have questions pertaining to this notice

Agency's Name: _____
Agency's Phone: _____ Date: _____
Officers Name (Please Print) _____

Concept Five

Prohibition of vessels deemed “at risk” of becoming derelict

In order to reduce the incidence of vessels deteriorating to a derelict condition, this concept proposes a prohibition against having a vessel on the waters of the state when there are obvious, specified signs of neglect and/or lack of maintenance. The conditions which would trigger action by law enforcement include:

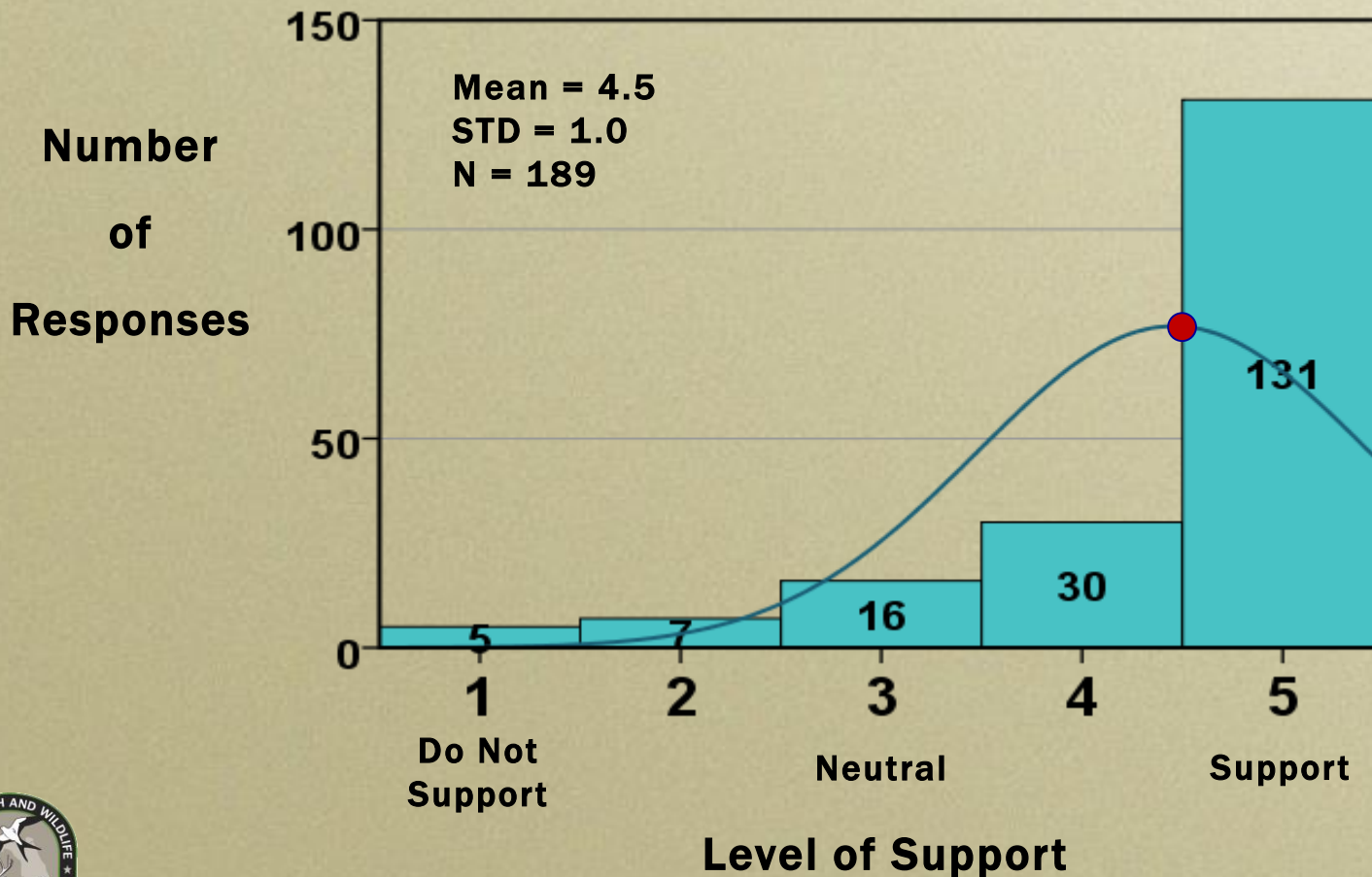
- Taking on water without an effective means to dewater
- Spaces designed to be enclosed are incapable of being sealed off or remain open to the elements for extended periods of time
- Leaking petroleum products or other harmful contaminants
- Has broken loose or is in danger of breaking loose from its anchor or mooring
- Violating marine sanitation laws
- Listing due to water intrusion, is sunk, partially sunken or left aground and unattended



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Level of Support Among All Respondents



Most Important Concepts to be Addressed

The concepts are listed below in order of their popularity among respondents.

129 votes - Prohibition of vessels deemed “at risk” of becoming derelict

111 votes - Limitation on who may renew a vessel registration

107 votes - Ability to place a “hold” on derelict vessel title

99 votes - Penalties for expired vessel registration beyond 6 months

