

Public Works Canal Maintenance was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District to replace channel markers at seven different inlet channels. Approximately 180 signs and 64 pilings will be replaced at Laishley Park, Gilchrist Landing (a.k.a. Boat Club), Snook, Bass and Pompano Inlets, side channel to Pompano Inlet and Ponce Inlet.

The diameters of existing pilings vary from 6" to 13". The new pilings will be 10" in diameter and there will be a minimum of 6' clearance from the bottom of the lowest sign to mean high water elevation. Each piling will have a reflective band located just below the bottom sign and the piling will be wrapped in polyethylene material throughout the tidal zone to prevent worm rot.

The new signs are going to be significantly larger than what has been posted for years and will be in accordance with the uniform waterway markers in Florida waters, in which navigational signs cannot be smaller than 36". These new channel markers will highly visible and beneficial to boaters navigating our waters.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor at 941-575-5050 or you can email her at [cmiller@pgorda.us](mailto:cmiller@pgorda.us).