

Artificial reefs have been constructed in Sarasota County to increase and enhance recreational fishing and scuba diving areas as well as to create and restore marine habitat lost to coastal development. Remember to use proper catch and release fishing practices.

Avoid propeller cuts through the sea grass beds. These scars take at least five to ten years to heal. Sea grass beds are vital nursery areas providing food and shelter for fish and other marine life. Please use extreme caution in shallow waters.

Please be aware that manatees inhabit our waters. The Florida manatee is a gentle, harmless creature who lives on a diet of aquatic plants. Although a protected species, many are killed or injured each year through human carelessness, marine debris and motorized vessels.



Photo by Jim Phillips

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## **REEF LOCATIONS**

Reef Site		AN-C	Latitude	Longitude	Distance (Naut. Miles)	Depth	
	7980-W	7980-Y	North	West	and heading from Pass	(feet)	Materials
<b>BAY REEFS</b>							
Deamus Hart	14181.3	44440.7	27° 22.075′	82° 34.47	N Sarasota Bay, E of ICW	10	Concrete, FPL Insulators, Reef Balls
O.D. Miller	14176.5	44430.0	27° 20.190′	82° 34.546	City Island Fishing Piers	9- 21	Concrete Rubble
Pop Jantzen	14176.8	44421.1	27° 19.709′	82° 33.849	NW of Bird Key Park	7	Concrete, FPL Insulators, Reef Balls
Jim Evans	14177.6	44417.9	27° 19.727′	82° 33.452	3 3 ,	10	Concrete, FPL Insulators
Bully Powers	14174.8	44419.7	27° 18.862′	82° 34.292		12	Concrete, FPL Insulators
Rose Coker	14176.9	44404.0	27° 18.698′	82° 32.53		7	Concrete, FPL Insulators
Jonnie Walker	14180.6	44452.6	27° 22.380′	82" 35.525	NW of Ringling Causeway	12	Rocks, Boulders, Reef Balls
Sportfishing Anglers Club	14175.9	44446.2	27° 21.080′	82° 35.883	NW of Ringling Causeway	12	Reef Balls
GULF REEFS							
I1-Lynn Silvertooth	14166.1	44423.6	27° 17.159′	82° 35.985	1.8 at 177° - New Pass Buoy	30	Concrete, Rubble, Boxes, Piles, Ringling Causeway
I2-Alan Fisher	14166.1	44437.4	27° 18.111′	82° 37.125		30	New Pass Bridge Rubble, Concrete Rubble, Piles
13-Donald Roehr	14169.5	44425.8	27° 18.208′	82° 35.539		22	Orange Avenue Bridge Rubble
Venice Reef	14153.5	44278.7	27° 04.587′	82° 27.509		23	Concrete Culvert
14	14154.2	44302.6	27° 06.304′	82° 28.905	0.7 at 236° - Venice Inlet	25	Venice Bridge and Pier
M1	14155.8	44495.2	27° 19.172′	82° 43.164		42	Steel Barge, Fiberglass Boats*, Concrete Culvert
M2	14155.1	44490.4	27° 18.745′	82° 43.00°		42	Concrete Culverts, Boxes, Mixer Drums
M3	14149.8	44480.5	27° 16.717′	82° 43.26′		43	Concrete Culverts, Boxes, Mixer Drums
M4	14145.7	44470.7	27° 15.170′	82° 43.162	7.4 at 239° - New Pass Buoy	42	Concrete Rubble, Reef Balls
M5	14141.4	44460.5	27° 13.422′	82° 43.13°	8.5 at 228° - New Pass Buoy	43	Concrete Culverts
M6	14135.4	44451.7	27° 11.301′	82° 43.595	' 10.2 at 225° - New Pass	55	Fiberglass Boats*, Concrete Culverts, Mixer Drums
M7-Johnson	14137.8	44517.1	27° 16.281′	82° 48.043	' 11.3 at 258° - New Pass	50	Boxcars, Concrete Culverts
M8	14128.1	44495.5	27° 12.528′	82° 48.12°	' 12.6 at 239° - New Pass Buoy	65	Five Army Tanks, Landing Craft, Boxcars
M9	14121.0	44400.0	27° 04.189′	82° 42.103	12.8 at 259° - Venice Inlet	61	Concrete Rubble, Five Army Tanks
M10	14114.8	44391.5	27° 01.887′	82° 42.583	' 13.7 at 250° - Venice Inlet	65	Sailboat*, Fiberglass Boats*, Steel Barge
M11	14107.0	44377.7	26° 59.045′	82° 42.79	15.1 at 239° - Venice Inlet	70	Reef Balls
M13	14129.9	44235.9	26° 55.099′	82° 27.882	' 11.5 at 178° - Venice Inlet	43	Concrete Culvert
M14	14126.3	44209.7	26° 52.236′	82° 26.44′	' 5.7 at 255° - Stump Pass	43	Concrete Rubble
M15	14143.6	44325.8	27° 05.001′	82° 32.524	4.3 at 246° - Venice Inlet	38	Concrete Rubble
M16	14134.1	44345.1	27° 03.827′	82° 35.625	7.3 at 246° - Venice Inlet	49	Concrete Culverts, Catch Basins
M17	14124.5	44364.6	27° 02.674′	82° 38.79′	' 10.4 at 246° - Venice Inlet	63	Reef Balls
MD1	14109.9	44519.1	27° 09.691′	82° 53.062	' 18.0 at 240° - New Pass	80	Barge, Concrete Hopper
	14108.9	44518.8	27° 09.441′	82° 53.199	21.6 at 276° - Venice Inlet		
D3	14091.9	44668.1	27° 15.931′	83° 07.20	' 27.5 at 265° - New Pass	105	Boxcars
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D4	14090.9	44664.6	27° 15.440′	83° 07.136	Sign of the world of the second of the secon	103	Boxcars
D6	14076.8	44579.7	27° 06.190′	83° 03.192		110	Fiberglass Boats* and Molds
	-		26° 54.714′	82° 55.884			
D-9	14066.1	44459.5	26° 54.719′	82° 55.893	28.2 at 220° - New Pass	100	Steel Crane Barge, Fiberglass Boats*

All New Pass numbers taken from bell buoy
\* County no longer accepts fiberglass boats for reef construction