

## **PVCA Targets Wake Damage with ICW Signs**

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The Palm Valley Community Association (PVCA) wants to reduce property damage along the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) caused by large boats traveling at accelerated speeds. According to PVCA President Deborah Lamir, "This is not a new issue, we constantly hear complaints from our residents about damage to their bulkheads and docks caused by irresponsible boaters."

Wake damage is more of an issue in Palm Valley than in most other areas along the ICW because of the very narrow channel, less than fifty yards wide, that runs through the community. The popular Intracoastal Waterway Guide calls this narrow section of the waterway the "Palm Valley Cut."

To help address this issue and provide some relief to property and homeowners, the PVCA has produced special 18" x 24" signs that read, CAUTION NARROW CHANNEL - SLOW DOWN DURING HIGH TIDE. The group believes that the first step to reducing the damage is to increase boater awareness of the problem.

Residents along the ICW in Palm Valley or Marsh Landing can purchase one of these signs from the Palm Valley Community Association for only \$30. To place your order, simply email your request to PalmValleyFla@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number. You will be contacted within 72 hours and arrangements will be made to deliver your sign.

The Palm Valley Community Association, founded in 1948, is one of the oldest, continually operating community associations in North Florida. The PVCA works to represent the common interests and shared views of all members of the greater Northeastern St. Johns County area.