

# Boat, Boats, and More Boats!

**B**iscayne Bay is an ideal setting for boaters. With its shallow, protected waters, mild winter climate and numerous points of interests the Bay has become home to a burgeoning group of adventures. With over 55,000 registered boats in Miami-Dade County nearly everyone has or knows someone who owns a boat.



There are 12 public access boat ramps with numerous public and private marinas. For the adventurous there are 24 artificial reef sites, and a few hard to find ancient shipwrecks. For the historian there is a group of elevated campsites in the Bay known as Stiltsville whose history dates back to the early 1930's. For the leisure boater there are 9 islands with public access and facilities for picnicking and play. The recreational boater must share the water with nighttime commercial shrimping fleet, the Port of Miami, traffic on the Intercoastal Waterway, and

seasonal boaters escaping the cold northern winters. For the competitive sailors, there are a variety of yachting races such as the Volvo Ocean Race and Columbus Day Regatta.

