

CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH

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PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH ANNOUNCES REMOVAL OF GROUNDED SAILBOAT

Sailboat to be removed by contracted salvage company this week.

March 9, 2026

Flagler Beach, FL – The City of Flagler Beach is moving forward with the removal of the sailboat that ran aground on the public beach on January 25, 2026. In accordance with Florida state statute, the vessel’s owner was issued a formal notice on January 29, 2026, initiating the required 21-day period for the owner to remove the vessel. When that period concluded on February 20, 2026, the City began the process of securing removal services.

The Flagler Beach City Commission has approved a contract with Isla Marine in the amount of \$42,750.00 to remove the derelict vessel. Isla Maritime has developed the operational plan for removal. Their salvage of the boat will begin on Wednesday March 11, 2026. The work will require brief traffic impacts as equipment is positioned, environmentally sensitive materials are secured, and the mast and remaining portions of the vessel are dismantled and transported off the beach.

Because the vessel owner’s insurance coverage is insufficient to cover the cost of removal from public property, the City is proceeding with the removal to expedite the process and minimize environmental impacts to the shoreline. The City will pursue available grant funding opportunities and may seek reimbursement from the vessel owner as permitted by law.

The City of Flagler Beach appreciates the community’s patience as this work is completed and remains committed to protecting the safety, environmental quality, and natural beauty of our public beaches.

For additional information, please contact the City of Flagler Beach.

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