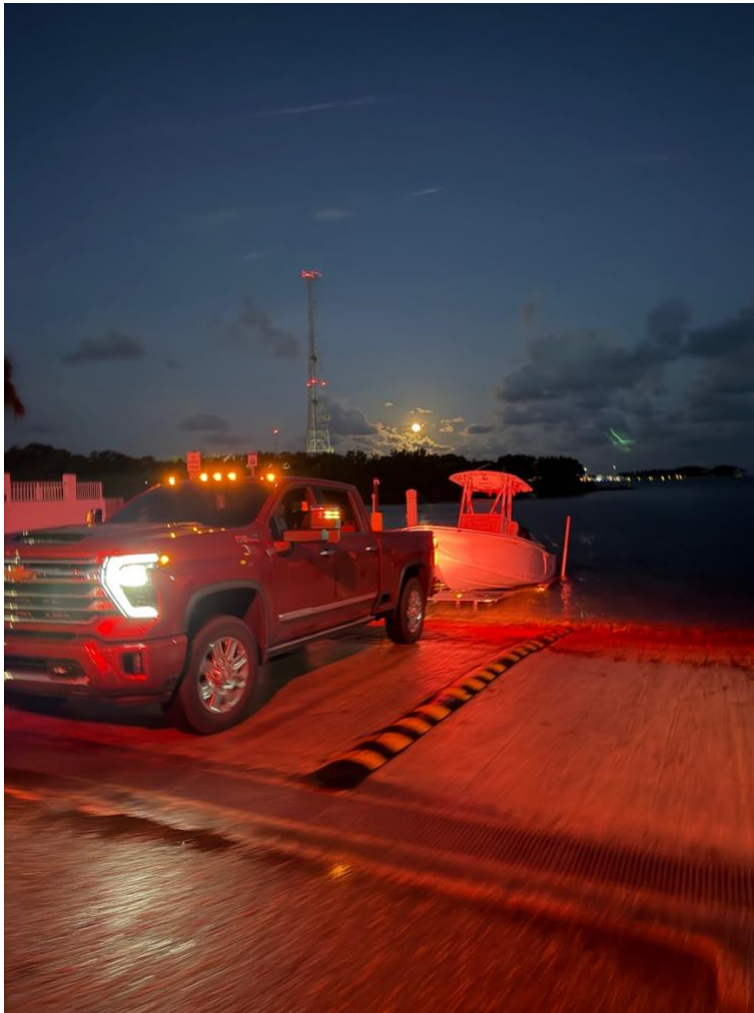


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As the moon sets early Wednesday, visitors put in their vessel at the 33rd Street Boat Ramp.

Bug hunters head out early for spiny lobster mini-season

MARATHON, FL (July 29, 2026) – Beneath the light of a setting full moon, boaters took to the boat ramps and waterways Wednesday to kick off spiny lobster mini-season.

The first day of the season, Wednesday, July 29, saw myriad “lobster mobsters” hitting the waters of Marathon. City staff manned the three public boat ramps — 33rd Street,

Harbor Drive, and the Quay on Overseas Highway — handing out pamphlets with rules, regulations, and other helpful information.

While many bug hunters were interested in getting their daily limit of six spiny lobsters, one group had other priorities.

“We only want one,” said Dana Moore, of Palm Beach County, as she prepared to head out with her father, Dane Moore, and her son, Rob Reeser. “What he (Rob) really wants actually a bonefish.”

Dane Moore brought the conversation back into focus.

“But if we get five more, we’ll be happy with those,” he said.

The two-day lobster mini-season continues through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 30.



From left, Dane Moore, daughter Dana Moore, and her son Rob Reeser, with pup Captain, prepare to head out on for the first day of lobster mini-season.



Boaters put in at the 33rd Street Boat Ramp as the sun rises in Marathon on Wednesday.

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