SANCTUARY AREAS

- **Research Only**
- **Ecological Reserve**
- **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary**
- **Sanctuary Preservation Area (SPAs)**
- **Wildlife Management Area**

Ecological Reserve

**Dry Tortugas National Park**

**South Area**

**North Area**

Submerged Mooring Buoys

18” Mooring Buoy

3 - 5ft. Spar Buoy

30” Yellow Sanctuary Buoy

180

60

120

300

1200

1800

Note: Ecological Reserve boundaries are not marked with yellow buoys.
Tortugas Ecological Reserve (North and South)

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited Sanctuary-Wide:

- Moving, removing, taking, injuring, touching, breaking, cutting or possessing coral or live rock.
- Discharging or depositing treated or untreated sewage from marine sanitation devices, trash and other materials.
- Dredging, drilling, prop dredging or otherwise altering the seabed, or placing or abandoning any structure on the seabed.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner as to strike or otherwise injure coral, seagrass, or other immobile organisms attached to the seabed, or cause prop scarring.
- Having a vessel anchored on living coral in water less than 40 feet deep when the bottom can be seen. Anchoring on hardbottom is allowed.
- Except in officially marked channels, operating a vessel at more than 4 knots/no wake within 100 yards of residential shorelines, stationary vessels, or navigational aids marking reefs.
- Operating a vessel at more than 4 knots/no wake within 100 yards of a “divers down” flag.
- Diving or snorkeling without a dive flag.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner which endangers life, limb, marine resources, or property.
- Releasing exotic species.
- Damaging or removing markers, mooring buoys, scientific equipment, boundary buoys, and trap buoys.
- Moving, removing, injuring, or possessing historical resources.
- Taking or possessing protected wildlife.
- Using or possessing explosives or electrical charges.
- Harvesting, possessing or landing any marine life species except as allowed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Rule (68B-42 F.A.C.).

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited in Tortugas Ecological Reserve (North and South):

- Discharging any matter except cooling water or engine exhaust.
- Touching or standing on living or dead coral.
- Fishing by any means; removing, harvesting, or possessing any marine life.

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited in Tortugas North Ecological Reserve:

- Access permit required to stop or use a mooring buoy.
- No access permit necessary if vessel remains in continuous transit with fishing gear stowed.
- Anchoring is prohibited
- Mooring vessel(s) more than 100 feet in total or combined length overall is prohibited.

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited in Tortugas South Ecological Reserve:

- Vessels may only enter if they remain in continuous transit with fishing gear stowed.
- Diving and snorkeling are prohibited.