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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

During the Village Council meeting on May 21st, the Village attorney, Roget Bryan, presented a draft proposal for a swim zone that would include Port Antigua, Sandy Point and White Marlin beach areas. I have attached the diagram that depicts that proposal. The Council unanimously approved the concept and directed their staff to proceed with developing a motion that should be presented for a first reading at the June meeting. I expect at least two readings so the earliest we could see final approval will be July. This timeframe is dependent upon Council receiving input from residents at the readings and moving forward. Of course, any litigation in opposition to a swim zone could derail everything. Previously, the staff said that it will take at least 60-90 days after approval before the Village would begin installing buoys and ropes.

The Village did not adopt the PAPOA's recommendation for a "buffer" for a couple of reasons. First, there was very aggressive activism by a few residents in our community who demanded the entire sand bar be restricted. Second, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission administrators began to question the validity of the "buffer" and Village staff became concerned that regulatory objections might follow.

A very large majority of our members have indicated that something must be done to reduce the incursions, noise, and generally bad behavior at the Beach. The Village staff has assured the Board that all inflatable rafts, tubes, and other non-rigid floats will be allowed and that paddle boards/kayaks will be allowed to transit the swim zone to access the beach or the bay. For these reasons, the PAPOA Board supports the Village proposal and urges the membership to join us in supporting their efforts.

For the Board of Directors



**White Marlin (Port Antigua)
Proposed 2020 Beach Swim Zone**

Exhibit "A"

0 250 500 Feet

**Proposed Swim Zone
Limit of 300 ft from MHWL**



Source: Monroe County, Florida
Orthographic Aerials 2015



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**Map
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