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## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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### NOTICE OF DERELICT VESSEL PROCEEDINGS TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING VESSEL:

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The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) has determined that the vessel described below constitutes a derelict vessel pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §49-27-71.

**You must submit a Removal Plan to the MDMR no later than August 28, 2023 outlining your plan for removing the vessel from its current location no later than September 1, 2023.** The information contained in the attached guidelines must be included in the Removal Plan.

VESSEL DESCRIPTION: Name: "FREE SPIRIT", 35', blue fiberglass sailboat, sunken, aground


VESSEL LOCATION: North side of Bayou Portage, Harrison County, MS  
30\*20.619 89\*15.591

VESSEL REGISTRATION: unknown

VESSEL OWNER: unknown

If you fail to submit a removal plan and remove the vessel by the dates indicated above, the MDMR will initiate proceedings in the Chancery Court seeking all costs of removal, which may include the following as well as other expenses: the cost of destruction, damages in the amount of \$500.00 per day, and court costs.

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Chief Kyle Wilkerson  
Chief of Marine Patrol  
1141 Bayview Ave.  
Biloxi, MS 39530  
(228) 374-5000

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Notice



Guidelines for Vessel Removal Plan:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Vessel will be removed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will remove the vessel: (name, address and phone # of individual, company, etc.)

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How the vessel will be removed: (by land or water, barge, crane, towing, excavating, etc.)

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Will dredging be required? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

Provide information regarding dredging:

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Any additional information you would like to be considered:

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**Note: Submit your Removal Plan to the MDMR Derelict Vessel Coordinator via email [derelict.vessel@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:derelict.vessel@dmr.ms.gov). You may contact the Derelict Vessel Coordinator at 228-523-4040 regarding any questions.**

**You are responsible for obtaining all required permits prior to removing or having the vessel removed.**