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59 ~~aboard. When the owner or operator is aboard, an officer may~~
60 ~~board a vessel with consent or when the officer has probable~~
61 ~~cause or knowledge to believe that a violation of a provision of~~
62 ~~this chapter has occurred or is occurring.~~

63 (2) An officer may not perform a vessel stop or board a
64 vessel for the sole purpose of performing a safety or marine
65 sanitation equipment inspection. A violation of safety or marine
66 sanitation equipment requirements is a secondary offense, rather
67 than a primary offense ~~An officer may board a vessel when the~~
68 ~~operator refuses or is unable to display the safety or marine~~
69 ~~sanitation equipment required by law, if requested to do so by a~~
70 ~~law enforcement officer, or when the safety or marine sanitation~~
71 ~~equipment to be inspected is permanently installed and is not~~
72 ~~visible for inspection unless the officer boards the vessel.~~

73 ~~(2) Inspection of floating structures for compliance with~~
74 ~~this section shall be as provided in s. 403.091.~~

75 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 327.70, Florida
76 Statutes, is amended to read:

77 327.70 Enforcement of this chapter and chapter 328.—

78 (2)(a)1. The commission, in coordination with the
79 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall create a
80 "Florida Freedom Boater" safety inspection decal for issue at
81 the time of registration or renewal, signifying that the vessel
82 is deemed to have met the safety equipment carriage and use
83 requirements of this chapter. Upon demonstrated compliance with
84 the safety equipment carriage and use requirements of this
85 chapter at the time of registration or renewal ~~during a safety~~
86 ~~inspection initiated by a law enforcement officer, the operator~~
87 of a vessel shall be issued a "Florida Freedom Boater" safety