Seagrasses function as nurseries, bio-filters, a source of food, and a form of erosion control. Healthy habitat can support a larger number of shellfish and gamefish such as shrimp and red drum.

Help protect seagrass.
Boaters can minimize seagrass destruction by lifting their motors and drifting, poling, or trolling through shallow areas.

- When possible, avoid running your boat through shallow areas;
- Consider wind speed and direction;
- Check tide charts and weather forecast and create a float plan accordingly;
- Use deeper water or existing marked channels as preferred access whenever possible;
- Know your boat’s limitations for running and takeoff depths.

For more information on seagrass, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov
Redfish Bay State Scientific Area

In Redfish Bay State Scientific Area it is illegal to uproot seagrass with a submerged propeller. (Class C misdemeanor fine up to $500). There are no closed zones; boat access is allowed throughout the scientific area. Electric trolling motors are exempt from the law.

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