### CANAL: Apopka-Beauclair Canal (Florida)

**STATUS:** Open to navigation (Chain of Lakes)

**DATES OF CONSTRUCTION & COMPLETION:** 1956

**LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL):** Lake Apopka and Lake Beauclair

**LENGTH:** Approximately 8 miles

**SLACKMAINS:** 8

**TUNNELS:**

**AQUEDUCTS:**

**DIMENSIONS:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Type of navigation, features of note (include USGS coordinates where useful), e.g., feeders (navigable or otherwise), locks other than above type of locks, use of unusual material or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.

Open to navigation for craft that can utilize this small lock only. Generally used by fishermen touring the Lake Regions. A very attractive site in open country.

This lock and dam are of concrete. Surroundings are very beautiful, very well kept up by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, located at P.O. Box #457, Brooksville, Florida 33512; They are responsible for its maintenance and operation. Depth of water at sill 4.5 ft. MSL

**NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL’S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:**

Post Office Box #457
Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, Florida 33512
Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, Florida 32201
Post Office Box #4970

**REPORTER’S NAME & ADDRESS:**

Alden W. Gould, 12 Shady Crest Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03060

**DATE:** 3/7/75

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:**

Built by Lake County about 1956. Involves the drainage course and flow of fresh water from the Oklawaha Chain of Lakes to the Oklawaha River and the St. Johns River. Traffic is quite constant during the winter season from Lake Apopka to Lake Beauclair (both directions). Presumed owned by the State of Florida or Lake County. This lock site (close in) cannot be visited except by permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. A letter should be requested in advance of visit.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:**

Southwest Florida Water Management District. See above address.
Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. See above address.

**UNDOCUMENTED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES:**

Southwest Florida Water Management Dist. See above address. Maps etc. Alden W. Gould, 5559 Palm Beach Blvd. #114, Fort Myers, Florida 33905; Photos.

**NATIONAL REGISTER & HAER (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:**

Doubtful.

**RETURN TO:**

CANAL INDEX COMMITTEE, C/O P.H. STOTT, HAINES ROAD, MOUNT KISCO, NEW YORK 10549

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

TO MAKE AN INDEX CARD SUITABLE FOR FILING, CUT ALONG THE HEAVY LINES AND FOLD BACK ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.