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Turtle Rescue and Research is Transformed by Multi-Million Dollar New Facility

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**World-famous Juno Beach Research and Turtle Rescue Facility
Gets All New Digs**

Through Substantial Loggerhead Club and Marina™ Donor Gift

by Leslie McKerns

JUNO BEACH, FL – The Marineline Center of Juno Beach is now Loggerhead Marineline Center, and the recipient of a major donor gift by Loggerhead Club and Marina™, the premier South Florida operator of eight marina Club properties along Florida's East Coast. This gift and the dedication of the Board, scientists and volunteers, brings an entirely new 13,000 square foot home to Loggerhead Marineline Center, slated to be on 1-1/2 beachside acres adjacent to the current site at Loggerhead Park in Juno Beach by 2006.

The new facility will offer live educational indoor and outdoor exhibits to the Center. Want to know what the Loggerhead, Leatherback and Green Sea turtles get in their new home?



Loggerhead Marineline Center Building

An all new 13,000 square foot facility located on 1-2 acres in the ocean-front Loggerhead Park, on Route U.S. 1, Juno Beach. Access from U.S.1 and plenty of parking both at the Center and within the Park, makes Loggerhead Marineline Center a highly desirable destination for families, schools and other visitors.

Coastal Learning/Media Wing

With views of the ocean, instruction on Sea Turtles and their habitat, coastal conservation & the Jr. Marine Biology Program will take place in the new multi-purpose education wing. Loggerhead Marineline Center will have the ability for simultaneous presentations increasing the Center's ability to reach over 100,000 children, adults and researchers on site.

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Outdoor Sea Turtle Recovery Area

The goal for each sea turtle receiving treatment is release back to the ocean. Sea turtles are cared for in this outdoor tank area while undergoing rehabilitation.

Sea Turtle Health Center

The new Veterinary Center will allow Loggerhead Marinelife Center to provide immediate on-site medical, surgical and diagnostic treatments to sea turtles in this indoor facility. Students of marine



biology and researchers will have the ability to learn, working side by side with the Loggerhead Marinelife Center veterinarians. Data collected through the Veterinary Center procedures provide the basis for multiple research projects.

Hawksbill Observation Deck

While enjoying ocean views, visitors, students and researchers will have the rare opportunity to view and learn from Sea Turtles undergoing treatment in outdoor marine tanks. The elevated Observation Deck will accommodate 50-60 people for outdoor presentations and turtle viewing.

Coastal Exhibition Room

Visitors will enjoy interactive educational exhibits, live aquariums and other exhibits that address marine life habitat and conservation issues.

Verandas

Surrounding the inside perimeter of the new building, covered Florida-style verandas provide access to all public areas of the new facility. The verandas overlook the outdoor turtle yards. Breezeways and arcades along the verandas will provide additional exhibit and information areas.

Research Laboratory

Undergraduate and graduate students, as well as scientists from all over the world come to the Center to work on research projects addressing sea turtle behavior and ecology, veterinary care and nesting beaches. The new research lab will expand opportunities for cooperative research projects with other marine science institutions, colleges and universities.

Loggerhead Pavilion

An elevated outdoor pavilion will be used daily by visitors to enjoy views of the ocean and park. The pavilion offers a unique space for special events and presentations.

Welcome Center

Upon entering Loggerhead Marinelife Center, all visitors will immediately be surrounded by fascinating exhibits. The Welcome Center features a reception area and provides visitors with access to the Gift Shop, Museum, and verandas overlooking the courtyards and touch tank areas. The main entry is a planned hub of activity.

Nature Shop

From books to jewelry to pieces of art, the gift shop is the place for unique gift purchases related to Florida's natural history, the coastal environment and marine life. The Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center gift Shop is a favorite stop for visitors.

Ocean Water Filtration

Sand filtered ocean water is used in the sea turtle recovery tanks. As a result, turtles are able to recuperate without the additional stress of adapting to an unfamiliar water environment.

Hatchling Commons

A wonderful outdoor area complete with a children's touch tank, the courtyard can accommodate 300-400 people and may be used by all visitors and children. The courtyard will serve as an especially attractive area for outdoor events and exhibits.



Touch Tank

One of the most effective teaching tools, the touch tank will feature fish, sponges and other live marine creatures for children to touch and watch. The touch tank is a popular educational draw, providing an unforgettable hands-on experience.

Workshop

This stand-alone building will function as both a workshop and provide storage for up to five All Terrain Vehicles, necessary for turtle nesting counts and other scientific use.

"Visitors to Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center's new facility will now be able to participate in the hands-on attractions of Florida's natural habitat, and have enhanced educational opportunities within a world-class destination exhibit," according to Vince Lowe, Director. "Our partnership with the Loggerhead Club and Marina™ gives the community and the State exciting indoor and outdoor exhibits and spaces. We will be able to fulfill our dual role, delivering the most up to date marine research in the scientific and marine communities, and allowing us to attract widespread attention to this most vital cause of marine life conservation."

"It is our pleasure to contribute to an organization that is instrumental in the future of Florida," said Raymond Graziotto, COO of Loggerhead Club and Marinas.™ "Those of us with a passion for clean water and in protecting our marine habitat, greatly appreciate the dedicated efforts of Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center."

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