

Why We Have Pennekamp Park

John D. Pennekamp (1897-1978) was not a marine biologist or a career politician; he was a hard-nosed editor for the Miami Herald. Despite his desk-bound profession, Pennekamp became one of Florida's most fierce environmental champions, playing a pivotal role in the creation of Everglades National Park. However, his most enduring legacy lies just offshore in Key Largo.



In the 1950s, the Florida Keys' coral reefs were under siege. Souvenir hunters were dynamiting reefs to harvest coral, and spearfishers were depleting fish populations at an unsustainable rate. Pennekamp used his editorial influence to sound the alarm, relentlessly pushing for the protection of these underwater treasures. He collaborated with biologist Dr. Gilbert Voss to propose a radical idea: a park that existed primarily beneath the waves.

Why the Park Bears His Name

In 1960, their efforts culminated in the establishment of the nation's first undersea park. In recognition of his tireless advocacy and his ability to mobilize public opinion through the press, Florida Governor LeRoy Collins named the sanctuary John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

Today, the park protects approximately 70 nautical square miles of seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and living coral. It serves as a living monument to a man who proved that a pen can be just as effective as a boat in preserving the ocean's wonders.



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On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of a Cuban migrant fishing vessel, brought ashore in 1988 and propped in front of Alabama Jack's in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound Road.

Carol photographed the boat with her film camera and some years later returned to hand-paint the now digital image on her computer.



SPF 50, long sleeve fishing performance shirt

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The passage of time has erased most all the evidence of this once-thriving spot in the Florida Keys, the fishing boat vanquished back to sea with the Category 5 hurricane Andrew. However, the image still survives as a reminder of an earlier time.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY
Little Salt by Carol Ellis
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Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND

Employees of Dolphins Plus Bayside Participate in ICareTrash Derby



Dolphins Plus Bayside team members (L-R) Samantha, Rachel, Tara, Anna, Alexa, and Rhiannon.



All activities occurred within NOAA Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary under permits and with FWC authorization.

For the second consecutive year, employees of Dolphins Plus Bayside participated in the ICareTrash Derby.

I Care Corals is a group dedicated to keeping the waters of the Florida Keys clean. The Derby attracts locals and people from around the world to help clean our

water, both on shore and underwater.



On May 1st and 2nd the Dolphins Plus crew removed 690 lbs of debris from the nearshore water off Tarpon Basin Drive. They were assisted by Capt. Sterling's Everglades Tours who donated the use of a boat and captain.

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Unfortunately, the cost of living in the Keys has finally affected me financially. In order to offset the extra cost for food, electricity, vet bills, etc. I have a need to make some extra money on the side... it is what it is. So here's to my new venture...

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