Keys Marine Lab - Then & Now
mm 68.5, Long Key, Florida

Circa 1960’s
1965 after Hurricane Betsy

1975-1977
1990’s
The first restaurant on Long Key was a 16-by-48 foot Army barracks (being set up here) that burned in 1948.

Del, tanned and fit, relaxes in 1947 on a diving board that was the first “tourist attraction” on Long Key. Charlie Parks, a Miami friend, stands at rear.
1975-1977 The Hippies!

Visitors Entrance now KML Classroom & Dry Lab

Layton, 1978
Sea World of Florida opens
Shark Institute

Shark Institute to open soon

MIKE — HARRY - RICH - JEN - MARILYN - BECKY - BILL - KEVIN
Shark Institute closes to the public in 1982, but remains a holding site for Sea World's sharks and other animals until 1988.
1988 The Nature Conservancy purchases Sea World Shark Institute

Florida Department of Natural Resources (FDNR), now Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Institute of Oceanography/State University System form a partnership to purchase and manage the Long Key facility.

The Keys Marine Lab is formally dedicated in 1989.
The Florida Institute of Oceanography works with an array of Universities and Agencies to support, and promote Marine Science Education and Research.

The Keys Marine Laboratory
Circa 1990's

Providing the facilities to expand our knowledge of the marine environment through research and education.
Seawater system at KML for education and research

Students at KML
Marine Research

...at KML wet lab

...nearby Marine Habitats
The storm passed but once the surge began....

It just kept coming.....

1000 gallon seawater tanks floated away
...the parking lot in front of the office

Then the water receded...

...KML marina & docks destroyed
…walking toward the wet lab
Classroom and Labs restored

New decks and stairs for the dorms
Science Annex in the restored Conch Lab

The KML Vision:
To develop the marine scientists of tomorrow...

...based on a foundation of field science recognized for excellence in the state of Florida, the region, the U.S. and world-wide

Coral Spawning
**KML Mission:**
To develop the marine scientists of tomorrow by providing students an on site field research experience with complementary classroom instruction & laboratory experiences.

- Shippensburg University
- Duke University
- Brevard Com College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Shippensburg University

Duke University
SUNY Buffalo
Jellyfish research

Marine Ecology class
Near-shore Seining

University of Georgia
Foram research

SUNY Buffalo
Core samples

Marine Geology class

MURI Group
Testing equipment

Ohio State
Marine Gastrotrichia

SUNY Buffalo
Coral symbiosis

Florida Gulf Coast
Water samples
Nova Southeastern Staghorn Coral Surveys

MURI Group Polarized Light

SUNY Buffalo Coral-algal symbiosis

SUNY Buffalo Coral predators

ON THE WATER