

THREE PATHS...

That merged as one.



PROTECTING MARINE LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION, SERVICE AND RESEARCH

1910 Birth of James E. Lockwood
 1912 Completion of Henry Flagler Railroad
 1913 the future James E. Lockwood REEF Headquarters built
 1929 Hurricane
 1935 Hurricane // Flagler's Railroad partially destroyed
 1938 Obtaining of Overseas Highway
 1938 James E. Lockwood builds rebreather
 1948 Hurricane
 1960 Hurricane Donna
 1966 Hurricane Betsy
 1990 REEF is incorporated as a 501(c)(3)
 1993 the 1st REEF surveys conducted
 2001 REEF moves to California, Pacific Northwest, Northeast Hawaii & the Tropical Exotic Species Sighting Program
 2001 REEF Volunteer Survey Project expands to the REEF Exotic Species Sighting Program
 2002 REEF Database reports 100,000 surveys entered online
 2003 Grouper Moon Project initiated
 2005 REEF Survey Project data can be entered online
 2006 Marine Life Database reports 100,000 surveys entered online
 2008 REEF Database reports 120,000 surveys entered online
 April 25, 2009 REEF House officially becomes the James E. Lockwood REEF Headquarters

About the Benefactor

Born in Racine, Wisconsin in 1910, James E. Lockwood was one of the dive industry's pioneers.

An intrepid explorer and archaeologist, he developed an American patented SCUBA system in 1938, that employed oxygen rebreather technology. During the 1930's Lockwood developed, built and used an underwater camera housing that was later used in the Tarzan movies. He also built the underwater film sets for both *Tarzan* and *20 Thousand Leagues under the Sea*. Additionally, he piloted submarines down the Mississippi, negotiated for hostage release with Castro, and explored and documented shipwrecks and ruins around the world. He was editor of *Undersea Digest*, an early 1950's dive magazine. He distinctly had an impact on the sport of SCUBA diving.

Passionate about the ocean and its conservation, Lockwood established a trust that honored efforts and organizations that embodied his ideals. REEF has been honored for this mutual appreciation of, dedication to, and service to the sea and its creatures.

About Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF)

REEF was founded in 1990, and the first fish identification surveys were conducted in 1993. Key Largo's homegrown environmental 501 (c) (3) now houses the world's largest fish sightings database, with 125,000 surveys and counting. Over 55 scientific research papers have been written using REEF data, with over 35,000 REEF volunteer divers contributing to this increasingly important database. In addition to the Diver Survey Project, REEF is also involved in the assessment of the Nassau Grouper spawning aggregations (*the Grouper Moon Project*), which has employed ground breaking strategies to assess breeding, migration and tagging strategies. REEF is also the catalyst for the Invasive Lionfish Project.

For a small environmental non-profit group the gift by James E. Lockwood will go a long way in helping us to protect, educate and enable divers, snorkelers and armchair enthusiasts to make the world a better place.

About the Historic Conch House

The James E. Lockwood REEF Headquarters was built in 1913, about the same time James E. Lockwood was born. It has survived six major hurricanes, is believed to be the oldest structure in Key Largo, and at one time housed the oldest resident of Key Largo. At one point the property was a Key Lime plantation. Built of Dade County Pine, the structure is extremely hard and termite resistant. The water tower and cistern on the property, also built in 1913 to provide water for the Flagler Railway, will be refurbished to reduce REEF's impact on limited natural resources.

REEF's headquarters location evolved from being a tiny living room in someone's house to a small store front to this stately conch house. It is fitting that such a building of distinction, strength and honor should bear the name of James E. Lockwood.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONY

SOCIAL GATHERING	1:00PM
OPENING REMARKS	1:30PM
REMARKS	
Paul Humann & Ned DeLoach	1:40PM
John Campbell & Mike Dorn	2:00PM
Lisa Mitchell	2:10PM
OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING	2:15PM
OPEN HOUSE GATHERING	2:20PM
END OF CEREMONY	3:00PM

