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Celebrate World Ocean Day at the grand opening of the new REEF Ocean Exploration Center

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Visitors can learn about invasive lionfish and the many wonders of our Florida Keys underwater world at the new REEF Ocean Exploration Center. Photos: REEF

Celebrate World Ocean Day at the grand opening of the new REEF Ocean Exploration Center in Key Largo on June 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. at 98300 Overseas Highway in Key Largo.

Science, adventure and conservation come to life at the new center. Join a vibrant community of ocean lovers for a weekend of hands-on activities, immersive exhibits, and unforgettable experiences.

Grand Opening Celebration Highlights on Saturday, June 7, 3 to 7 p.m.

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- *Local food trucks and craft beer from Florida Keys Brewing Co.*

Explore. Discover. Dive In.

From virtual dives to real-time conservation science, uncover the wonders of the underwater world with REEF's inspiring new exhibits — all with free admission on opening day and every day thereafter!

On Sunday, June 8, don't miss the Fish Out of Water 5K Kickoff Party from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Fish Out of Water Virtual 5K takes place June 8-15. Participants can choose to run, walk, hike, bike, or even swim, completing the 5K in one day or breaking it into smaller sections. No matter how you participate, come on Sunday to enjoy great company, pre-race festivities and the chance to support marine conservation at the kick-off party – no running shoes required! Enjoy coffee, fun photo ops and the chance to win a special prize if you wear your race shirt. [Fish Out of Water 5K registration](#) is open now through June 15. Afterwards, explore the new Ocean Exploration Center.

Be a part of something meaningful – come celebrate our oceans, our Florida Keys community and a future full of hope.

Learn more: www.REEF.org

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