Florida - Marathon 3

Florida reef tract · visited 1999

0 — 5

Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No benthic survey was carried out here; the value shown is the newest survey at the nearest station surveyed in the last 10 years, not this site. The written account of the site is from the author's dive notes, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

7.2%

nearest station surveyed in the last 10 years, not this site: FWC CREMP (Florida Keys), Thor #241 station, 2024-05-17, 0.91 km away

MOST RECENT HEAT LOAD RECORD

28.5°C **13.7°C-weeks**

26 Oct 2026 · +0.4°C vs the past-365-day mean (28.1°C) · NOAA alert that day: no stress (water now below the bleaching threshold; 13.7°C-weeks built up over the last 12 weeks)

HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)

12.5°C-weeks

NOAA annual peaks averaging 12–16°C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

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not logged

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

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not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

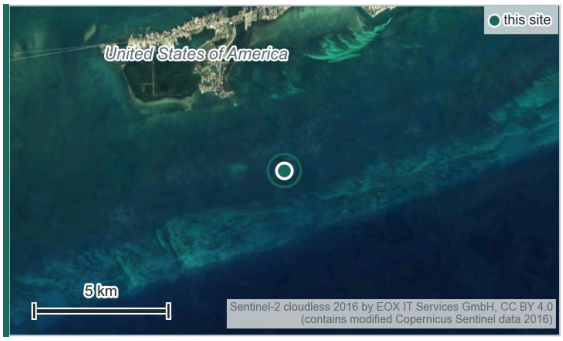
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POSITION

24.6653, -81.0565

Approximate position.





Near Marathon, Sombrero Reef, 7 km away, is a lighthouse-marked spur-and-groove bank reef, a Sanctuary Preservation Area, and a Mission: Iconic Reefs restoration site. Closer stations within 2 km, surveyed 2009-2024, are listed on the site page, though none measures this spot.

Full site record: https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/florida-marathon-3.html · Heat stress is the mean of the latest five annual maxima of NOAA Coral Reef Watch degree-heating weeks for this reef's NOAA CRW virtual station (Florida Keys) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.