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For Immediate Release:



Hope, a 150-pound loggerhead sea turtle, will be returned to her ocean by Turtle Hospital staff on Friday, Sept. 11, at Sombrero Beach.

Turtle release set for Friday, Sept. 11, at Sombrero Beach

MARATHON, FL (Sept. 10, 2026) – The Turtle Hospital will hold a public sea turtle release on Friday, Sept. 11, at Sombrero Beach.

The Turtle Hospital ambulance will arrive at Sombrero Beach with “Hope” at 12:45 p.m., and she will be released at 1.

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When the 150-pound loggerhead sea turtle arrived at The Turtle Hospital in Marathon, she had suffered a devastating flipper injury from being severely entangled in an anchor line with the anchor still attached. She was found floating off Grassy Key in June.

Her return to the ocean on September 11th is especially meaningful, as noted in a social media post by Turtle Hospital staff.

“Just as our community and nation have faced deep trials and emerged with unyielding strength, Hope has endured profound trauma and fought her way back to life. Her journey reminds us that healing is possible after devastating loss,” the post stated.

“Her return to the open sea is a living testament to resilience, the power of second chances, and the unbreakable spirit of survival.”

The release is free to attend.

For information, visit The Turtle Hospital website at https://turtlehospital.org.

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