

This town has some of the qualities of Mexico or Caribbean islands. On return noted several areas where young mangrove trees were pioneering open water adjacent to established mangroves. Some stretches of exposed sand (low tide) had sand hillocks every 2 or 3 feet apart. At Conch Key, ^{Harbour} on W end photographed an evening sunset and shoreline. Three shots recorded the changing clouds & sun nos 760730-7, 760730-8 and 760730-9. Photos 760730-10 and 760730-11 at the west end of Long Key with a sailboat anchored in bay with sunset in background. Returned to Pennepark. 103 miles round trip. Purchased nautical charts ¹¹⁴³⁰ 11433 ¹¹⁴⁵¹

Coral Reef State Park,
John Pennepark, Largo Key, Florida.

July 31, 1976

Before leaving today, Chris and Ron and I raked the channels in mangrove E of camp. There are some localized areas that support schools of fish, especially where there is some current and undercutting of mangrove roots. For general wilderness trails it would be advisable to have a compass and nautical chart. Left Pennepark. At connection of land and Largo Key on highway 1 recorded the spacing of three asprey nests on telephone poles as 1.0, 1.3, 1.6 miles. Continued to Miami, noted Shelton Hotel where I stayed before going overseas, the adjoining hotel raised where Annette stayed. After visiting Miami & Miami beach (nearly everyone speaks Spanish here now) continued north on highway 1 to approx. 130th street where we parked the trailer for overnight (private trailer park on W side of road). Chris & Ron drove to Miami, Annette & I took bus. In Miami we visited the marina ^{just N. of} at the Port of Miami and then returned to the trailer.



Highway 1 and 130th Street, N of Miami, Florida

Aug. 1, 1976

Returned to Miami to watch "Sea 76", an armada of 100 or so ships on parade in the main channel N of Dodge Island. Watched the arrival of the USCG Cutter Dauntless, USS Paul, Cruise ship Vera Cruz, the Navy training sail boat Eagle and dozens of other sailboats & power boats. The dynamo was unimpressive. Since last night at least 6 of the larger cruisers had left for the weekend runs to the Bahamas. A large oceanography boat was dock on S side of island but was not open for inspection. A Polish ship Zew Morzoa was also at docks. Took the following photographs of the parade:

760801-1 The destroyer as below.

760801-2 Ron Mickelberry at edge of dock.