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**Sea & Shoreline and Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Florida
Collaborate on Seagrass Restoration Project in The Florida Keys.**

WINTER GARDEN, FLA., August 3, 2023 / PRNewswire/ -- Sea & Shoreline, a renowned leader in aquatic restoration, is thrilled to announce its partnership with Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Florida in a groundbreaking seagrass restoration project. Selected for funding by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this collaborative initiative aims to restore damaged seagrass beds in the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in the Florida Keys by addressing propeller scars and vessel groundings caused by boaters. From 1995 to 2015, the amount of damaged seagrass habitat in the sanctuary has nearly doubled.

Over the course of the next year, Sea & Shoreline and CCA Florida, along with a team of dedicated volunteers, will work diligently to rejuvenate the seagrass ecosystem within John Pennekamp. By implementing innovative sediment tube installations, they will facilitate the recolonization of seagrass and promote its recovery. To further their commitment to environmental education, Sea & Shoreline will also invite local students to participate in the restoration efforts. These young learners will have the unique opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge about the invaluable benefits of seagrass and the various threats it faces.

The project has received sponsorship from the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership and has been made possible through a strategic agreement with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. This collaboration highlights the collective determination of these organizations to restore and preserve critical marine habitats.

"Propeller scars left unaddressed could take up to 17 years to heal on their own. When repaired with sediment tubes, healing can occur within a year," said Sea & Shoreline President Carter Henne. According to CCA Florida's Director of Habitat and Environmental Restoration Frank Gidus, "Seagrasses are crucial ecosystems that provide numerous benefits, from nutrient cycling to habitat preservation; however, they are increasingly at risk due to human activities. This project exemplifies our commitment to ecological restoration and environmental education."

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CCA FLORIDA

[Coastal Conservation Association \(CCA\) Florida](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, conservation, and enhancement of Florida's marine resources. CCA Florida works closely with partners and volunteers to promote the sustainability of marine ecosystems and recreational fishing. For more information, please visit ccaflorida.org, or follow us on social media [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).