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'BYE, BYE' *Charleson Loggerhead Marinelife Center release*

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Loggerhead Marinelife Center staff and a large, excited crowd of locals bade farewell to loggerhead sea turtle, Charleson in Juno Beach on May 26.

The sub-adult turtle was found floating in the Intracoastal Waterway in Jensen Beach last December and was immediately brought to LMC for treatment.

NEW ARRIVAL

When Charleson first arrived, the turtle's shell was covered with algae, barnacles and bivalves due to the turtle's inactivity.

Radiographs showed that Charleson's intestines were full of air, while bloodwork revealed that the turtle was anemic and hypoglycemic.

After being treated at LMC for months with fluids and medication, the center's hospital staff determined that Charleson was ready to return to his ocean home.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center is situated on one of the world's most densely nested beaches for loggerhead sea turtles.



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Above: The scene on the beach by Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach. At right: Heading home ...

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