



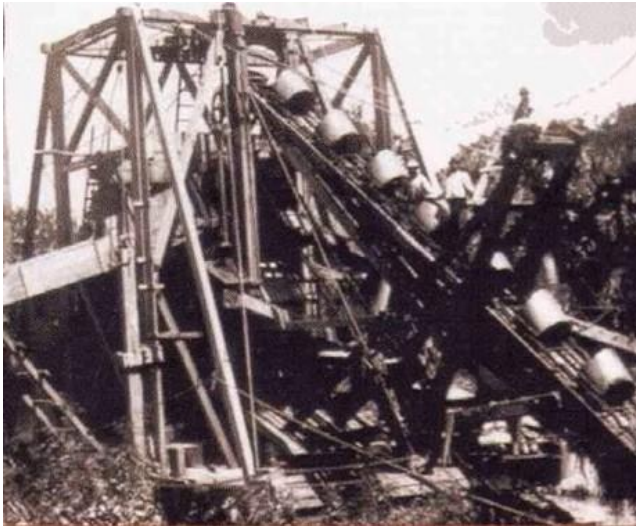
# MUSEUM MEMO

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

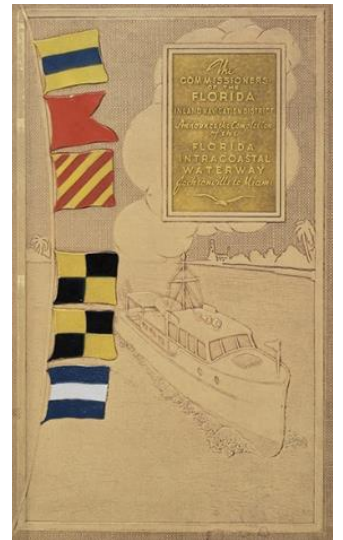


## ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

### FLORIDA'S BIG DIG

Many people know the Intracoastal Waterway as a home to canal houses, a place to cruise a boat with safe harbors avoiding the rough waters of the open ocean, or a center stage for water sports in beach towns up & down the east coast.

The ICW as it's known, stretches 3,000 miles from Boston, MA down the coast of Florida to Key West and into the gulf coast, ending in Brownsville, Tx. The



developers of the waterway incorporated naturally occurring rivers, inlets, sounds, and bays connecting them with man-made channels to create the ICW. The purpose of the waterway was to improve transportation routes for circumnavigation using minimal ocean travel, making most the majority of the continental US reachable within its own borders. This was especially important in World War I to transport bulk cargo and in World War II to protect merchant ships off the East Coast from German submarines.

The Atlantic ICW was completed in 1940 and runs 1,100 miles from Norfolk, VA to Key West FL. The waterway was started by a private company and was originally used as a tollway for commercial purposes. In 1929, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers converted the private tollway into the modern toll-free Intracoastal Waterway & continues oversight today. Please stop by FBHM this month to learn more about the ICW.



Fall for Flagler -  
September 23, 2023

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available ~ please contact  
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For more information.



Sea Turtle Nest Site

### SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

MAY 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST

There are 5 species of sea turtles  
found along Florida's Beaches.

Loggerhead, Leatherback, Green,  
Hawksbill, & Kemp's Ridley.

Volunteers patrol each morning looking for turtle crawls. They'll locate nests and cordon them off with wooden stakes and ribbons to keep them safe. Different survey ribbon colors mean something. The color of the ribbon around the nest denotes the month in which the nest was laid. Nests laid in May have **pink** ribbon, June has **blue**, July has **orange**, August has **green**, and September returns to **pink** again.

For additional information about sea turtles, please  
check: [Sea Turtles Conservancy](http://SeaTurtlesConservancy.org)



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