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**Brevard Zoo Releasing Harbor the 170-pound Loggerhead Sea Turtle**

MELBOURNE, Fla., October 4, 2024 — [Harbor the adult loggerhead sea turtle](#) is returning to her ocean home after a two-month stay at our Sea Turtle Healing Center. This 170-pound loggerhead made social media waves after being found on the beach in August.

Harbor is being released at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 10 at Lori Wilson Park, 1500 N. Atlantic Ave. in Cocoa Beach. This event will take place rain or shine, but we will delay or cancel if lightning is detected in the area.

Harbor's appearance has transformed dramatically since being in our care. Harbor arrived completely encrusted by barnacles and marine leeches. In her debilitated state, she was very lethargic and anemic. However, after two months of attentive care, including antibiotics and nutritional support, this now-healthy turtle is ready to return to the water.

During her stay with us, Harbor enjoyed interacting with her special enrichment items designed to withstand her strong jaws. These jaws are designed to crush her favorite foods like crabs, clams and mollusks, of which she was treated to aplenty.

All media personnel are asked to RSVP to Communications Manager Lauren Delgado prior to the event and check in with the Zoo's communications team upon arrival. Flippers will be in the water at 10 a.m.; media personnel are advised to arrive early.

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