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MANATEE AMERICA REHABILITATING AT MIAMI SEAQUARIUM

Rescued Manatee showing signs of improvement as park's animal care staff nurse her back to health

MIAMI, FL – September xx, 2007 – Since her rescue near the Isles of Capri more than two months ago, Manatee America, a xxx lb female manatee that sustained severe injuries from a boat propeller accident, remains in carefully guarded condition during her rehabilitation at Miami Seaquarium.

“We continue to be very optimistic about America’s progress,” commented Dr. Maya Menchaca, Veterinarian at Miami Seaquarium. “Although she is still not able to eat or drink on her own, she is showing gradual improvement.”

The female manatee, who is being fed intravenously, sustained head trauma as a result of the accident and has been unable to eat solid food or drink on her own since her arrival to Miami Seaquarium. Recently she showed signs of improvement, when she began to move her upper lip, grind her teeth and twitch her nose. Miami Seaquarium Veterinarian and Animal Care Staff is optimistic that her condition will continue to improve and her cranial nerves will regenerate.

Miami Seaquarium, South Florida's most popular tourist attraction, is a family-oriented marine-life park open to the public 365 days a year. The park provides visitors with a greater understanding and appreciation for marine life through shows, presentations and exhibits. More information on Miami Seaquarium is available at www.miamiseaquarium.com.

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