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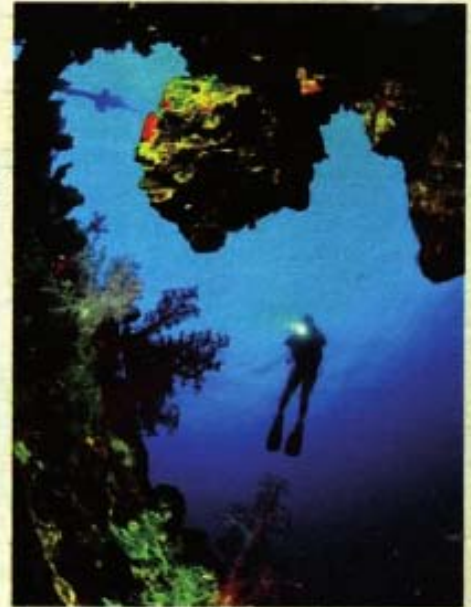
The Best...

...WRECK DIVING

Hidden away under the surface, not far from Fort Lauderdale's eight beautiful beaches, are no fewer than 25 shipwrecks at depths ranging from 30 to 300 feet. Most are there courtesy of the largest artificial reef program in the country.

...REUBEN SANDWICH

Keys Fisheries (keysfisheries.com) is a wonderful open-air seafood place on the water in Marathon in the middle Keys, with food served on plastic trays. Its famous Reuben sandwich contains a secret ingredient: fresh-caught Keys lobster.



Diver's delight.



Fresh stone crab, ready for cracking.

...SUNSET COCKTAILS

As the sun sinks, locals and visitors gather at the Mucky Duck at the end of Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva Island, filling its picnic tables in the sand, enjoying cold drinks, seafood and live music. Sunset is taken so seriously here that times are posted on the Web site: muckyduck.com.

...STONE CRABS

In a place like Florida, where seafood is a staple, gaining the reputation for the best stone crabs is a great accomplishment. Billy's (crabs.com), on the Intracoastal Waterway across from the beach in Hollywood, has managed it partly because the owner, Bill Hershey, was once a commercial fisherman and knows what "fresh" really means.