

Diana Nyad Donates Items from Her Landmark Cuba-Florida Swim



Key West, January 28 (RHC/AP)— Marathon swimmer Diana Nyad has dedicated an exhibit at Key West's Custom House Museum, featuring items she wore during her landmark 2013 swim from Havana to Key West.

The installation premiered Friday. It includes the bathing suit, goggles and custom-designed jellyfish protection facemask that Nyad used during the nearly 111-mile swim that took almost 53 hours.

Nyad donated the personal memorabilia to the Key West Art & Historical Society, which operates the museum, in recognition of the support she received from Key West community members.

Nyad was 64 years old when she succeeded on her fifth attempt to complete the Florida Straits crossing. Landing on Key West's Smathers Beach on Labor Day, she became the first person ever to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage.

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