

# Florida Keys Devastation After Hurricane Irma

[SNN, The Suncoast News Network](#), accepted Cumberland Advisors' offer to accompany us to the Florida Keys and document the dire conditions that so many residents and the [fishing guide community](#) that we hold dear endured and continue to struggle under.



Florida Keys Fishing  
Guide Community

The Ongoing Impact  
of Hurricane Irma

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Immediately after Hurricane Irma's eye passed over the Florida Keys, massive damage to the Lower and Middle Keys was apparent where hundreds of homes and businesses were destroyed by high winds and a huge storm surge. Multimedia Journalist, [Nadine Young](#), captured the lingering effects months after Hurricane Irma had passed.

This first hand perspective was eye opening and our hope is that the public will have a greater awareness of the devastation, power, and consequences hurricanes have over our coastal areas, territories, and our neighbors in the Caribbean.

See Bob Bunting's description of what he saw on our trip together along with a gallery of photos we assembled to document what we experience here: [Key West, Bob Bunting](#)

Bob will also be at USF Sarasota-Manatee on February 22, 2018 for “Cuba and the Caribbean: What Now?” The event lasts from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and features congressmen, a former diplomat, and other notables. Details can be found here, please [join us:](http://usfsm.edu/event/cuba-and-the-caribbean-what-now/)  
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This trip and the devastation that occurred to Big Pine Key and other parts of the Florida Keys will be discussed at the event Cumberland is helping to sponsor at USF Sarasota-Manatee, called “[Cuba and the Caribbean: What Now?](#)” Details can be found by using the preceding link.

In addition to SNN’s videos below, we present footage from [Brian Dombrowski](#)’s webcams that captured Irma as she rolled into Key West. While you take notice of the boats ripped from their mooring and washing out to sea, note that the surge and storm were even more powerful at its epicenter over Big Pine Key, culminating in a 10 foot surge based upon waterlines we saw firsthand among damaged homes.