



9/14/2021

IMPACT OF LOSOM IN THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON



***HOLDING LAKE OKEECHOBEE
HIGHER FOR AGRICULTURAL
WATER SUPPLY***

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***MORE DISCHARGES TO
THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON***



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PICTURE BY MIKE KNEPPER

An aerial photograph of a body of water with a boat in the lower left corner. A dark blue horizontal bar is overlaid on the image, containing white text. The bar is divided into two sections by a vertical line. The left section is labeled 'WEST PALM BEACH' and '16.6 BILLION GALLONS'. The right section is labeled 'EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA' and '859 BILLION GALLONS'. At the bottom of the bar, a large white text statement reads 'THE EAA REQUESTS 50 TIMES MORE WATER THAN WEST PALM BEACH'.

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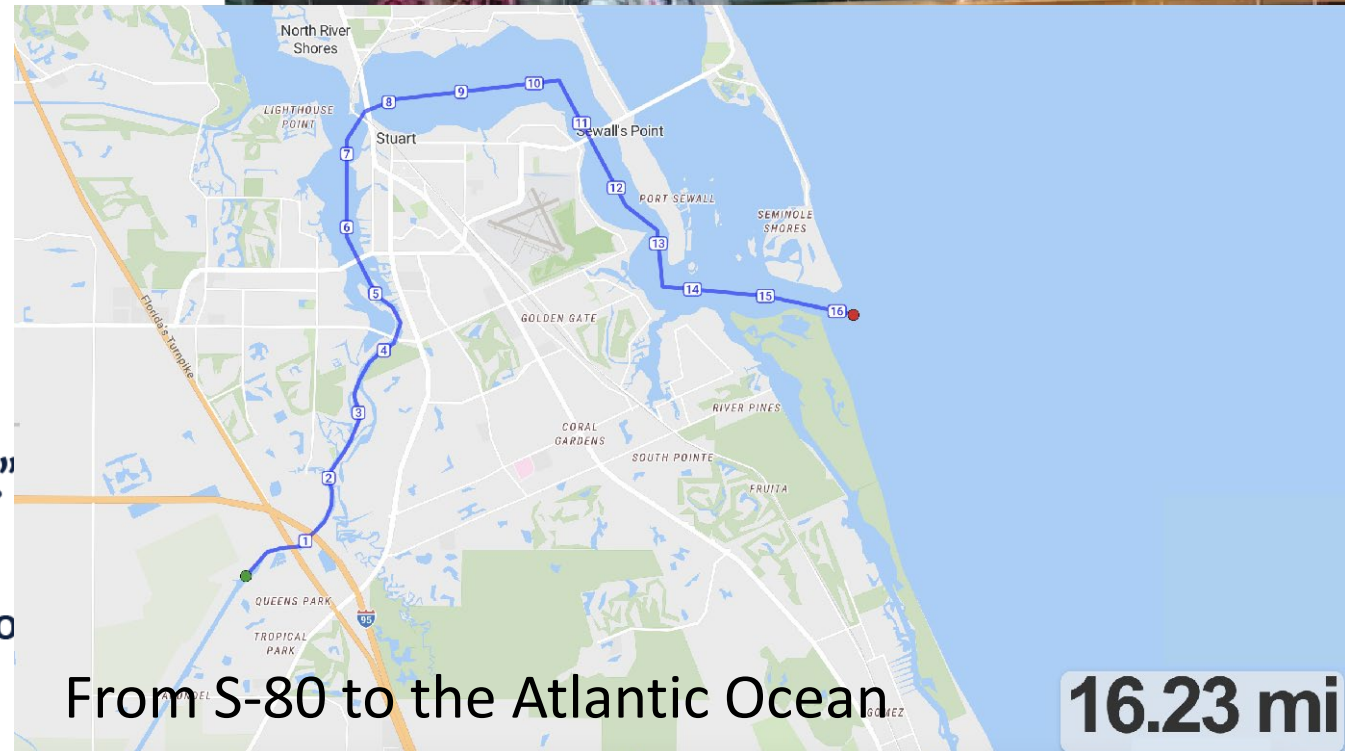
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From S-80 to the Atlantic Ocean

16.23 mi



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