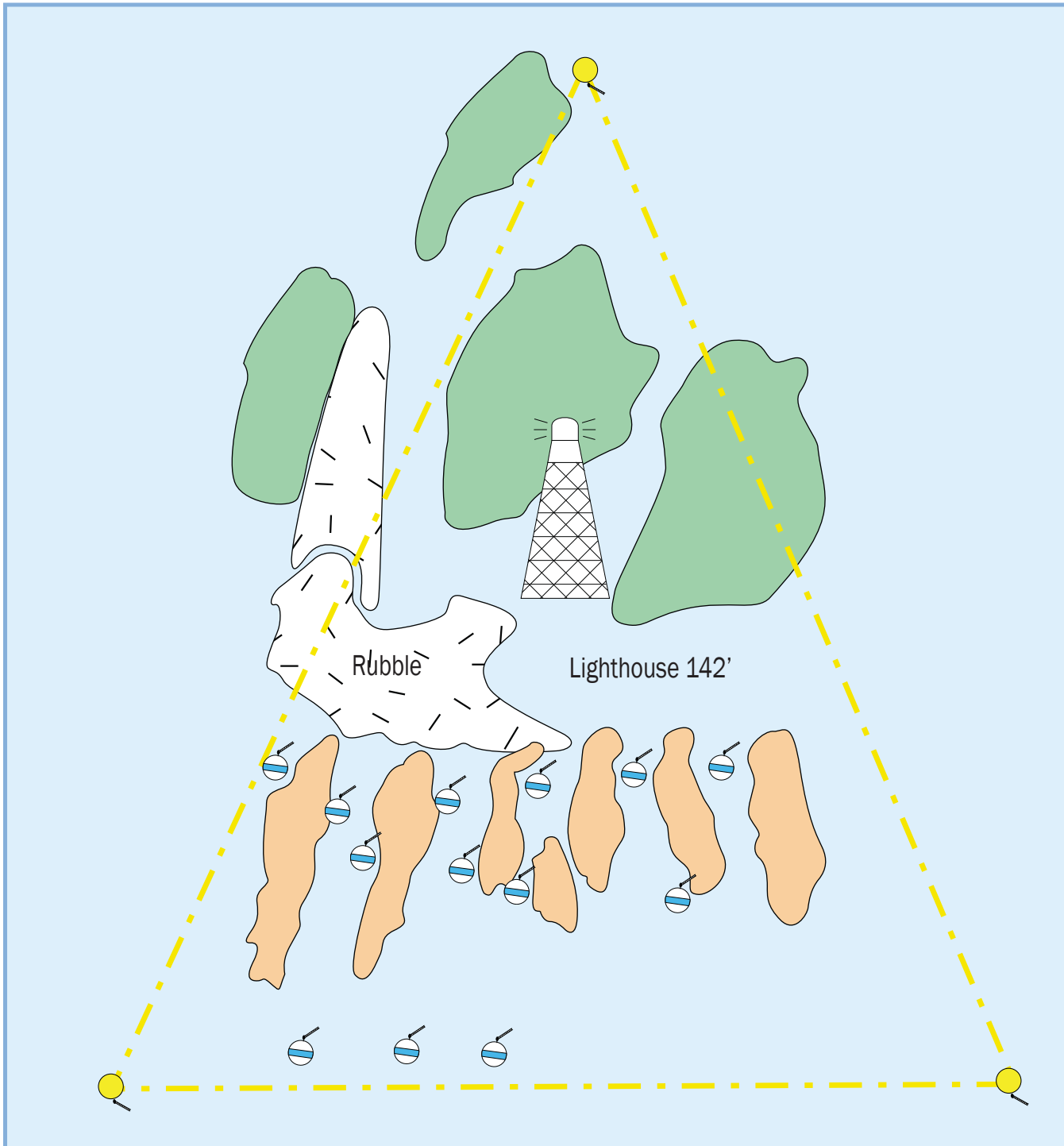


Sombrero Key

Sanctuary Preservation Area

SANCTUARY AREAS

-  Research Only
-  Ecological Reserve
-  Existing Management Area
-  Sanctuary Preservation Area (SPAs)
-  Wildlife Management Area
-  Shallow Rubble
-  Shallow
-  Very Shallow
-  Sea Grass
-  Coral
-  Island
-  18" Mooring Buoy
-  3 - 5ft. Spar Buoy
-  30" Yellow Sanctuary Buoy



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Sombrero Key Sanctuary Preservation Area

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited Sanctuary-Wide:

- Moving, removing, taking, injuring, touching, breaking, cutting or possessing coral or live rock.
- Discharging or depositing treated or untreated sewage from marine sanitation devices, trash and other materials
- Dredging, drilling, prop dredging or otherwise altering the seabed, or placing or abandoning any structure on the seabed.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner as to strike or otherwise injure coral, seagrass, or other immobile organisms attached to the seabed, or cause prop scarring.
- Having a vessel anchored on living coral in water less than 40 feet deep when the bottom can be seen. Anchoring on hardbottom is allowed.
- Except in officially marked channels, operating a vessel at more than 4 knots/no wake within 100 yards of residential shorelines, stationary vessels, or navigational aids marking reefs.
- Operating a vessel at more than 4 knots/no wake within 100 yards of a "divers down" flag.
- Diving or snorkeling without a dive flag.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner which endangers life, limb, marine resources, or property.
- Releasing exotic species.
- Damaging or removing markers, mooring buoys, scientific equipment, boundary buoys, and trap buoys.
- Moving, removing, injuring, or possessing historical resources.
- Taking or possessing protected wildlife.
- Using or possessing explosives or electrical charges.
- Harvesting, possessing or landing any marine life species except as allowed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Rule (68B-42 F.A.C.).

With certain exceptions, the following activities are prohibited in the Sombrero Key Sanctuary Preservation Area:

- Discharging any matter except cooling water or engine exhaust.
- Fishing by any means; removing, harvesting, or possessing any marine life. Catch and release fishing by trolling is allowed in Sombrero Reef SPA.
- Touching or standing on living or dead coral.
- Anchoring on living or dead coral, or any attached organism.
- Anchoring when a mooring buoy is available.
- Bait fishing is allowed in SPAs by FKNMS permit.

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