



## LOST LANDMARKS: MIAMI MARINE STADIUM

While the concrete and steel structure may still be standing, Miami Marine Stadium has essentially been lost for 14 years, one of the many casualties of Hurricane Andrew.

Built on Virginia Key in 1963 with the goal of making Miami a boat racing capital, it also was a stunning place to see a concert. With the city's skyline gleaming to the west, performers, ranging from the Florida Philharmonic to Jimmy Buffett, would play from a barge, with room for boats to squeeze in between, making for the ultimate Miami kind of experience.

After taking a battering from Hurricane Andrew in 1992, officials declared the structure unsafe. It has since remained fenced and is today covered in trash and layers of graffiti.

Because it sits on a prime piece of real estate, there have been plenty of development ideas over the years, as well proposals to fix up the stadium and return it to its former glory.

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