



KEYS KALENDAR



Now-Jul 31 Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden: Art in the Garden Artworks are earth-friendly in the selection of materials and themes and include recycled, repurposed, and natural material @ 5210 College Rd.

May 1-5 28th Annual Key West Songwriters Festival the largest festival of its kind in the world. It revolves around five days and nights where live music bliss on Duval Street May 1 is Dylan Marlowe; Cole Swindell Performs May 2 in a ticketed concert at Coffee Butler Amphitheater.

May 2-5 The Florida Keys I.CARE: Trash Derby & Festival sponsored by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in support of Goal: Clean Seas, will begin with a team leader meeting Thursday, May 2 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Bud N'Mary's Marina. Festival on Sunday, May 5. The free festival takes place at Founders Park, MM87 12-6pm. The festival is open to the public.

May 3-5 Marathon Offshore Bull and Cow Dolphin Tournament A guaranteed \$18-thousand in cash awaits the top anglers who catch the largest bull and cow dolphin fish combined, while other prizes are awarded to anglers for 1st through 3rd place Tournament rules pick-up and weigh-ins at Two Conchs Bait & Tackle, 11499 Overseas Highway. Sunday evening awards banquet at Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters, 11587 Overseas Highway.

May 3-5 Islamorada Nick Sheahan Dolphin Rodeo community scholarship fund that has distributed over \$408,000 to Coral Shores High School students. Walk-up registration is available at the May 3, Friday

night cookout and captains meeting at Tavernier Creek Marina, MM90.8.

May 4-11 Marathon Bob Traa Faro Blanco Tarpon Tournament fish three nights with three different captains at three different bridges: Bahia Honda, Long Key and the world-famous Seven Mile. Proceeds from the charity tournament benefit Ronald McDonald House. Contact Donna Vankirk at 305-393-0699 or capt donna1@aol.com.

May 4 Key West Cow Key Bridge Run: Cow Wars 2024 - May the 4th Be With Moo! Get in the MOO-d from 9 to 11 a.m. before the "race" at the Bloody MOO-ey party at the Rum Row bar at The Gates Hotel. 12pm, the race starts with cows away! Everyone is invited back to Rum Row and the Sunset Green Lawn for an after-race party and awards ceremony -benefit the MCSO Animal Farm and the Highgate Foundation.

May 4 Key West Talk Derby to Me Support the Key West Mounted Police Unit at the 7th annual Get photos with the Key West P.D. horses and officers, and enjoy mint juleps and food. \$25 donation at the door.

May 4 Key Largo History of Diving Museum: Vintage Dive Weekend Jules Undersea Lodge, 51 Shoreland Dr., will take place every hour from 10am-3pm. demonstrations of Mark V dive dress for use at deep dive depths at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. On Sunday, there is an afternoon reef dive with Silent World Dive Center.

May 4-5 Marathon Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters: Mermaids Swim shows will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day and are included with admission. Sign

up for encounters at the front desk. 11710 Overseas Highway.

May 5 Key West Sloppy Joe's 87th Anniversary at the Corner of Duval and Greene Streets corner of Duval and Greene Streets Stop by or visit the Bar-Cam!

May 5 Key West The Marker: Cinco de Mayo Margarita Battle 200 William St., at 3 p.m. for the 2nd annual island-wide margarita battle. Live music by Les Greene and The Swayzees.

May 5 Key West Run for Rhonda 5k Run or walk your way through Key West on Cinco de Mayo for the first annual Starting and finishing at Truman Waterfront Park The run honors the legacy of Key West resident Rhonda Flores and supports a college scholarship for a participant in the Take Stock in Children program.

May 5 Key West Schooner Wharf Bar: Cinco de Mayo 7 p.m. until midnight. Win a prize!!

May 10 Islamorada Bud N' Mary's Marina: Film Screening & Spiny Lobster Panel Discussion FWC, and the Ocean Conservancy. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mile marker 79.8 oceanside. \$5 advance tickets available online.

May 10-11 Marathon 18th Annual Mother's Day Dolphin Tournament Cash Prizes Awarded 1st - 5th!! Captain's meeting Friday night and one day of fishing on Saturday, followed by an awards banquet Saturday night at Marathon Yacht Club, 825 33rd St. Gulf. The event benefits Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys.

May 11 Tavernier OLD CONCH HARBOR UNPLUGGED -11th ANNIVERSARY @ DOCKSIDE BAR Join us in Celebrating! Discounts, Great Music and Video Filming!!

May 11 Key West Reef Relief

Annual Luau Fundraiser 5-8:30 p.m. at Lagerheads Beach Bar & Grill, located at 0 Simonton St. Enjoy live music from Gary Hempsey, games, a raffle, a silent auction and more.

MAY 12th HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

May 12 Key West Tennessee Williams Theatre: One Night of Queen Tickets \$45 to \$135. Show at 8pm 5901 College Rd.

May 12 & 26 Key West Sheriff's Animal Farm Open House 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Visits are free of charge, but donations are always welcomed. Stock Island Detention Center, 5501 College Rd.

May 15 Islamorada History of Diving Museum Immerse Yourself Presentation: Salvaging the Deep with Dr. Joe Dituri Attendees will be able to see the exhibit for its grand opening, 7 p.m. at the museum, located at MM82.9.

May 16 Islamorada Morada Way Third Thursday Art Walk A relaxing evening from 6-9 p.m. perusing local fine art, imbibing local craft beer and wine and listening to music, in the area between mile markers 81- 82.

May 17-19 Islamorada 'Ladies Let's Go Fishing' Screamin' Reels Tournament Friday kickoff takes place at The Tavernier Elks Club, MM92; most Saturday and Sunday charters depart from Whale Harbor Marina, MM83.

May 17-18 The Lower Keys King of the Reef Rod & Spear Tournament & Trash Cleanup three divisions -- rod and reel, scuba and free diving. The tournament was established to raise awareness about diving decompression injuries and raise funds for victims. Tournament events, including the Saturday evening weigh-in and awards ceremony,

are based at The Docks Stock Island, 6840 Front St.

May 18-19 The Florida Keys Keys100 Ultramarathon Races Key Largo to Key West. Both teams and individuals compete. There is also a 50-mile option from Marathon to Key West and a 50k individual race from Big Pine Key to Key West. All races finish at Higgs Beach on the Atlantic in races start at Divers Direct in Key Largo, MM99.8.

May 22 The Lower Keys Florida Keys Wildlife Society: Full Moon Kayak Excursion Old Wooden Bridge Marina, 1791 Bogie Road, and proceeds across the water to No Name Key and north. Call or text Captain Bill at 305-872-7474 to reserve your spot and your kayak and gear. Cost is \$30, which is a donation to Florida Keys Wildlife Society.

May 26 Key West Schooner Wharf Bar: Minimal Regatta homemade vessels made from plywood and duct tape in the craziest regatta you'll ever see on the waters of Key West Bight. Watch from the Historic Seaport walkways near Schooner Wharf. 12 noon at 202 William St.

MAY 27th MEMORIAL DAY!!

May 31 - Jun 1 Marathon Community Theatre: tah-DANCE The 15th annual an evening of performances created to entertain and enthrall. Two shows - Friday and Saturday nights at 7pm/ 5101 Overseas Hwy.

May 31 - Jun 2 Key Largo 10th Annual Skippers Dolphin Tournament Skippers Dockside Restaurant behind Key Largo's Holiday Inn at mile marker 100. Cash prizes of over \$50,000 include a first-place prize of \$20,000 as well as prizes for the top six teams and top lady and junior anglers.