

KEYS KALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Jan 7 [Key West Market on the Green](#)

Held the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., visitors and residents are invited to browse and shop amazing local artisans. The monthly market is located at the Sunset Green Event Lawn, at Key West's 24 North Hotel.

Jan 8 [Florida Keys History & Discovery Center: Special Exhibit, Tribute to the Redbone Gallery](#) closes after 30 years, showcasing the journey of Captain Gary, Susan and Nicole Ellis with a special exhibit highlighting their lives through Jan. 8. The remaining inventory of exceptional art is for sale in the upstairs gallery. Exhibit and artwork curated by Pasta Panteleo.

Dec 1, 2022 - Jan 22, 2023 [Islamorada Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish Championship](#) Anglers are to pursue sailfish, the most plentiful billfish in the waters off the Keys, in a series of three competitions -after which the Gold Cup is awarded.305-852-2102

Jan 3 [Key Largo Orange Bowl Swim Classic](#) Hundreds of college swimmers from around the country meet and compete in a popular monthlong winter training session in Key Largo that culminates in the open-to-spectators 10 a.m. until noon and is free for spectators Jacobs Aquatic Center, MM99.6

Jan 5-8 [Key West Pole Vault in Paradise Competition](#) ages 9 to 75 to compete alongside some of the best pole vaulting elites from around the country. Sponsored by the nonprofit Key West Track & Field Club, at Higgs Beach, with the main event Saturday. Prize monies for male and female challengers are up for grabs, including additional prize money for any man or woman who breaks the island record. Pancake Breakfast from 8 am - 10 am. Admission Free. Pancake Breakfast tickets are sold onsite.

Jan 6-7 [Fish for Holly Sailfish Tournament](#) Created to raise money for Keys scholarships and domestic violence initiatives, honors the late Holly Given, a Keys resident and avid angler at Postcard Inn to compete for top male, female and junior angler awards as well top team and

fun fish categories. Annie Hagen

Jan 6-8, 2023 [Marathon Florida Keys 10th Annual Celtic Festival](#) Celtic history, culture, food and music are to be celebrated by attendees Friday, Jan. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m for the free "Kilts in the Keys" celebration at Dockside Boot Key Harbor. During the weekend festival at Marathon Community Park at MM49, enjoy Celtic rock and traditional musicians including Scottish band Albannach and the Screaming Orphans from Ireland. Enjoy Celtic merchandise, food, traditional sheep herding demonstrations and the Florida Police Pipe & Drum Corps. Tickets available online in advance for \$10 per day or \$15 for a two-day pass; or at the gate, \$12 per day or \$17 for a two-day pass.

Jan 7 [Friends of the Key West Library Book Sale](#) Monthly used book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the garden at the library, located at 700 Fleming Street. Most books are priced at \$1.

Jan 7 [FREE COMPOST](#) - See County website

Jan 12-15, [Key West Literary Seminar](#) "Singing America," the 40th seminar, will center on Black American experiences through poetry, fiction, biography, and history. From slavery and Reconstruction to the Harlem Renaissance, Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Road, within Truman Waterfront Park.

Jan 12- 15, **[Key West Kingfish Mayhem](#)** five-leg Kingfish Mayhem Pro Series. This event has been enhanced by adding tuna, mahi and wahoo, for a four-species tournament.

Jan 13-15 [25th Annual Key West Half Marathon & 5k Run](#) Recognized by Runners World magazine as one of the 10 great half-marathons of the winter season, the 2023 25th anniversary race follows a 13.1-mile course that includes Old Town Key West and the scenic waterfront. Ranked among 13 must-do U.S. half-marathons by Competitor.com. Barbara Wright 305-240-0727

Jan 13-14, [Old Island Restoration Foundation's 63rd Annual Key West Home Tours](#) homes and gardens/ supports the ongoing mission of preserving and promoting Key West's unique architecture, culture and history.

On line in advance are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members and \$60 at the door. Visit the website or call 305-294-9501.

Jan 13- 15 [Islamorada Baygrass Bluegrass in the Beer Garden](#) Florida Keys Brewing Co. and Island Community Entertainment (ICE) are keeping the spirit traditional bluegrass with the next generation of bluegrass and some interesting variations of the genre. no tickets required in the beer garden, courtesy of ICE. Find the full entertainment lineup and schedule on the website.

Jan 14- 15 [The Lower Keys 19th Annual Nautical Expo](#) Admission and parking at this event are free, held at the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce grounds, MM31, Sat 8am 4pm and Sun 8am- 2pm. over 100 vendors. Crafts, food and beverage, live music and entertainment round out the two-day event.305-872-2411

Jan 14-15 [Key West 17th Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival](#) caught, cleaned, prepared and served by local fishermen fundraiser for the Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association FKCEA and goes to support sustainable fishing programs, marine restoration projects and college scholarships. \$10 admission is good for BOTH Saturday and Sunday at Bayview Park

Jan 16-20, 2023 [Key West The Southernmost Regatta](#) five consecutive days of racing. Competition is open to One Design and ORC Racing / Cruising Keelboats. Galleon Resort's marina, 617 Front Street, after each day's races.

Jan. 16

[Martin Luther King Jr Day](#)

Jan 17-21 [Key West RokIsland Fest 2023](#) Truman Waterfront Park Amphitheater, 4-day music festival in paradise. Single- and multi-day passes available.

Jan 17- 18 [Islamorada IFC Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament](#) Second in the three-pronged 2023 Gold Cup Sailfish Championship series currently underway in the Florida Keys Participants vie for an attractive cash payout and the chance to tally points to earn the coveted Gold Cup Series Champion status.

Jan 20-22 [Islamorada Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish Tournament](#) The final leg of the three-event Florida Keys Gold Cup Championship Series kick-off and awards events take place at the resort at MM82 tickets are available for purchase for the Sunday night awards banquet where the Gold Cup trophy as well as other angler awards will be presented. Call 305-587-0574.

Jan 20- 22 [Islamorada Island Boat Show & Festival](#) top boat brands , silent auction items, food, vendors featuring a variety of merchandise, and fishing seminars. A \$10. at Island Community Church, north campus, MM 83.4. Bob Phelps 239-691-3290

Jan 21 [Pops in the Park: Sailing Away to Key Largo](#) free, outdoor concert from Keys Community Concert Band at Murray Nelson Center Peace Park MM102./ 4 to 5 p.m.. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and pack a picnic basket for a family-friendly

Jan 24- 20 [Mile 0 Fest Key West](#) music festival in the burgeoning Red Dirt & Americana music scene. Truman Waterfront Park Amphitheatre, Many activities and memorable experiences await.

Jan 24-30, 2023 [Key West Kelly McGillis Classic](#) for flag football competition, fun and learning. hosted teams from USA, Morocco, Spain, Mexico, India, Jamaica, Honduras, El Salvador, and Sweden.

Jan 25- 29 [Key West Food and Wine Festival](#) explore creative cuisine, premium wines and unique events in a subtropical island setting during the annual celebration showcasing local chefs' culinary flair distinctive Florida Keys atmosphere. Ticket sales online.

Jan 28- 29, [38th Annual Key West Craft Show](#) 100 fine and skilled craft artists gather to display their talents at this popular outdoor festival on lower Whitehead Street in historic Old Town Key West.305-294-1243

Jan 31- Feb 4, [Key Western Fest](#) More than 20 of the very best classic country bands bring their massive hits to the Southernmost City sing your heart out under the stars at night at the Truman Waterfront Amphitheater, 21 Quay Rd, Key West. Passes and packages online.