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Divers Direct Welcomes Ocean Divers and Introduces Emocean Sports to the Holiday Diver Family

by Katie Macqueen

It’s no secret that Key Largo is the diving capital of the world. With access to Christ of the Abyss, Molasses Reef, Green Sea Turtles, Spotted Eagle Rays and barrier reef just a short boat ride away, divers and ocean lovers worldwide flock to Key Largo for the best oceanic experience.

What better place to call home?

“We operate 6 large retail Divers Direct stores throughout South Florida, but this year we were ready to expand from gear and retail to the actual experience,” remarks Darcy Kieran, President. “We want to share our love for the ocean and encourage people to experience it in more ways than one.”

Enter Emocean Sports, the new watersports activity hub, at the Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort. “We welcome every type of ocean lover,” says Renee Wind, Emocean Sports Manager. “We are fully embracing Divers Direct’s initiative to connect with not only divers, but snorkelers, paddlers, freedivers, beach bums, swimmers, and thrill seekers. We really have something available here for everyone!” Currently, guests can choose from the extensive list of activities at Emocean Sports, ranging from waverunner and SUP rentals to scuba and snorkeling excursions, not to mention Eco tours and sunset cruises.

“We are also excited to announce that Ocean Divers has joined our family as well,” says Kieran. Ocean Divers, a full-service dive resort and PADI Career Development Center, that has been serving the scuba community in Key Largo for forty years. Divers and snorkelers alike arrive every day to experience the friendly staff and exceptional customer service for excursions and certifications. “Divers are not only welcome for leisure, but we also have a full staff of instructors and trainers on call when divers want to get their next level of certification,” says Connie Boykin, Ocean Divers Operations Manager. “We have something for every diver!”

Since the beginning of September, Ocean Divers has hosted “Wreck Wednesdays,” where divers venture out to the Eagle, the Spiegel Grove, and the Benwood. Experienced divers can explore these three infamous shipwrecks full of marine wildlife. Divers must have their Advanced Open Water and Nitrox Certifications. “It’s nice to see Ocean Divers hosting an event for the more experienced diving community,” remarks Terry Schafer, Regional Manager. “Often, Key Largo’s tourist-driven dive industry sticks to shallow waters, Wreck Wednesdays is a great event for Nitrox divers looking for a more challenging dive!”

Both Emocean Sports and Ocean Divers participated in the 2015 Florida Keys Annual Reef Crawl, a four day fest celebrating marine conservation and preservation in, around, and under the water. Emocean Sports proudly hosted Senator Holly Raschein’s office for their REEF Awareness program, promoting fish and reef conservation.

Stay tuned for more updates, or stop by the Divers Direct, Ocean Divers or Emocean Sports to check out our monthly events!
Reef State Park, the only living coral reefs in the continental U.S., beckon you to explore their beauty and bounty. Clear waters invite you to kick off your shoes and leave the cares of the world behind.

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As you approach the first of the Florida Keys, prepare for an incredible sight – Key Largo, the Atlantic Ocean and Florida Bay from the top of the Jewfish Creek Bridge, soaring 65 feet above the water. Welcome to the island of Key Largo, where you can kick off your shoes and leave the cares of the world behind.

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Scuba diving and snorkeling the fragile reef reveals a Technicolor explosion of tropical fish and calming coral “gardens.” Visitors flock to the Christ of the Deep statue, which resides north of our newest diving attraction, the 510-foot U.S.S. Spiegel Grove artificial reef.

For fishermen, nothing beats the rewards of a day spent hooking snapper, grouper and amberjack or landing tarpon or one of the area’s gray ghosts – the elusive bonefish, found on the shallow-water flats.

Watersports abound for the adrenaline enthusiast and nature lover alike – rent a Jet Ski or a kayak and chart your own course. Or leave the “driving” to any of our qualified eco-tour operators, who can show you manatees, brilliant roseate spoonbills as they roost and soar overhead, pods of playful wild dolphins and more.

For land-based enchantment, nature trails at Pennekamp Park and Everglades National Park offer a glimpse into South Florida’s unique hammock and marshland ecosystems.

When night comes, island living means dining on fresh-caught seafood at a waterfront restaurant and then relaxing to the sounds of waves lapping softly at the shore or enjoying live entertainment at area venues.

But don’t worry about a dress code – Key Largo is laid back and casual, even at its most formal. However, if the urge to dress up overrides you, go for it! Virtually anything goes here!

From first-class resorts and luxurious oceanfront estates, to charming beach bungalows and small boutique hotels, you’ll find your own slice of paradise to call home.

If island time fits the rhythm of your life, Key Largo is sure to please, whether you choose to fill your days with activities or relax in the golden glow of one of our spectacular sunsets.

Whether you’re here for a few days – or forever – we know you’ll enjoy your stay.

For more information stop by the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, located at mile marker (MM) 106, a half mile after you enter Key Largo.

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GETTING AROUND TOWN

Education
Coral Shores High School • 89901 Old Highway, Tavernier  853-3222
Florida Keys Community College • 89901 Old Highway, Tavernier  852-8007
Key Largo Elementary/Middle School • 104801 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo  453-1255
Treasure Village Montessori • 8673 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada, FL 33036 852-3482

Emergency Services
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Mariners Hospital  434-3000
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  956-2500
Key Largo Recompression Chamber • Emergencies  911 • Information  1-800-NO-BENDS
Sheriff's Office (non-emergency)  853-3211

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Fishing licenses  852-7150
Marriage licenses  852-7145

Monroe County
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Code Enforcement  453-8806
Key Largo Library  451-2396
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Voter Registration  453-8740

U.S. Post Offices
Key Largo  451-3155
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Utilities
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Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority  853-1996
Florida Keys Electric Co-op  852-2431
Keys Sanitary Service (solid waste)  451-2025
South Florida Water Management District  (561) 686-8800
The road to Key Largo tempts with unique diversions. Tour the majestic River of Grass on a guided boat tour into Everglades National Park, skip across the waves on a WaveRunner® or fly high above the water on a romantic tandem parasail flight. Discover that man has more than one best friend as you play with dolphins. Watch a brilliant orange sun dip into the water on a sunset cruise. Parks offer a host of activities in Key Largo, including the Jacobs Aquatic Center in the Key Largo Community Park.

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Sundowners, MM 104 B/S. 853-5161 or 888-224-6044. Tours depart Key Largo. Personalized guided boat tours into Everglades National Park.

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Dolphin Research Center.
MM 59 B/S. 289-1121. The Center provides a variety of educational programs that allow the public a chance to learn firsthand about the world of the dolphin.

Dolphins Plus Bayside.
MM 101.9 B/S. 451-4600 or 877-DOL-COVE. Structured and natural dolphin encounters, sea lion programs.

Dolphins Plus Oceanside.
MM 100 O/S. 451-1993 or 866-860-7946. Dolphin orientation programs.

Everglades Alligator Farm.
Homestead, 305-247-2629 or 800-644-9711. Guided airboat tours featuring unspoiled Florida flora and fauna; alligator and snake shows.

Florida Bay Outfitters.
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Florida Keys Brewing Company.
200 Morada Way, Islamorada. 916-5206. Local brewery with a variety of beers on tap. Stop by the Taproom for a tasting, pint or growler of a great selection of our own beers on tap, as well as guest taps from other breweries.

Florida Keys History & Discovery Foundation.
MM 82.1 O/S. 922-2237. Located in the Florida Keys Conference Center at the Islander Resort the Discovery Center tells the story of the Florida Keys with the emphasis on the Upper Keys.

Florida Keys Kayak.
MM 77.5 B/S. 664-4878. Kayak rentals, eco-tours, sunset tours, paddleboards.

Florida Keys Swim with Dolphins Tour and Ticket.
MM 101.4 O/S. 501-4898. Keys dolphin encounter programs from 5 years and up.

Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center.
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Garl’s Coastal Kayaking.
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History of Diving Museum.
MM 82.9 B/S. 664-9737. Dedicated to the preservation, education and exhibition of the history of diving, emphasizing contributions of South Florida and the Keys.

Jacobs Aquatic Center.
MM 99.6 O/S, 320 Laguna Ave. 453-SWIM. 3-pool complex at Key Largo Community Park. Includes a children’s water park and 25-meter competition pool. ADA accessible.

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Key Largo Princess Glass Bottom Boat. MM 100 O/S, Holiday Inn docks. 451-4655 or 877-648-8129. Sail aboard the M.V. Key Largo Princess to view the underwater world of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

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MM 94.5, 94381 Overseas Hwy. 852-9298. Sailboat sales and rentals. Sales of marine accessories, boat repair products, storage and powder coating service.

YMCA.
At Key Largo Community Park, MM 99.6 O/S, 500 St. Croix Pl., 453-3422. Children’s flag football, cheerleading, scooter hockey, pee-pee basketball, soccer, tennis, yoga, taekwondo, rhythm balance and teen youth club. Adults’ basketball, sand volleyball, soccer, tennis, yoga, stroller fitness, walking club, and men’s flag football. Pavilion for rent.
Dolphins Plus celebrates 35 years as a family owned and operated business

Imagine a family business spanning over 35 years and three generations located on the natural seawater of Key Largo. Add to this, human-dolphin interactions with bottlenose dolphins, scientific research, educational programs, and community services through therapeutic organizations: the result is Dolphins Plus, Inc.

The Borguss family formed Dolphins Plus in February 1979 to implement their own innovative ideas after working at other dolphin facilities around the world. Dolphins Plus became the leader in human dolphin interaction when they became the first licensed facility in the world to allow the public to enter the dolphins' environment.

The Borguss family's commitment to the benefits of human-dolphin interaction expanded to pioneering therapeutic application when in 1981, Dr. Betsy Smith, a professor at Florida International University, began animal facilitated therapy with individuals diagnosed with Autism. Since 1981, Dolphins Plus has continued important therapeutic work through associations with a variety of organizations including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Human Dolphin Therapy, the Perkins School for the Blind, and Island Dolphin Care to name just a few.

Formal scientific research at Dolphins Plus dates back to 1987 when the Caribbean Center for Interdisciplinary Research was founded to measure and disseminate information on the Borguss family’s unique dolphin acclimatization process and to evaluate the Dolphins Plus aquatic contact experience. Fast forward to 2015, we are currently working on 30 non-invasive, independent investigations concentrating on marine mammal development, social dynamics, communication, acoustic development, cognition, and conservation. We have contributed to the development and submission of 30 undergraduate theses, 12 Masters theses, and 4 doctoral dissertations with 23 national and international universities and relevant faculty. Dolphins Plus has a long-standing publication history, producing multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts for publication.

Dolphins Plus has remained committed to providing education about marine mammals and their environment. Early efforts included campaigning for dolphin-safe fishing practices, school group presentations, and educational briefings prior to human-dolphin interactions. Presently, Dolphins Plus offers an extensive education program designed to promote a greater understanding of marine science, marine mammal and ecosystem conservation, and environmental stewardship reaching over 4,000 students annually through summer camp programs, continuing education efforts, pro bono and outreach activities, custom undergraduate and graduate school programs, and primary school field trips.

Dolphins Plus’ commitment to marine mammals expanded beyond their population of bottlenose dolphins. In 1987, they rehabilitated and released a group of rough toothed dolphins, which led to the formation of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) in 1991. In addition to environmental education, EREF was committed to marine mammal rescue through the POD Squad. Further successful marine mammal rescue efforts led to the release of two pilot whales in 1991. Dolphins Plus continues their commitment to marine mammal rescue through substantial funding of local organizations.

The Oma Program began as a Borguss family memorial to Anne Marie Borguss, the family’s beloved matriarch, who passed away from breast cancer in 2009. Anne Marie, popularly known as “Oma”, leaves a legacy of joy for the over 400 cancer survivors who have participated in dolphin interactions at no cost.

Dolphins Plus, Inc. invites all of you to help us celebrate our more than 35 year history through special events scheduled throughout the year. To schedule a visit with our dolphins at either the beautiful Oceanside or Bayside locations or to find out more information go to www.dolphinsplus.com.

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Established in 1963, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park was the first undersea park in the United States. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and the adjacent Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, cover approximately 178 nautical square miles of coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangrove swamps. The park extends 3 miles into the Atlantic Ocean and is approximately 25 miles in length. These areas were established to protect and preserve a portion of the only living coral reef in the continental United States. The park was added to the National Register of Historic Places on April 14, 1972.

The park was named for the late John D. Pennekamp, a Miami newspaper editor, whose efforts contributed to the establishments of Everglades National Park and the preservation of what would become John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

The park contains a wide variety of tropical vegetation, shore birds and marine life. While the mangrove swamps and tropical hammocks offer visitors a unique and interesting experience, it is the coral formations and associated marine life that most park visitors come to enjoy. The coral reef at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park are among the most beautiful and diverse of all living communities.

Park Amenities:

CAMPING: 47 full-facility sites for both tent and RV campers are available. Restrooms and hot showers are easily accessible. Call 1-800-326-3521.

FISHING: Fishing is allowed only in designated areas in accordance with Florida law. Saltwater fishing licenses are required. Spearfishing and collecting of tropical fish is prohibited inside the park.

SWIMMING: Three areas are designated for swimming, including Canon Beach, which features remnants of an early Spanish shipwreck 100 feet offshore.

PICNICKING: Designated areas are located throughout the park. Barbeque grills are provided. No ground fires are permitted. To rent a pavilion, call 305-451-1202.

At John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, visitors can learn about the Coral Reef ecosystem. Throughout the year, there are many environmental programs offered to park visitors on a wide range of natural and cultural history subjects. Guided nature walks along the Mangrove and Wild Tamarind trails are offered seasonally or upon request by individuals and organized groups. Current program schedules are available at the Visitors Center.

The Visitors Center features a 30,000-gallon saltwater aquarium and other natural history exhibits interpreting the park’s unique marine environment. There is also a theater where visitors may watch nature videos. The Visitor Center is open daily.

The park is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until sunset. All park buildings including the Concession Building and Visitor Center are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information and entrance fees call: (305) 451-6300.
Dine On The Bay
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Whether you’re famished after a day of island activities or fueling up for a fun-filled itinerary, Key Largo’s eateries serve up fine and varied fare. Of course, you can’t leave the Keys without having fresh fish at an exceptional area fish house. Snapper, mahi-mahi, grouper and tuna are among the area’s fresh-caught specialties.

This is your chance to try a warm, fresh conch fritter. And to top it all off, nothing but Key lime pie will do. Most dining establishments in Key Largo double as entertainment venues, so be sure to linger over cocktails to listen to the sounds of the island. Dancing the night away is part of the island experience!

**Dairy Queen.** MM 92.6 M. 852-2219. Brazier, ice cream, milkshakes, floats. Open 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat.

**Denny’s Key Largo.** MM 97.6 M. 440-2023. Open 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. for breakfast, lunch & dinner. American Cuisine, casual. Full bar.


**Fish House/Encore Restaurant and Seafood Market.** MM 102.4 O/S. 451-4665 or 1-888-451-HOOK. Seafood/steak, lunch, dinner, casual, full bar.

**Made 2 Order.** MM 90.6 O/S. 852-3251. Breakfast, lunch. Breakfast served all day. Open daily from 8am to 3pm. Casual dining. Delivery on orders over $20. Private event catering. BYOB.

**Marker 88.** MM 88 B/S. 852-9315. Gourmet dining, seafood, continental cuisine, lunch, dinner. Indoor, outdoor dining, full bar.

**Mindful Mermaid Café.** MM 101.4 O/S. 451-2929. Serving fresh and organic subs, sandwiches, salads, juices and smoothies for both the carnivore and vegetarian.


**Ballyhoo’s.** MM 97.8 M. 852-0822. Seafood, steaks, sandwiches; lunch, dinner. All-you-can-eat crab claws. Casual dining inside/out. Wine, beer.

**Bayside Grill.** MM 99.5 B/S. 451-3380. Seafood/steak, lunch, dinner, on the bay. Casual dining, full bar.

**Buzzard’s Roost.** MM 106.5 O/S, 21 Garden Cove Dr. 453-3746. Seafood/steak, lunch, dinner. Casual dining near and on the water. Full bar.

**Café Largo.** MM 99.5 B/S. 451-4885. Italian cuisine, dinner only. Casual dining, full bar.

**Island Grill at Mandalay Key Largo.** MM 97.7 O/S 80 E. 2nd St. 852-0595. Extensive menu of fresh Florida Keys seafood, indoor & outdoor waterfront seating and nightly entertainment. Casual, full bar.


**Key Lime World Café.** MM 102.2 B/S 746-5513. American cuisine, breakfast, lunch, dinner, casual dining.
The waters around Key Largo are an ecologically fascinating place where freshwater from the Everglades mixes with the saltwater of Florida Bay. Everglades National Park abuts the near-shore waters of Key Largo to the west. An array of wildlife awaits within easy reach of the dock, including bottle-nosed dolphin, crocodiles, sea turtles, alligators, and manatees. Highly skilled boat captains and eco-tour outfitters are ready to show them to you.

Dusenberry Creek and its many winding tributaries are a popular spot for full or half-day kayaking and canoe trips. Old-growth mangrove trees form a jungle canopy overhead as you make your way through the tiny creeks. If you’re lucky, you will see a manatee, which are regular visitors, especially during the winter months.

Sea kayakers can explore the more marine environment of Key Largo’s Atlantic shore, an area of shallow sea grass flats and patch corals. Also, in the waters of Florida Bay, large sea turtles and 100-pound tarpon are common sights.

Extended kayak and canoe trips also are available for those who enjoy wilderness camping, such as seven-day paddling trips from Flamingo, a national park outpost where the Everglades meets the sea, to Everglades City on Florida’s west coast.

Boat operators introduce you to the wildlife and wilderness, including an air-boat ride through the grassy interior of the Everglades, less than an hour’s drive away.

Be sure to visit Key Largo’s five-acre Florida Keys Wild Bird Center with a display of native and migratory birds that have been nursed back to health but can’t be released into the wild. Wooden walkways also take visitors over samplings of Key Largo’s varied habitat. You’ll learn that six inches of elevation make a huge difference in the types of plants and animals one finds in the Keys.

The only ecosystem of its kind! 1.4 million acres. Visitors see bald eagles and 300 other species of birds, alligators, deer and bobcats. Activities include guided tours, canoeing, fishing, camping and hiking. Accommodations available.

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Eco tourists slog into a stand of stunning bromeliads. Photo by Garl Harrold.
Protecting Florida Keys waters is something that matters to everyone who lives in the island chain.

For some local scuba divers and spearfishermen ("spearos"), capturing lionfish during recreational scuba dives and weekend free-dive fishing jaunts is a regular activity, and helps preserve Florida Keys habitats and eco-systems.

Hunting lionfish typically means covering small wrecks and poking under ledges and rock outcroppings, favorite hiding places of the invasive Indo-Pacific species, in shallow (but more commonly, deeper) waters.

These venomous and toothy coral reef fish, with aliases such as dragonfish, firefish or turkeyfish, are part of the scorpionfish family and have no natural reef predators except humans. It’s a daunting task for hunters armed with pole spears, slings and stringers to outsmart them and break their ridiculously quick reproductive cycle.

The average pole spear is lightweight, economical and surprisingly easy to use, ranging from four to 12 feet long and fitted with a sharp three-pronged (or “paralyzer”) tip. Nearly any Keys dive shop stocks them and staff can provide some instruction.

Lionfish generally sit motionless with undulating pectoral fins. Highly recognizable by their red and white stripes, they are surprisingly slow, almost daring divers to spear or net them. Deep wrecks have been reported as being blanketed with the red-and-white feathery fish, with impressive lengths of 18 inches or longer.

Why do we want to wipe them from the reefs? Lionfish consume a variety of prey — invertebrates, juvenile grunts, hamlets, grouper and snapper — and can consume more than half their own body size. Their voracity has burgled both space and food resources from domestic species, yet man is their only natural predator.

It’s amazing how fast they populate an area. And it only takes a couple of fertile females, laying tens of thousands of eggs at one time that are fertilized within 12 hours and hatch in three days. The newborns are out hunting at the tender age of three days.

As well as opportunities to seek them during everyday diving, specially planned derby events allow you to compete for prizes by capturing the largest, smallest and most lionfish — and you also can learn how to collect, clean and fillet this spiny fish.

Note that, even after lionfish are captured and dead, you can still get stuck pretty painfully if you come in contact with the tip of the venomous spines — located along the pectoral, anal and dorsal fins — so it’s best to wear puncture-resistant gloves at all times when handling the fish.

Spines are removed before cooking, and the meat has no poison. Delicious and delicate, the light white meat tastes similar to snapper, grouper and hogfish (one of most Keys residents’ all-time favorite local fish to eat).

Lionfish Francese

6 Lionfish filets
1 cup very condensede vegetable broth
1/4 cup white wine
1 lemon, juice of
3 eggs
grated parmesan cheese
Wondra Quick-Mixing Flour
1 garlic clove, crushed
Fresh chopped parsley
1/2 cup unsalted butter (not margarine)

Prepare some pasta; linguine is nice with it

Dust Lionfish with Wondra Quick-Mixing Flour.

In a flat container mix together eggs and enough Parmesan cheese to create a thick batter (something like pancake batter).

Dip filets in batter and cook at medium to med-high heat in a little olive oil, brown a little on both sides. Remove all filets to a platter - keep warm.

In same skillet increase heat to a med-high and quickly brown the garlic (not too brown) then deglaze pan with wine and let “boil” a few minutes.

Add broth, butter and let cook until butter has melted.

Add parsley, quickly whisking together. Add lemon juice 1/4 at a time until desired taste. Thicken if desired.

Ladle over Lionfish and pasta on individual plates, with a garnish of lemon wedges and Parmesan cheese.
Celebrate your destination event...
Florida Keys style

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce is your one-stop shop for all the information you need to plan your dream wedding or special event. Destination weddings and events have become very popular, especially here in the Florida Keys.

One of the reasons Key Largo and the Florida Keys are getting popular as a destination event location is because we are reachable, so there is no need to travel outside the United States plus, you feel as if you are abroad in an exotic tropical location without the expense.

Today, Key Largo destination events are becoming so popular that many are referring to us as the perfect setting to create memories that will last a lifetime! There are plenty of blue skies and tranquil water to create the ideal back drop for your memorable event. Imagine your dream wedding as you promenade down the aisle while listening to the sounds of the waves from the Bay hitting the shoreline. Watch a sunset as you and your guests reflect upon the events of the day. You can stay with your guests in our lovely accommodations and dine at some of the best restaurants the Keys have to offer.

Destination weddings and events require organization, so it’s a good idea to hire a professional event planner. Event planners are a huge asset for destination events because they know the area and all the best locations and service providers. They can also help you make the best choices based on their prior experience.

The best months for events in Key Largo are April through June and October through December. These months have the best weather and from October to mid-December hotel rates are reasonable and have the biggest bargains to be found for wedding and special event venues.

When you start planning, map out the things you need to accomplish each month so you don’t get overwhelmed. When the time finally arrives, get here a few days early so you have time to finalize the last details. Most importantly, have one whole day before your event to do nothing but relax, this will help to reduce your stress level. Here, in Key Largo, we offer you a quaint, small coastal community where you can enjoy lazing on a beautiful beach or treat yourself to a massage at one of the many spas in the area.

Another planning tip is ask if there are any festivals or events that may be happening during your special weekend. It can add a unique touch to your celebration.

To enhance your guests’ experience be sure to plan some optional activities that your friends and family can participate in before or after the event. There are many excellent charter captains in the area for both backcountry and offshore/deep sea fishing trips. Key Largo is known as the Dive Capital of the world and we have over 25 business members who specialize in snorkeling and scuba. If you’re looking to get back to nature, go kayaking with one of our guided eco-tour experts. The Keys have fabulous boutique shops, so perhaps you could arrange limos for a shopping and lunch excursion. Another great way to bond with the entire group is to schedule a lunch or sunset cruise on one of the many sightseeing boat tours here in Key Largo.

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce has all the services and amenities you need to support any celebration, large or small. If you decide to celebrate your big day or have an event in the Florida Keys, make sure you check the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce members’ directory or call us at 1-800-822-1088. Good luck and happy planning.
GIFT & SPECIALTY SHOPS

Immerse: a swimwear boutique.
MM 99.2 B/S 896-8026. The finest swimwear in sizes ranging from 4-16. Also apparel, cover-ups, flip flops, candles, gifts, sunscreen and accessories.

Island Market Place.

Island Smoke Shop.
MM 103.4 B/S. 453-4014 or 800-680-9701. Key Breeze Engraving.
MM 103.2 B/S, Unit 11. 451-9787. Trophies and awards.

Key Largo Adirondack Company.
Atlantic Dr., Key Largo. 290-5522. Adirondack Chairs with your Logo.

Key Largo Chocolates.
MM 100.5 B/S, 453-6613. Chocolates with flavors of the Keys, made in Key Largo.

Key Largo Fisheries.
MM 100 O/S. 451-3782. The Backyard Café is open Mon. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Keys Kritters Pet Shop.
MM 100.6 B/S. 451-2627. For all your pet-related needs.

Phantom Fireworks.
MM 106.1 B/S. 451-1198.

Pink Junktique.
MM 98.2 O/S. 853-2620. Vintage & used clothing, thrift store.

Riva South Motorsports.
MM 102.5 B/S. 451-3320. Motorsports and marine vehicle sales and service.

Royal Furniture.
MM 99 Median. 451-5700. Complete home furniture store plus design services.

Sandal Factory Outlet/T-Shirt City.
MM 102.4 O/S. 453-9644.

Sea & Land Upholstery LLC.
MM 90.2 B/S. 394-7735. Reupholstery services and Contemporary Furniture.

Scooby’s Gourmet Popcorn.

FLORISTS

Key Largo Floral.

HAIR AND NAIL SALONS

Shear Paradise.
MM 99.3 O/S, 451-7110.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Island Décor.
MM 91.9. 852-2029. Unique gifts, home furnishings, local artwork, custom framing, photo restoration and interior design consultation.

Island Interiors at Ocean Reef.
8 Barracuda Lane, 367-2450. Full interior design services and showroon.

GALLERIES TO GROCERIES

PLACES TO SHOP

City is Key Largo unless otherwise indicated. Area code is 305 unless otherwise indicated.
Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park is committed to providing a variety of accessible amenities to all of its visitors. Those amenities include:

**Bicycling:** Bicycling is easy along the main paved half-mile boulevard. The extended Port B trail is either gravel or a leaf-littered coral rock substrate, with a loop choice of one or two miles. Additional back country trails are accessible to visitors by simply completing a backcountry permit at the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park Ranger Station. Helmets are highly recommended for all cyclists and Florida law requires helmets for cyclists age 16 and under.

**Birding:** This park can be outstanding for bird observation, with its thick tropical vegetation. Northbound in April, and especially while southbound in October, migratory birds are funneled into the Keys by the landform. Many tropical species are resident here, including the white-crowned pigeon, mangrove cuckoo and black-whiskered vireo. Tropical vagrants such as the thick-billed vireo and La Sagra’s flycatcher are frequently reported in the park.

**Hiking Nature Trail:** A self-guided nature trail winds through the tropical hardwood hammock and includes a native plant butterfly garden. An additional 6 miles of backcountry trails are available to explore simply by completing a backcountry permit at the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park Ranger Station. Exploring the trails gives visitors a chance to see some of the 84 protected and rare species of plants and animals, including wild cotton, mahogany mistletoe, and the Schaus’ swallowtail butterfly. The largest tract of West Indian tropical hardwood hammock in the U.S. is contained in this park, and provides a wealth of opportunity for birdwatchers and photographers. The main, half-mile trail is paved and accessible to wheelchairs and bicycles.

**Picnicking:** Two picnic tables are provided across from the butterfly garden, located approximately .25-mile down the paved wooded boulevard. No fires are permitted. Please pack out your trash.

Butterfly-watching has rapidly grown in popularity since the mid-1990s; the park features an incredible diversity of species, including the Schaus’ swallowtail, silver-banded hairstreak, and both hammock and mangrove skippers. Rare tree snails feed on the lichens and bark of the tropical trees, and can be easily observed by park visitors.
In the Upper Keys, most addresses mention the mile markers on U.S. 1 (also called the Overseas Highway). Look for the green markers alongside the road. Street addresses on the Overseas Highway correspond to the mile markers, for example, 99605 Overseas Highway will be found at mile marker 99 6. Many businesses also specify which side to look on: Bayside or Oceanside.

From the Fort Lauderdale airport: Take 595 to Florida Turnpike south. The turnpike will end at the top of the Keys on U.S. 1.

From the Miami International Airport: Take 836 west to Florida Turnpike south. The turnpike will end at the top of the Keys on U.S. 1.
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**OCTOBER**
- 9-10 8th Annual Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic, 667-0399
- 9-11 Annual BayBone Celebrity Tournament for Cystic Fibrosis, 664-2002
- 9-11 Annual Downtown Key Largo Songfest, 451-4885, keylargosongfest.com
- 17 18th Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, 451-3595
- 23 37th Annual Key West Fantasy Fest, (thru Nov. 1), 296-1817
- 24 Garden Club of the Upper Keys Fall Festival, gardenclubupperkeys.org
- 30 Pilot House Pirates Bash, 451-3142

**DECEMBER**
- 1-31 Christmas in Key Largo, 451-1414
- 5 “I Do Care” Annual Fundraiser, for Island Dolphin Care, 451-5884
- 12 Key Largo Boat Parade, 394-3736
- 12 Pops in the Park, Jingle Bells Rock, @ Founders Park, 451-4530
- 31 Key Largo New Year’s Fireworks, Blackwater Sound, 451-4502
- TBA Key Largo Baptist Church Christmas Event, 451-1642

**JANUARY**
- 3 Orange Bowl Swim Classic, 453-7946
- 7-16 “Uncorked” The Key Largo & Islamorada Food & Wine Festival, 394-3736
- 13-27 John Pennekamp/Dagny Johnson State Park, Wed. lectures, 451-9570
- 16 33rd Annual Art Under the Oaks, 360-8556
- 16-17 4th Annual Baygrass Bluegrass Festival @ Founders Park, 395-6344
- 23 Pops in the Park, Around the World in 60 Min. @ Founders Park, 451-4530
- 30-31 Key Largo Stone Crab & Seafood Festival, 451-4502
- 30 Mariner’s Hospital 27th Annual Bougainvillea Ball, 434-1026

**NOVEMBER**
- 6-8 Annual Redbone Celebrity Tournament for Cystic Fibrosis, 664-2002
- 11 Veteran’s Day Community Concert @ Murray Nelson Center, 451-4530
- 12 34th Annual Key Largo Chamber Cook-Off @ Holiday Inn, 451-1481
- 13-15 Oktoberfest @ St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 451-1316
- 14 7th Annual Key Largo Bridge Run/Walk, 451-1642
- 20-22 NASCAR Ford Championship Weekend, 230-5000
- 21 12th Annual Mariners Hospital 5K Race, 434-1206
- 21 Jazz on the Bay, ICE, 394-2765
- 28 Pops in the Park, American Salute, @ Founders Park, 451-4530
- 28 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting @ Murray Nelson Center, 451-1414

**FEBRUARY**
- 3-24 John Pennekamp/Dagny Johnson State Park, Wed. lectures, 451-9570
- 20-21 Gigantic Nautical Flea Market, 712-1818
- 27 Garden Club of the Upper Keys Garden Walk, gardenclubupperkeys.org
- 27 Pops in the Park, Love is in the Air @ Founders Park, 451-4530

Online calendar: www.keylargochamber.org/events

For more information, contact the Key Largo Chamber at 305-451-1414 or 800-822-1088
The weather in Key Largo is just better than it is in most other places around the United States at this time of year.

When the rest of the country is cooling down, the air temperature in the Florida Keys stays in the 80s and, more importantly, the water temperature hovers up around 80 degrees as well.

In Key Largo, that means you can still enjoy that uncomplicated, carefree feeling of summer by the sea, even though the calendar says it’s fall.

So jump in with both feet, and get wet! Swim, snorkel, paddle, dive, float on a raft, or do as the locals do: Just place a plastic chair into the shallow waters near the shores of the bay and sit back and relax.

Water-borne recreation is the universal activity of the Florida Keys. If there is a type of water sport that you have been meaning to try, you can get your chance in Key Largo.

Known as the dive capital of the United States because of our wondrous coral reef and numerous artificial reefs, Key Largo has nearly two dozen experienced dive companies to take you out on memorable dive trips to the reef or one of the shipwrecks.

They can also teach you to dive and help get you certified.

But there are also many other, simpler (at least requiring less gear and training), ways to appreciate and participate in water sports here.

**SNORKELING**

Snorkeling is a wonderful way to commune with the undersea world without having to don lots of heavy gear or take lessons.

Just strap on a mask and snorkel, perhaps a pair of fins, find some rocky outcroppings or pilings where fish like to congregate, and become one with the denizens of the deep.

Float gently on the surface as you watch snappers, parrotfish, starfish, tarpon and schools of silversides swim among colorful corals and sponges. Watch lobsters creep out from between the rocks.

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Here you will have the most dramatic and varied viewing of marine life in the sparkling clear ocean waters surrounding the offshore reef system.

While personnel at the rental shops can point out the best spots to try snorkeling from shore, the best views and most stupendous undersea life is at the reef.

And you don’t have to be a world-class swimmer to enjoy snorkeling. The water surrounding the Keys is shallow and generally gentle – even on the reef – so novice snorkelers can quickly and safely get the hang of the sport.

Masks, snorkels and fins can also be purchased inexpensively at local retail shops.

**PADDLE BOARDING**

Stand-up paddle boarding, or SUP, is one of the newer and fast-growing trends in water sports.

“it is like walking on water,” according to East Coast Paddle Surfing, and it’s popular with the Hollywood set.

SUP made its way east from Hawaii (known there as Hoe he’e halu) where surfing instructors began standing up and paddling along so they could better watch their students, and Waikiki beach boys used it as a way to go out and take photos of the tourists surfing.

Waverunners and Jet Skis can be rented. Paddle boarding is a great core workout and an easy way to play out on the water without much equipment.

Because the local waters are so clear, while you are standing on your board you can see right down to the bottom and watch fish swimming about. If you happen to fall off (as many do on purpose just to get into the water!), it is an easy climb back aboard.

**KAYAKING**

Want an easy, peaceful way to get out on the water? Paddle a kayak. Ply the open bay waters and be on the lookout for manatees and playful dolphins splashing around; maybe even tie up at a waterfront restaurant for a bite to eat.
What is the key to a great, island-style vacation?

These Key Largo properties...

The Holiday Inn Key Largo
Family Friendly hotel on a bustling marina, features two pools, a fitness center, an outdoor tiki bar/pavillion and an indoor restaurant. Children under 12 eat free (with purchase of an adult entree).
99701 Overseas Highway
866-733-8554
www.HolidayInnKeyLargo.com

The Marina Del Mar
is located at a bustling marina with pet-friendly studio, 1 & 2 bedroom accommodations. Resort amenities include a tropically landscaped pool/hot tub, a fitness center, and complimentary light continental breakfast included.
527 Caribbean Drive
1-800-451-DIVE
www.MarinaDelMarKeyLargo.com

The Courtyard by Marriott Key Largo
features spacious rooms, plus guests are able to relax at our dockside Tiki Hut pool overlooking the marina.
99751 Overseas Highway
855-335-1066
www.Marriott.com/MTHCY

Here in Key Largo, you’ll enjoy everything from snorkel & scuba adventures at the country’s only underwater state park, to boat rentals and fishing charters, glass bottom boat rides, and dolphin encounters. Ready to dry off? Then head to Homestead International Speedway or Everglades National Park. Our only requirement is to have a great time. Enjoy a true island-style vacation at each of these three, scenic Key Largo properties...

For a quieter, gentler paddle, explore the narrow, winding mangrove trails of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park or those off Garden Cove Park.

Watch herons, egrets and ibis take flight as you round the “S” curves into another twist in the mangrove trails.

Kayaks are available for rent at most water sport outlets and are very easy to paddle. If you brought your own, launch sites are available at parks.

Guided tours are offered as well, and some offer sunrise and sunset tours.

**SWIMMING**

Swimming in the warm waters around Key Largo is a year-round treat. Most of the waterfront hotels have small swimming beaches, as do John Pennekamp and Harry Harris parks.

Try the locals’ favorite form of swimming – jump into the ocean (or bay) from the deck of an anchored boat. It is such a free, lighthearted feeling!

Make sure you have a swim ladder over the side of the boat for easy access back aboard. And be aware of currents that could take you away from the boat.

Motor and sail boat rentals are available at several outlets in Key Largo.

If a pool is your idea of a good place to swim, Jacobs Aquatic Center at Key Largo Park has a lap pool, low and high dive boards and a kiddie pool complete with pirate ship and waterfalls. Many hotels also have their own swimming pools, fresh water and salt water.

**PARASAILING**

If you are more of a thrill seeker, try soaring above the bay attached to a parasail.

Key Largo has a couple of operators who will strap you into a harness connected to a parachute that is attached to their boat.

Their motor boat pulls forward, your chute begins to fill, and then you climb into the air, way above the surface of the bay. As you soar overhead, you will be treated to a view of Key Largo you will not soon forget.

**OTHER ALTERNATIVES**

Key Largo offers so many ways to get out on the water and enjoy an extended summer!

If you want to fish, Fishing guides with boats abound in Key Largo, or just drop in a line from the shore. Rent a personal watercraft, a paddle boat, a sailing catamaran – they are all easily available around town.

Check the *On the Water* guide in this issue for details on where you can find the water sport outlet of your choice.

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**Bayside parasailing in Key Largo.**
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If you are not a SunPass customer, tolling cameras will take a photo of the vehicle’s license plate and mail a TOLL-BY-PLATE monthly invoice for the tolls plus a $2.50 administrative charge to the registered owner of the vehicle. All-electronic, no-cash tolling means there are no cash tollbooths to slow you down and everyone has the convenience of paying tolls without stopping. Everyone can drive any lane on Florida’s Turnpike in Miami-Dade County and on the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County, west of Fort Lauderdale, where all-electronic tolling is in place. Cash tollbooths are still available on the rest of the Turnpike.

What if I rent a car in Florida? Companies that offer rental cars can give customers an easier way to travel Florida’s toll roads. Under the agreements, the companies provide the Turnpike with constantly updated lists of rental license plate numbers so that the Turnpike can bill the companies. Each company has a different payment arrangement, so be sure to review your rental agreement carefully.

What if I rent the car out-of-state? It is no different than renting a car in Florida. If renting from a participating company, the Turnpike will bill the company for the tolls.

What if I don’t sign up for a rental agency toll program, or if my rental agency does not participate? A bill for the toll will be sent to the rental car company. The agency will pay the bill on your behalf and charge you extra fees for their time and service, based on your car rental agreement. Again, check with your rental car company for all fees and review the rental agreement carefully.

What happens if I’m in a truck rental? An image of the truck or trailer license plate will be captured on camera and a bill will be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. Again, the truck leasing company will pay the bill on your behalf and charge you extra fees for their time and service. We strongly recommend that customers check with their leasing company for all fees and that they review the rental agreement carefully.

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**Conch**

Tastes like an exotic kind of clam. Though native conch (a large marine snail) is no longer served in the Keys due to over-harvesting in the past, imported conch provides the meat for crunchy fritters, “cracked” conch (pounded conch meat breaded and fried), spicy conch chowder or raw, marinated conch served in salads.

**Dolphin or Mahi Mahi**

Don’t worry – that’s not Flipper you’re about to sink your teeth into! This firm, white-fleshed, delicious fish really is a fish, and not to be confused with the mammal of TV fame. It’s delicious grilled, Cajun-style or blackened.

**Florida Lobster**

In season August 6 – March 31, Florida lobster has no claws like the Maine variety, and is often referred to as the “spiny lobster.” Florida lobster tails are broiled and served with melted butter.

**Key Lime Pie**

This delicious dessert originated in Key West. Don’t be fooled by bright green concoctions – real Key lime pie is yellow!
FISHING

Cast a line in our pristine water and hook grouper, amberjack and snapper, among other catches. All of these make for delicious fresh feasts. Whether you seek fish for sport or food, a nearly endless number of charters are at your service in Key Largo to help you reel in the big one.

DIVING AND SNORKELING

The Spiegel Grove artificial reef was created in June 2002, when the former U.S. Navy ship was scuttled six miles off the shores of Key Largo in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. At 510 feet long, the Spiegel Grove is one of the largest vessels ever intentionally sunk to create a reef.

Now the former amphibious transport is loaded with fish, sponges, coral and other species, offering divers the chance to see the abundant sea life that makes Key Largo's reefs world famous.

REEF DIVING TREASURES

Key Largo lures scuba divers from around the world to its well-preserved, shallow coral reefs. Among the island's famed reefs are French Reef, favored for its coral caves and swim-throughs; the Elbow, a reef system with shipwrecks and moray eels; and Molasses Reef, one of the world's top dive locations because of its varied depths.

Key Largo Dry Rocks boasts the “Christ of the Deep” statue. Its northern neighbor, North Dry Rocks sports the “Minnow Cave,” which is a seasonal home of silverside minnows.

PARKS & BEACHES

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.
MM 102.5 O/S. 451-6300. Nation’s first underwater state park, and one of the biggest draws in the Florida Park System. Visitors’ center, several beaches, picnic areas, nature trails, campsites, bathrooms, showers, boat rentals, scuba, snorkel and glass-bottom boat tours. View the visitors’ center aquarium and underwater video.

Harry Harris County Park.
MM 92 O/S. 852-7161. Sandy beach, playground, swimming areas, softball field, picnic tables, grills, boat ramp.

Everglades National Park.
Homestead and mainland Monroe County. 242-7700. Largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S. Rare and endangered species include the American crocodile, Florida panther, West Indian manatee. International Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site, and a Wetland of International Importance. Much of Florida Bay is national park waters.

FISHING

Backcountry/Ocean Charters.
859 Ellen Dr., Key Largo. 451-3322. Backcountry and deep sea.

Bamboo Charters.
MM 80.5 B/S, Islamorada. 394-0000. Backcountry and eco-tours.

Blackfoot Charters.
Key Largo. 481-0111. Backcountry and eco-tours.

flkeys-fishing.com.
5409 Overseas Hwy. #207, Marathon. 393-4131. Will take you either to the oceanside or the flats and backcountry for an experience you will never forget! Charters available from Key Largo to Key West.

Good Karma Sportfishing.
MM 90.8 B/S Tavernier. 619-2126. Offshore and Reef Fishing. 4 anglers max. Half, three quarters and full day charters for novice and experienced fishermen.

Key Largo Fishing Adventures.
99701 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 923-9293. Deep sea.

Randy Stallings Charters Inc.

Reel Chaos Charters.
500 Hazel St. Key Largo. 587-1150. Backcountry.

Robbie’s Party Boats.
MM 77.5, Islamorada. 664-8498 or 877-664-8498.

Sailors Choice Fishing Charters.
Key Largo. 451-1802. Party boat.

DIVING & SNORKELING

Captain Slate’s Scuba Adventures.
MM 90.7 O/S. 451-3020 or 800-331-DIVE. Dive trips: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. Snorkel trips: 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Conch Republic Divers.
MM 90.8 B/S. 852-1655. Voted the No. 1 diving operation in Key West. Diving the wrecks & reefs from the Spiegel Grove to the Eagle.

Easy Adventures.
MM 82 B/S, 451-8393. Take a stress free relaxed charter with something for everyone: eco-tours, island exploring, snorkeling, sunset cruises, reef fishing, night fishing and more. You choose the adventure you want.

Emocean Sports.
MM 103.8 B/S, 453-9881. Two location Dive/Snorkel trips at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Horizon Divers.
MM 105.8 B/S, 453-3535 or 800-984-3483. Trips: 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Keys Diver.
MM 99.6 B/S, 451-1177 or 888-289-2402. Snorkel/Dive tours daily to Pennekamp Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Snorkel Trips: 9 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Dives: 8 a.m. wreck, 1 p.m. reef.

Lovelyworld Adventure, LLC.
382 Mahogany Dr., Key Largo. 853-6878. General and specialty PADI courses for adults and children age 8 and up.

Morning Star Sailing Charters.
MM 100 O/S. 451-7057. Snorkel trip: 9 a.m. Sunset sail: 6 p.m. 6 people max.

Ocean Divers.
MM 100 O/S, 522 Caribbean Dr. 451-1113 or 800-451-1113. Trips: 8 a.m., 1 p.m.

Quicksilver/Reef Roamer Catamaran Snorkel & Sail.
MM 100 O/S. 451-0105 or 800-347-9972. Snorkel trips: 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Sunset sails nightly.

Quiescence Diving Services.
MM 103.6 B/S. 451-2440. Trips: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Sail Fish Scuba.
MM 103.1 B/S. 453-3446. No experience necessary for sailing, fishing, kayaking or scuba - we are your full service center! Wreck diving, kayaking mangrove tours and much more. Bayside and ocean tours available.

Scuba-Fun Dive Center.

Sea Dwellers Dive Center.
MM 99.8 B/S. 451-3640 and 800-451-3640. Trips: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Snorkeling by Sundiver.
MM 103 B/S. 451-2220 or 1-800-654-7369. Snorkel trips: 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m.
From deluxe accommodations to mom-and-pop casual, there’s a place in Key Largo to suit you! Enjoy a bayside bungalow with watersports included, or an upscale resort with restaurant, spa and all the amenities!

### HOTEL, MOTELS AND RESORTS

**Amy Slate’s Amoray Dive Resort.**
MM 104.3 B/S, Key Largo. 451-3595 or 800-4-AMORAY. C/C: VMA. A Caribbean-style dive resort on Key Largo’s scenic Florida Bay. Rooms and suites are steps from a luxurious 45-foot custom dive catamaran. Eco trips and sunset cruises.

**Atlantic Bay Resort.**
MM 92.5 B/S, 160 Sterling Rd., Tavernier. 852-5248 or 866-937-5650. C/C: VMAD. Directly on Florida Bay. Enjoy the seclusion and intimacy of this resort-motel built on a 3-acre private homestead with over 500 feet of waterfront. Heated pool.

**Azul del Mar.**
MM 104.3 B/S, Key Largo. 451-0337 or 888 253-AZUL. C/C: VMA. Boutique hotel in paradise. Exquisite suites for adults. Perfect for that tropical, romantic getaway. Dive, sail, fish, kayak or just relax on our beach and sweeping lawns.

**Bay Harbor Lodge.**
MM 97.7 B/S, 97702 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo. 852-5695 or 800-385-0986. C/C: VMAD. Tropical bayfront resort with paddleboat, kayaks and heated freshwater pool. Tastefully appointed cottages, efficiencies and rooms. Fishing pier, dock, BBQ grills, WiFi. Dive and wedding packages available.

**Boatel – Houseboat Rentals.**
MM 103.5 O/S, P.O. Box 3137, Key Largo. 766-0871. C/C: VM. Houseboats from 40’ to 60’ and 30’ wide. Docked in a peaceful cove. All have A/C, cable TV, Free WiFi, full kitchens and baths and sundecks. Complimentary kayaks. Full and ½ day fishing charters discounted for our guests. Daily, weekly, monthly.

**Coconut Bay Resort.**

**Coconut Palm Inn.**
MM 92 B/S, 198 Harborview Dr, Tavernier, 852-3017. C/C: VMAD. Rated top 40 Secret Beach Hideaways by Travel + Leisure 2010. 20 rooms and suites and just the right amenities. Wi-fi, alfresco breakfast, kayaks, dockage, boat ramp and pool.

**Courttyard by Marriott Key Largo.**
MM 99.7 O/S, Key Largo. 451-3395 or 800-272-6232. C/C: Major. Oversized rooms with refrigerators, coffee makers, private balconies, pool, Jacuzzi, covered parking, dock, marina, and on-site Bistro offers breakfast and dinner.

**Dove Creek Lodge.**

**Gilbert’s Resort.**
MM 107.9 B/S, Key Largo. 451-1133 or 800-274-6701.C/C: VMAD. Freshwater pool, beach, marina, kitchen facilities, restaurant and tiki bar.

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### AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

**Holiday Inn Key Largo Resort.**

**Key Largo Marriott Bay Resort.**
MM 103.8 B/S, Key Largo. 453-0000 or 866-928-2729. Call the toll-free number for rates. C/C: Major. Motel rooms and suites. Beach, pool, Jacuzzi, spa, dockage available, ramp, kitchen facilities, restaurant, lounge, tiki bar, shops, fitness center and meeting rooms. Dive packages available.

**Key Lime Sailing Club & Cottages.**
MM 99 B/S, Key Largo. 451-3438. Each cottage includes its own 22-foot sailboat at no extra charge. Small pets OK.

**Key West Inn.**
MM 100 O/S, 201 Ocean Drive, Key Largo. 451-5081 or 800-462-6079. Call for rates. C/C: Major. Bi-level suites, all waterfront, screened patios, kitchen facilities, freshwater pool, dock, fishing and sailing nearby. Handicap.

**Kona Kai Resort, Gallery & Botanic Gardens.**
MM 97.8 B/S, 97802 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 800-365-STAY (7829) or 852-7200. C/C: Major. Unique bayside resort. All units have kitchenettes, queen beds, cable TV, CD/DVD players, phones, A/C, grills and private wood decks. Chickee huts & hammocks to relax. Boat dockage, fishing and snorkeling from sandy beach.

**Island Bay Resort.**
MM 92.5 B/S, Key Largo. 852-4087 or 800-654-KEYS. Extra person $20. C/C: Major. Room and suite located on a deep-water marina. Dockage available, dive charters, snorkeling, glass-bottom boat, restaurant, lounge, tiki bar, shops, fitness center and meeting rooms. Dive packages available.

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Ocean Pointe Suites.

Playa Largo Resort & Spa.

Resorts of Key Largo.
MM 99.2 O/S, Key Largo. 451-2478. Close to many of the popular destinations in Key Largo. Within walking distance to several restaurants. Rooms & Suites have coffee makers and hair dryers. Free Continental breakfast and hot coffee. Parking is free. Business Center. Picnic area and outdoor pool, full bar.

Rock Reef Resort.
MM 98 B/S, Key Largo. 852-2401 or 800-477-2343. Enjoy the casual charm and unique atmosphere of a family-owned and operated resort in Key Largo. Clean, comfortable rooms, efficiencies, family suites and beachfront cottages are non-smoking, AC, flat screen TV,maid service and Wi-Fi. Property now has temperature controlled pool. AAA approved.

Stone Ledge/Paradise Inn Resort.

Sunset Cove Beach Resort.

Tarpon Flats.
MM 103.5 O/S, 29 Shoreland Dr., Key Largo. 453-1313 or 866-546-0000. C/C: major. Boutique Key West style Inn, waterfront with spacious deluxe suites. Sandy point with hammocks, kayaks and bicycles. Boat slips and freshly caught fish prepping area with BBQ. Personal piece of paradise, off the strip, for the ultimate seclusion.

The Pelican.

Amara Cay Resort.
MM 80 O/S, Islamorada. 664-0073 or 877-783-2124. C/C: Major. Comfortable rooms with king or queen beds to luxurious oceanfront suites. Complimentary breakfast, beach, pool, tiki bar, fitness room, business center, playground, high speed Internet in each room. Oltremare Ristorante on site.

Breezy Palms Resort.

Cheeca Lodge & Spa.
MM 82 O/S, Islamorada. 664-4651 or 800-327-2888. Rooms and suites. Palm-lined beach, restaurants, lounge, 6 lighted tennis courts, 2 swimming pools and saltwater lagoon, water sports, on-site dive shop, charter fishing, and Camp Cheeca for kids.

Conch On Inn.
MM 89.5 B/S Tavernier. 852-8300. CC Major. Your budget minded, pet friendly home in the Florida Keys. Our sunbathing area and gardens, with tiki huts and BBQ grills, afford sunbathers and swimmers quiet pleasurable hours in the sun. Each unit has color TV with extended basic cable, coffee pot, refrigerator, microwave & air conditioning.
### Key Largo Chamber of Commerce
1-800-822-1088  www.KeyLargoChamber.org

Key Lantern Motel.  
MM 82.1 B/S, Islamorada. 664-4572. CC Major. One of the lowest-priced motels in the Florida Keys and close to everything. Nothing fancy, just clean, friendly and laid back. For the person who is always on the go and needs a place to sleep, clean up and relax, you have found the place.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|-------
| Key Lantern Motel.    | 1-2       | 2     | 24    | •    |         |      |       |

La Siesta Resort & Marina.  
MM 80.2 O/S, Islamorada. 664-2132 or 800-222-1693. C/C Major. The perfect family oriented getaway on 6 acres of tropical ocean front. 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom villas and suites. Fully equipped kitchens, cable TV, fresh water pool with hot tub, walking paths, beach volleyball and children’s playground. Dogs under 80 lbs. welcome.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|-------
| La Siesta Resort & Marina. | 4-5   | 54    | •    | D,R,M | PJ      |      |       |

Lime Tree Bay Resort.  

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Lime Tree Bay Resort. | 2-4       | 36    | •    | D    | PJ      |      |       |

Lookout Lodge Resort.  

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Lookout Lodge Resort. | 3-4       | 6     | •    | D,M  |         |      |       |

Pelican Cove Resort.  
MM 84.5 O/S, Islamorada. 664-4435 or 800-445-4690. Extra person $20. C/C Major. Sandy beach, dock, ramp, freshwater pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, charter trips, kitchen facilities, suites, watersports rentals, cabana bar and café, meeting space.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|-------
| Pelican Cove Resort.  | 3-5       | 63    | •    | D.R  | PJ      |      |       |

Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina at Holiday Isle.  

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|-------
| Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina at Holiday Isle. | 2-5       | 138   | •    | D,R,M | P      |      |       |

Ragged Edge Resort.  
MM 86.5 O/S, 243 Treasure Harbor Rd., Islamorada. 852-5389 or 800-436-2023. Call for rates. C/C VMA. Motel rooms, 1- and 2-bedroom suites and efficiencies. A/C, TV, heated freshwater pool, laundry room, shuffleboard, free bikes, BBQs, picnic areas, fishing pier, oceanfront observation tower, reserved dockage with electric and freshwater, launching ramp, cleaning tables, bait freezer.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|-------
| Ragged Edge Resort.   | 3-4       | 11    | •    | D,R,M | P      |      |       |

Sunset Inn.  
MM 82.2 B/S, Islamorada. 664-3454. CC Major. In the heart of Islamorada, this landmark motel is walking distance to one of the best sunset views in the Keys, the Lorelei. Free parking for boat trailers. All rooms have air conditioning, refrigerators, cable TV, Kitchenettes in some rooms. WiFi available.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Sunset Inn.           | 2         | 30    | •    | P    |         |      |       |

**MARATHON**

Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel & Resort.  
351 E. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach. 289-0525 or 800-321-7213. CC Major. Breathtaking sunrises just steps from the Atlantic Ocean on our private white sandy beach. Perfect for anyone looking for a Florida Keys vacation getaway with many adventures to fill your days. Drop a line off our fishing pier, snorkel in the ocean, sip on a cocktail from the adjacent Tiki Bar or just relax in our freshwater heated pool or hot tub/spa.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel & Resort. | 3-4     | 38    | •    | PJ    |         |      |       |

Hawks Cay Resort.  
61 Hawks Cay Blvd., Marathon. 866-976-4624. Located on the tropical 60-acre island of Duck Key, Hawks Cay offers some of the world’s best fishing; exciting water sports; dolphin interaction programs; a saltwater lagoon; five gorgeous swimming pools; restaurants; a full service spa and a variety of luxurious accommodations, including guest rooms, suites and villas.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Hawks Cay Resort.     | 4-5       | 430   | •    | D,R,M | PJ      |      |       |

Holiday Inn Express & Suites.  
13201 Overseas Highway, Marathon. 289-0222 or 888-465-4329. Spacious suites featuring sofbeds, microwaves, refrigerators and wet bars. Hot breakfast, Fitness Center and Business Center. Large outdoor pool.

| Name                  | Rate Code | Rooms | Meals | Pets | Parking | WiFi | Price
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| Holiday Inn Express & Suites. | 3        | 134   | •    | B,D,M | P      |      |       |

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Sea Dell Motel.

**KEY WEST**

Ambrosia Key West.
622 Fleming St., Key West. 305-296-9838 or 800-526-9838. A Key West bed and breakfast that is nestled in the heart of the Southernmost City’s Old Town Historic District. Spacious, tropical-themed rooms, 2-room suites, 2-story town homes, and a 2-bedroom, 2-bath cottage. Private baths and entrances open onto intimate outdoor spaces, including private verandas, pools, patios and lush gardens with fountains and sculptures.

DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Key Resort.
3990 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West. 206-1818. CC Major. Certified Green Lodging. Our zero-entry pool is great for kids of all ages. Guest rooms feature island-style décor. In-room dining, tiki bar and resort-style restaurant serving island cuisine and fresh local seafood. 7,000 s.f. of flexible indoor banquet and meeting or reception space for up to 300. Complimentary shuttle with wheelchair lift to Duval Street, beach, airport, marinas and golf.

Key West Marriott Beachside Resort & Conference Center.
3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West. 296-8100. The only 5 star resort in Key West. Perfectly blending laid back Key West Island lifestyle with luxurious resort services and amenities. Fine dining restaurant with Tapas bar, private beach, waterfront pool, fitness center and spa, conference and meeting banquet facilities.

Pegasus International Hotel.
501 Southard St., Key West. 294-9323 or 860-397-8148. CC Major. The only Art Deco/boutique hotel on Duval Street. Elegant, newly renovated guestrooms and spacious suites that feature the latest technology, impressive amenities, and the creature comforts of home. Complimentary Continental breakfast, free high-speed Internet access, and hotel shuttle service to the ferry terminus and a small fee to the Key West International Airport, $10 per day per room guaranteed off-street parking, poolside bar and deck and an outdoor heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

Silver Palms Inn.
830 Truman Ave. Key West. 294-8700. CC Major. Just 3 blocks from Duval St. Luxurious guest rooms and suites with pool views or island views and private balconies. Complimentary continental breakfast, parking and fitness room.

**FLORIDA CITY AND POINTS NORTH**

Courtyard by Marriott-Miami/Homestead.
2905 NE 9th St., Homestead. 257-4333 or 888-236-2427. C/C Major. All guest rooms and suites have 32” flat screen TVs, micro waves, refrigerators & coffee makers. Near to Homestead-Miami Speedway, Biscayne & Everglades National Parks, Everglades Alligator Farm, Bistro restaurant and lounge, Starbucks coffee. Fitness Center, Business Center and temperature-controlled pool.

Blue Fin Rock Harbor RV Park & Marina.
MM 97.5 O/S, 36 E 2nd Street, Key Largo, 394-1773. Oceanfront and oceanview sites, 30-50 amp service, Cable TV, sewervage, 24 hour laundromat, 24 hour showers, telephone connectors for long-term visitors, night security, rocky beach. We can accommodate motorhomes or 5th wheels up to 40’.

Calusa Campground Condo Association.
MM 101.5 B/S, Key Largo. 451-0232. C/C: VM. Convenience store, rental units available.

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.
MM 102.5 O/S. 800-326-3521. 2 2 47 D, R

**CAMPGROUNDS AND RV PARKS**

MM 101.5 O/S, Key Largo. 451-1431 or 800-526-7888. C/C: VM. Full hookup RV sites, limited waterfront; tent sites with or without electricity. Fish, 2 beaches, security gate and personnel, 2 bath houses, and TV lounge.

**RENTALS AND CONDOMINIUMS**

Point of View Key Largo RV Resort.

Barefeet Rentals.
103400 Overseas Hwy., #203, Key Largo. 394-9787. Vacation rental homes and condos from modest to magnificent.

Beachfront Resorts in Key Largo.
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Florida Keys Rental Store.

Freewheeler Vacations.

Historic Shadow Point LLC.

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Ocean Reef Club.
Northern tip of Key Largo, 35 Ocean Reef Dr., #200. 367-5814. Private club community, membership sponsored. Studios, condos, villas and inn rooms. Beach lagoon, fishing, golf, tennis, salon and spa, kids’ camp, bike and cart rentals, water, golf and tropical views. Free in-room coffee. Room service, restaurants, shopping, movie theater, airstrip, business center, concierge, high security 24 hours, on-property shuttle. Daily service charge, taxes apply.

SellMyTimeshareNOW.com LLC.
100 Domain Dr., Exeter, NH, 877-815-4227. Rent or buy a timeshare for your next vacation. Call for rates.

Upper Keys Rentals.
230 Homestead Ave. Ste 301, Key Largo. 453-2221. From Key Largo to Islamorada - we offer private homes, condos, and townhouses available for rent by the night, week, month or longer.

Vacasa.
P.O. Box 370913, Key Largo. 947-0002. With a beachfront location and easy access to all that the Florida Keys have to offer, our Key Largo vacation rentals are the perfect home away from home for your next getaway.

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Carefree vacationer or Conch-to-be, here’s what you need to know to get around Key Largo. Have you decided to plan your special event in our lush tropical setting? Great! Now all you have to do is leave it to area professionals. We have event and wedding planners to help you book a venue, travel agents and transportation services to get you and your guests there on time, arts and entertainment to make your event lively and memorable, and photographers to capture the magic.

Of course, there are services for just about everything in between for those just looking to escape. Key Largo is great for fun in the sun, and just as handy for the basics, too.

ACCOUNTING
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451-1099, www.andersenfinancial.net
Anita M. Garmon, Inc. 942-6903.
Catarineau & Catarineau, LLC.
852-4833, www.taxcatcpa.com
Keys ABCs, LLC. 699-8323,
www.keysabcs.net
Keys Accounting & Tax Service.
451-3464, www.keysaccounting.com
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853-0163.
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Paychex.
923-6168, www.paychex.com
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587-1085, www.upperkeysbpw.org
WWGGD, LLC dba Profit Is Simple.
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451-0307.
Florida Keys Elks Lodge No. 1872.
Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.
378-6437, www.forgottensoldiers.org
Friends of Islamorada State Parks.
664-4746, https://www.floridastateparks.org/content/friends-islamorada-area-state-parks-inc-1
Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center.
396-7000, www.fklcc.org
Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Inc.
394-2424, www.gardenclubupperkeys.org
Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys.
453-0050, www.habitatupperkeys.org
Key Largo Civic Club.
451-9833.
Key Largo Downtown Association Inc.
451-4885, www.keylargodowntown.com
Keys to Peace.
619-0534, www.keystopeace.com
CMYK Printing Solutions. 562-1142.
Franklin Dodd Communications.
Hibiscus Marketing.
451-1888, www.hibiscusfloridakeys.com
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Island Information Services, Inc.
451-4601.
Jolly Roger Publishing, LLC.
843-281-6880, www.jrpubs.com
Key Largo Professional Group/ The UPS Store.
Keys Custom Tees.
451-9557 www.keyscustomtees.com
NewmanPR.
461-3300, www.newmanpr.com
Printing Plus.
451-4414, www.printingplusfl.com
S & S Design Studio, Inc. 247-7779.
Sandra Walters Consultants, Inc.,
dba SWC.
294-1238, www.swcinc.net
Sunshine Printing.
451-3752, www.floridakeysprinting.com
ART AND ENTERTAINMENT
Art By Lee. 331-0525
Beach Life Radio, TV & News.
508-221-5454, www.beachliferadio.com
Florida Keys Community Concert Band. 853-7294,
www.keyscommunityconcertband.org
Florida Keys Council of the Arts.
451-2119, www.keysarts.com
Islamorada Beer Company.
561-644-7573, www.islamoradabeerco.com
Islamorada Community Entertainment (ICE).
395-6344, www.keystice.com
Key Players.
852-0294, www.thekeyplayers.org
Strick Muzik Inc.
855-360-5299, www.strickmuzik.com
Upper Keys Christmas Project.
773-5363, www.upperkeyspong.com
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451-3555, www.largohonda.com
Tim’s Mobile Service.
942-3698. www.timsmobileservice.com
Vic’s Auto Tech.
852-5098, www.vicsautotech.com
Wheaton’s Service Center.
BOAT SALES AND REPAIRS
Action Marine & Dive, Inc.
Boats Direct USA.
453-6668, www.boatsdirectusa.com
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CB & CC Enterprise dba Jani King.
896-2379
Islamorada Trading Company, Inc.
853-0163.
Keys Imaging.
292-2679, www.keysimaging.com
Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce.
367-3646, www.oceanreefchamber.org/
Paychex.
923-6168, www.paychex.com
Upper Keys Business & Professional Women.
587-1085, www.upperkeysbpw.org
WWGGD, LLC dba Profit Is Simple.
735-3881, http://profitissimple.org
Zuma & Sons Distributor Corp.
887-0089, www.zumaandsons.com
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
American Legion Post 333.
451-0307.
Florida Keys Elks Lodge No. 1872.
Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.
378-6437, www.forgottensoldiers.org
Friends of Islamorada State Parks.
664-4746, https://www.floridastateparks.org/content/friends-islamorada-area-state-parks-inc-1
Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center.
396-7000, www.fklcc.org
Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Inc.
394-2424, www.gardenclubupperkeys.org
Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys.
453-0050, www.habitatupperkeys.org
Key Largo Civic Club.
451-9833.
Key Largo Downtown Association Inc.
451-4885, www.keylargodowntown.com
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Sea Tow Key Largo. 451-3330, www.seatow.com

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Community Health Ministries In The Upper Keys. 852-1612, www.baptishealth.net
Everyone Loves a Gentle Dentist. 451-2616, www.traviswbenettmd.com
Florida Keys Orthopedic Center. 453-3633.
Florida Keys Pediatric & Adolescent Center. 853-0558, www.fkpacom
Froggy’s Fitness. 852-8623, www.froggysfitness.com
Good Health Clinic. 853-1788, www.thegoodhealthclinic.org
Guidance/Care Center, Inc. 434-7660, www.guidancecarecenter.org

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Key Largo Branch of Taoist Tai Chi Society. 852-7778.
Key Largo Yoga & Holistic Health Coaching. 879-0377, www.keylargoyoga.com
Key On Location Services. 849-2232, www.keyonlocation.com
Mariners Hospital. 434-3000, www.baptishealth.net
Mind Body Collective. 394-1227, www.mindbodycollective.com
Paul E Berger, DDS. 453-1811.
Pediatric Associates of South Florida. 245-3220, www.pediatricsouthfl.com
Pilates in Paradise LivingFit Wellness Center. 453-0801, www.pilatesinparadise.net
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Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Florida Keys. Tavernier, 852-7887; Key West, 294-4310 x 13; www.hospicevna.com

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Grech, John. 451-1824.

Greenberg, Jerry. 667-4051.

Griffiths, Andy. 797-2639.

Guyette, Suzanne. 619-0535.

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Marr, Stuart. (honorary member). 451-5516.

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Stewart, Emilie.

Stuart, Robert. 896-6368.

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